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"Our students are carrying a camera, paint set, movie studio and more in their back pocket! So, let's connect a meaningful arts education to this technology and enhance visual literacy, divergent thinking, ideation, problem solving and more."





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IMDGINE... Making paper flip-books using Instagram images....

Taking photographs and importing them into apps for manipulation, then printing and ripping the up the pieces to construct a large collage.... Drawing with pen and using stopmotion to create an animation.

So what makes the iPad so exciting in the visual arts classroom? Mistakes can be easily erased! With the addition of the "undo button", the confidence to take artistic risks increases and our creative kids are free to explore new ideas and engage with the creative process deeply. Personal mobile devices give students the power to create anywhere, anytime. Students can collaborate on an animation using leaves in a park, take photographs on an excursion and add them to a class collection on a blog instantly and so much more. Students can move from one activity to the next, seamlessly. The one device can support an endless exploration of techniques, ideas and creativity. Better yet, students can work at their own pace, moving through tasks as they complete them. The iPad makes some tasks that were previously difficult, expensive and/or time-consuming, accessible. Need an example? Stop-motion! How fantastic to be able to give every student the experience of creating time-lapses

in science, making Lego movies to demonstrate their understanding of Shakespeare, etc. Students can cover more diversity in their explorations and engage more deeply with the curriculum.

Students can document their processes and reflect on their learning. Visual diaries and process journals are the mainstay of teaching and learning in the art room, but the iPad gives them a whole new dimension. Apps that allow students to collect, write and photograph research are a wonderful portable and paperless alternative. In-app or online visual diaries can allow the addition of movies that document creation, animations and interactive mind-maps to explain decision making and direct web-links to resources, etc.

The portability of the iPad allows students access to learning anywhere, anytime. This 'learning on demand" helps students to extend their knowledge and make stronger links between their experiences at school and their journey beyond the studio as a lifelong learner. Students can use social media and a variety of apps to become part of exhibitions that can allow their work to be shared with the world. Peers can give feedback and parents can see their paintings even as they are drying on the rack in the art room.





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