Kids and Cameras By Maggie Mack <u>mjmack@fcps.edu</u> Herndon Elementary Head Start Teacher

Objectives from the PreK POS

- ELA.PREK Benchmark 13.a Expected- The student will begin to explore available technology for different purposes in the classroom. Indicator 13.a.1- Use various types of technology for reading and writing (e.g., computer software, IS approved websites/ Apps, iPads, digital still cameras, video cameras, tape recorder).
- SCI.PREK Benchmark 1.b. Expected The student will begin to participate in investigations in which observations are made from multiple positions to achieve different perspectives.
- SS.PREK Standard 6 Expected The student will begin to demonstrate an understanding of perspective and scale when relating to place.
- Art PREK Benchmark 2: Talks about art made by recognized artists, art made by self, and art made by peers using art vocabulary. Art PK.19- Begins to recognize that artists are people who create art. Art PK.22 Begins to respond to artworks by naming or describing what is seen. Art PK.25- Begins to talk about personal works of art and works of others by using art vocabulary

Tips for using cameras with Preschoolers

- Organization is important. Use a chart to keep track. Number the cameras.
- Keep files organized by using this naming convention
 - o 001 Maggie 01-03-13 001 for the first time
 - 002 Maggie 01-10-13 for the second time
 - Importing photos allows you to give the files a name.
- Each child has a folder for their photos and videos.
- Use a lanyard so the cameras can go around a child's neck. Make sure the lanyard can come apart easily.
- Use rechargeable batteries. Remember to keep them charged.
- At first, everyone will want to use the cameras, so rotate them through. Explain to students that everyone will get a chance; some may just have to wait. Don't make the same kids wait each time. Use a chart to keep track.
- Encourage students to use the cameras at least once, but offer students the choice of other technologies.
- If you find your students taking pictures of something in particular, make a project out of it like self portraits.



