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DIGITAL STORYTELLING

What is digital storytelling? It is way to express a concept by using digital media. Most digital stories focus on a specific topic. The student netbooks have two applications installed that can be used to create a digital story.

Microsoft Photostory is a program that uses digital images which have been downloaded from the web or scanned from photographs. You can crop, rotate, change the photo type, add transitions, music, and your own voice to the story.

HINT: When students are ready to share their work with the teacher, make sure that the file that is given to the teacher is a *.wmv file which means that it is a Windows Media Audio/Video file. If the student gives a teacher the *.wp3 file, then the file will open using Photostory.

If Photostory is not installed on the student netbook, please send them to Media Center to have it installed.

Microsoft Movie Maker is a program that can be used for creating and editing a video. The students can import digital files as well as video. Students can add effects, transitions, titles, credits, and audio. It is installed on the netbook but a shortcut was not configured to the desktop. Have the students complete the following :

- Click on Start
- Go to My Computer
- Double Click on C:\
- Double click on Program Files
- Double click on the Movie Maker folder
- Single click on Moviemk.exe file (highlight the file)
- Right click and choose Send To > Desktop (create shortcut)
- Close the file window and your shortcut should be on the desktop
- Double click the icon to begin the program.

NOTE: If you receive a message that 'these files are hidden', select Show the contents of this folder.

The built in Movie Making Tips is a great feature to help guide the students through the movie making process. The student can import the video clip that was recording using the built in webcam.

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ANGEL LEARNING—PERSONAL SETTINGS

By default, your system setting is set to unspecified. To see all the features in Angel, I suggest to change your settings to Advance.

Log onto Angel and select the preference icon in the power strip. Click on the **System Setting** link. Next select the User Level– **Unspecified** option indicates you have not selected a level and is the same as the beginner level. **Beginner** option provides helpful notes and description of most links throughout the environment. The **Intermediate** option eliminates most of the link descriptions making the pages more compact and easy to navigate. The **Advance** option removes link descriptions and makes advanced setting more accessible.

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