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[Basic Photography How-To's](#) - Troubleshooting tips and exercises for achieving focus, dealing with challenging lighting and backgrounds, photographing shiny objects, and experimenting with abstract images, all in engaging, kid-friendly language. (Small PDF file.)

[Picturing Science](#) - Using a combination of photography, science, writing, and art, students study science concepts in the world around them.

[Visual Literacy Activities](#) - Simple and engaging ways to incorporate visual learning into your classroom.

[Photography-Supported Lesson Plans](#) - A large library of teacher-created projects that use photography as an element. Organized by subject area and grade level; many projects involve nature, environmental studies, and gardens.

[Making and Using a Pinhole Camera](#) - Explore the basic mechanics of getting images on film by building a camera out of a can or box.

[Teachers' Guide to Digital Cameras](#) - Explains the suitability of various digital cameras from an educator's perspective and offers links to related sites.

[Maria Hastings Educational Garden](#) - Travel and learn through this pictorial record of a year in the life of one school's garden. This is an example of how you might record and display the progress of your own garden or habitat experiences.

Inspiring Photography for Kids



[Trevor Nicholson Christie Garden Photography](#) - E-cards and gallery portray plants through the seasons from various stances: individual character, form and texture, and other qualities.

[National Geographic Galleries](#) - People, places, animals, things — if it's out there, National Geographic has recorded it on film!

[Snowflake Bently](#) - From childhood, the self-taught photographer and amateur scientist was passionate about snowflakes, making the discovery that no two are alike. He was a pioneer in the field of photomicrography.

[Martin Parr](#) - His quirky take on many subjects, including flowers, might encourage students to break the mold! (Go to the site and click on "Portfolios".)

[Adrienne Adam](#) - Abstract nature photography that makes you look twice — at least!

Book & Stepping Stone Kit



Photo by Laura Bauersfeld, Middle School Student

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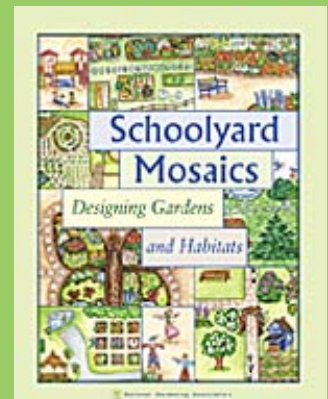
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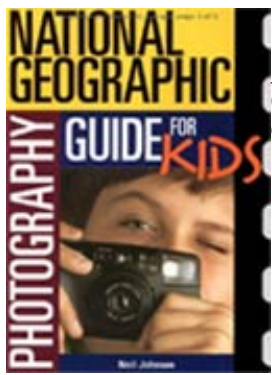
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[Picturing Your Garden](#)

[Teaching Art in a Garden Oasis](#)

New for Teachers!





[National Geographic Photography Guide for Kids](#) (grades 4 - 7).

Covers all the technical basics in simple language and provides fine guidance on composing quality images.

[Photo Stepping Stone](#) (grades 4 - 7).

Students can personalize their stones with photos they've taken that express what's important to them in the garden. Kit includes cement mix for one stone, adhesive stickers for attaching photos, clear glass "windows" to cover them, and more.
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