

Digital Storytelling

Last year our school was a county pilot school for Digital Storytelling. This is a program to use digital technology to create media rich stories to impart meaning. Students in fourth and fifth grade wrote detailed accounts of an important event in their lives and brought pictures from home to scan or took digital photos to illustrate their writings. Each narrated the story and some even had time to add music for background.

As part of our commitment to this effort, we spent school equipment and library non-print account funds to purchase Kodak Easy Share digital cameras with docks (5), Pinnacle Studio 8 software (15), additional cd burners (2), cd creation software (2), and blank cds (400).

Our school technology setup:

- One main 25-station (Dell Optiplex GX260) technology lab normally scheduled for weekly classes. An education assistant is assigned to help in this lab.
- One mini lab 11-station (Dell Optiplex GX260) created this year to assist with the storytelling program. She opens and closes this lab daily and is available to help.
- One 16-laptop (Dell Inspiron 4100) on a rolling cart that moves from class to class as scheduled by teacher
- One teacher computer in each classroom, with fourth grade classes each having two student computers and fifth grades four student computers.

Purchases:

8 Kodak Easy Share digital cameras with docks (purchased from Dell Online)



KODAK
Easy Share DX6340 Zoom Digital Camera with Dock
\$319.87

Capture sharp and clear pictures with the Kodak Easy Share DX6340 Zoom Digital Camera. Equipped with Kodak color science, the camera's 3.1 effective MP CCD generates high-resolution images for printing up to 11" x 14" prints. It features the Schneider-Kreuznach Variogon lens with a responsive high-speed precision auto-focus. With its powerful 4X optical and 3.5X advanced digital zoom (14X total), you can easily capture sharp close-ups with fine details.

Pinnacle Studio 8 software



[PINNACLE SYSTEMS - Pinnacle Studio Version 8](#)
Software, Video-editing, Version 8, Complete Package, PC, CD-ROM
Dell Part #: A0063681 | Manufacturer Part #: 210100182
\$67.84

Pinnacle Studio Version 8 is the ideal video-editing solution for your desktop or laptop PC. It allows you to transform your captured video footage into compelling movies by making use of its professional editing features such as scene transitions, background music, title effects, image correction and fast/slow motion.

2 additional cd burners



[IOMEGA - 48X/24X/48X CD-RW and 16X DVD-ROM External Combo Drive - USB 2.0 / 1.1](#)

External, USB 2.0 Interface, 48X CD Write, 24X CD ReWrite, 48X CD Read, 16X DVD Read, 2 MB Buffer, Buffer Underrun Protection
Dell Part #: A0128071 | Manufacturer Part #: 32721

\$92.95

Burn all your favorite programs into CD-R and CD-RW discs or watch DVD movies with the Iomega External USB 2.0 Combo Drive. This sleekly designed drive features a maximum speed of 48X for writing, 24X for rewriting and 48X for reading CDs, and 16X for reading DVD-ROMs. It is fast, easy to set up and operate, and can be shared among multiple computers and multiple operating systems.

Cd creation software



ROXIO Easy CD and DVD Creator 6 Platinum \$71.56

Easy CD & DVD Creator™ 6 is The Digital Media Suite™ from Roxio® that allows you to capture, organize, edit, burn and share music, data, photo and video on CDs and DVDs. This all-in-one solution includes an audio player, media manager, sound, tag and photo editor, DVD authoring tool, disc copier, label creator, data back-up applications, and many more utilities

Blank cds



Office Depot CD-R Spindle, 700MB/80 Minutes, Pack Of 100

CD-R recordable discs meet your expanding data-storage needs with their ability to store audio, video, graphics and text. Ideal for large files, data exchange, multimedia projects and jukebox/duplicator applications. These versatile, high-performance CD-Rs can be played back on CD players, home stereo CD players and computer CD-ROM drives.

List Price:

\$59.18

Things to remember and check on:

- Compatibility -- Check with technology about software/system compatibility. Pinnacle does not have a Mac version, but Microsoft PowerPoint can be substituted with younger students or a Mac platform.
- Server size – If you have a network server, saving your photos and then rendering the various items into the movie in Avi format needs lots of server space. We used jpeg format.
- Check with your technology department/person for approval.

Needs:

- Computer headphones with mouthpiece. We are reviewing these at present.

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