



Compliments (K)

Focus Areas

Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Technology, Visual Arts

Time Needed for Activity

60 to 90 minutes

Software

*iPhoto or Kodak EasyShare
Kid Pix Deluxe 4*

System Requirements

Macintosh

Mac OS 8.6-9.2.2, OS X.2 or later
128 MB RAM
600 MB for installation
800 x 600, thousands of colors
4x CD-ROM

Windows

Win 98, SE, 2000, ME, XP
300 MHz or faster
128 MB RAM
600 MB for installation
800 x 600, thousands of colors
4x CD-ROM

Supporting Software

*Photo Kit Jr.
BuildAbility
Digital Photo Activity Kit
I Spy Junior
MediaBlender*

Overall Objective

Children will work in pairs using software to create a digital book that illustrates and describes positive qualities of others; and demonstrate knowledge and skills in the use of digital cameras and computers.

Activity Description

Children should have prior experience with using a computer and digital camera, using a photo management program to download pictures from the camera to the computer, and transferring the pictures into Kid Pix Deluxe 4.

Divide children into pairs. Provide each pair with a digital camera and ask them to take a picture of their partner. Children can then download the pictures to a photo management program, such as iPhoto or Kodak EasyShare. They may need assistance with creating a new album or folder, naming it, and dragging the pictures into it. The photos in this folder can then be transferred into Kid Pix Deluxe 4 so that each child can make a page which will go into a book. Children can add text to the picture of their partner. They should write a compliment about their partner, naming some of the child's good qualities and going beyond, "I like ____." When the pages are completed, they can be printed and combined into a small version of the book for each group member, with a large version printed for the classroom library.

Learning Standards

Children will:

Work cooperatively with peers.

Language Arts: Applying Language Skills; Participating in Society

Science: Science in Personal and Social Perspectives

Social Studies: Culture; People, Places and Environment; Individual Development and Identity

Technology: Digital Citizenship

Publicly communicate student ideas and work to classmates.

Language Arts: Communication Skills; Participating in Society

Social Studies: Culture; Individual Development and Identity

Science: Science as Inquiry; Science in Personal and Social Perspectives

Technology: Creativity and Innovation; Communication and Collaboration; Digital Citizenship

Use a variety of media and technology resources.

Language Arts: Communication Skills; Communication Strategies

Visual Arts: Understanding and Applying Media, Techniques, and Processes; Using Knowledge of Structures and Functions

Technology: Creativity and Innovation; Communication and Collaboration; Critical Thinking, Problem-Solving, and Decision-Making; Digital Citizenship; Technology Operations and Concepts

Additional Activities

Students may draw pictures of their partners in Kid Pix Deluxe 4. They can use the backgrounds, stickers, and stamps to show what they know about their partner.

Notes

Resources

Web sites for teachers, children, and families

<http://hometown.aol.com/il2teach/meandschool.htm>

<http://www.atozteacherstuff.com/pages/259.shtml>

http://www.judymoody.com/pdf/JM_collage.pdf

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