

## Crazy About the Cameras!!

The support and generosity of the LPS Foundation allowed the LPS Elementary Gifted Program to purchase four cameras. With those cameras, gifted 2nd-5th grade students have been participating in a photography unit. So far, the students have completed a photography scavenger hunt, learned about composition and the Rule of Thirds, used their photographs to create advertisements, and discovered how to use creativity to make everyday objects look interesting.



## Student Excitement!

The students have thoroughly enjoyed the Oh Snap! Unit. They would get so excited when they walked into the classroom and saw the cameras. This unit allowed the students to be creative. It required them to look at the world around them in different ways. Several of the students have asked their parents to buy them cameras. One student has a brother who is an advertising photographer in another state. When his brother heard what the student was doing, the brother told the student that he would teach him more things about photography during his next trip to Lawton. That student was thrilled and couldn't wait to tell me about it. Even though we only had four cameras, it was amazing how well the students would work together. There was no arguing over the cameras. When one person was using the camera, the others were helping that student find the best shot.



## Were the Unit Objectives Achieved?



Definitely! The students now know how to operate the cameras. They use new vocabulary when referring to the cameras or the photographs. They can accurately describe different composition elements of a photograph. They can evaluate the aesthetic value of a photograph. They can creatively use different photography techniques to make everyday objects look interesting. They are able to use photography to tell stories.



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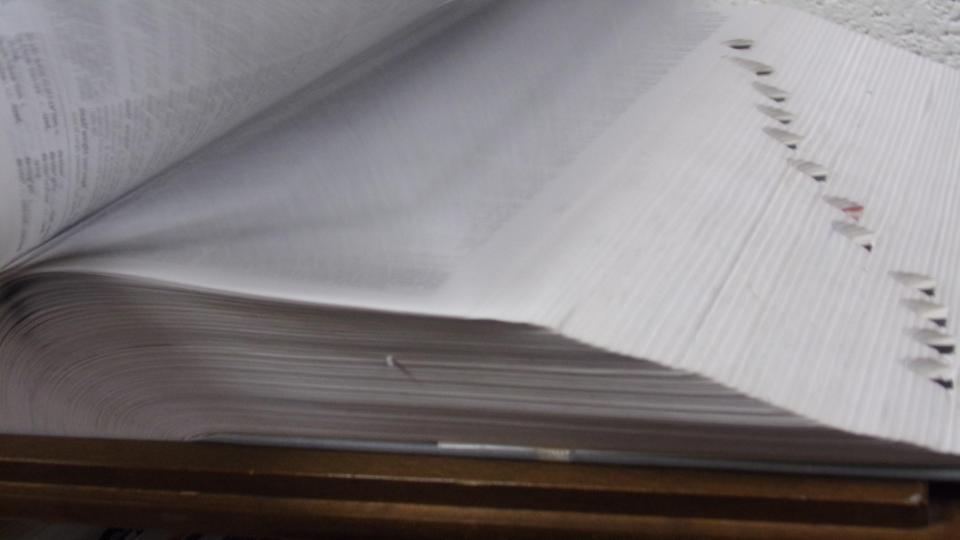


























