



Making Media and Social Sharing



1. Go Adventuring for Content. Invite the children to come on an outdoor adventure like Blue Bird. Using tablets, digital cameras, or both, take photographs of flowers, weeds, trees, bugs, birds, and animals.

2. Selecting Content. When you return, have the children choose their four favorite photographs. Have the children consider why they have chosen their four photographs. Could they make better choices about the content they have decided to share on a social platform? Please encourage each child to share their best-captured content.

3. The Creative Process. Now allow the children to either blog about their four photographs, or allow the children to write a short story around the four photographs. Encourage creativity and outside-the-box thinking (remember, in stories birds, animals, and nature can talk, dance, and take on human emotions).

4. Sharing. When the child is finished with their blog or story blog, encourage them to post their work to your school's social sharing account.

5. Responsible Interaction. Take time to discuss responsible social media interaction. Encourage the children to think about how they might feel if their peer called their story, blog, or photograph a “weed.” How would they respond to social media bullying?

6. Sharing with Peers. Encourage the class to read, like, and comment on the content of their peers. Also, encourage the children to be the storyteller. Over the course of a week (if needed) allow each child to share their story or blog with the class as an oral show and tell.