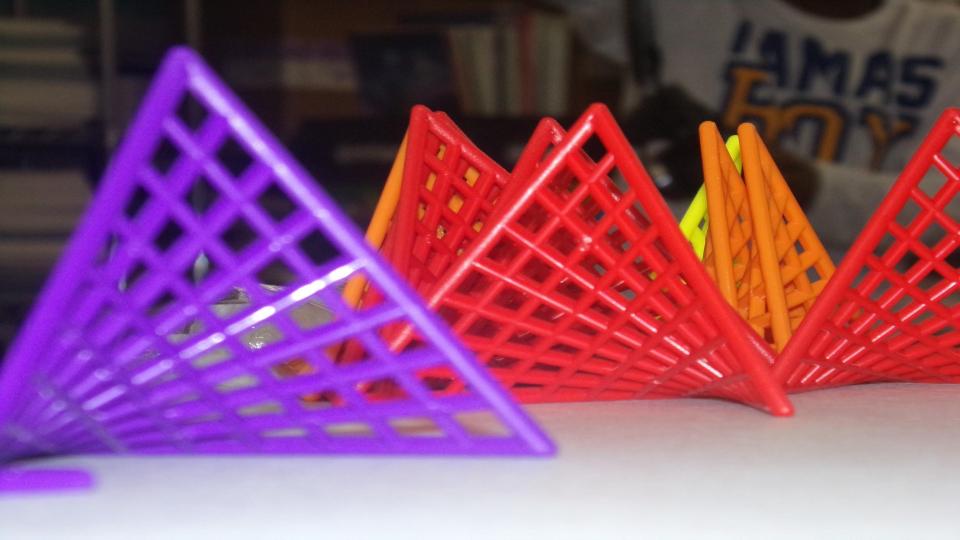
































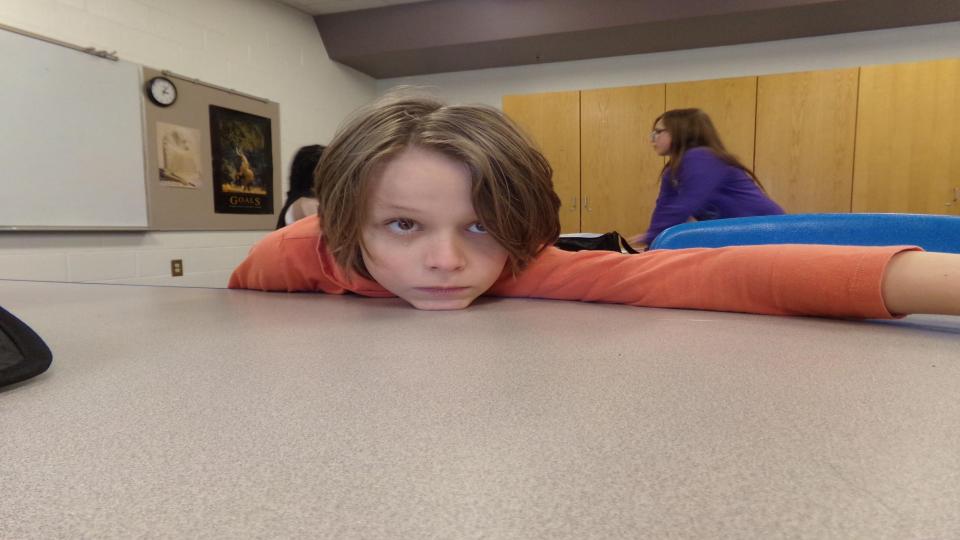






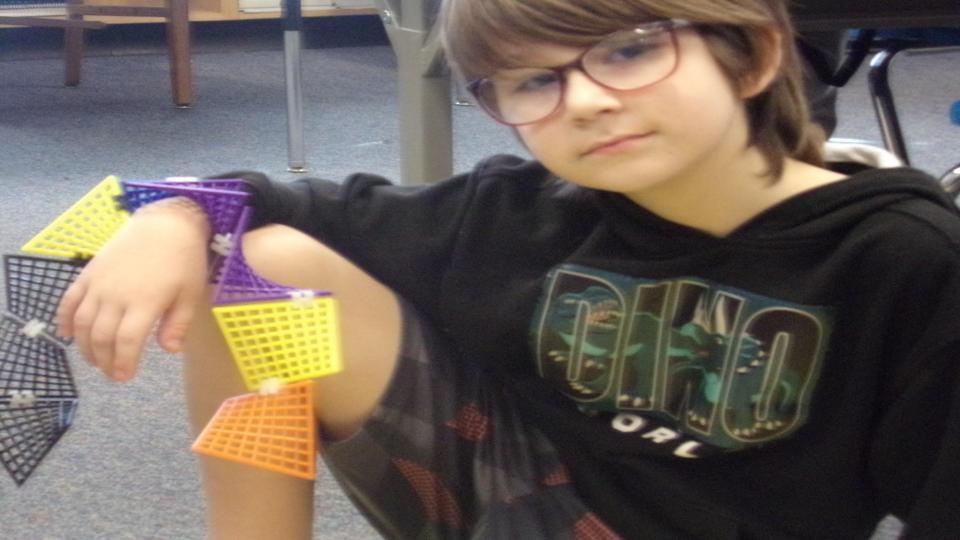


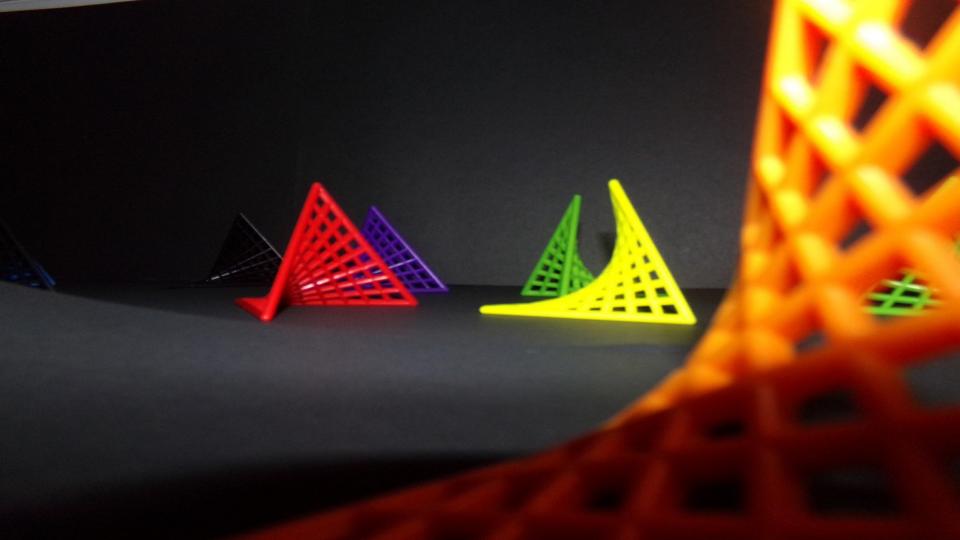














As you can see, the Oh Snap! Unit was a huge success! The photos that you saw came from students in only four different elementary schools. The other GT teachers will be using the cameras in their schools as well. Students across the district will be able to showcase their photographic creativity thanks to the generosity of the LPS Foundation Grant Program!!



While the students were using the cameras, I used my phone to get images of the budding photographers. Some of their pictures are on the next slides. Thank you again, LPS Foundation Grant Program.































