

# Suggestions for taking a good quality photo:



- Look for interesting combinations of color, light, shadow and texture
- Sometimes the best photo is the one you just walked by
- Look up, look down, look all around you
- Move in close to capture the details of a flower or bark of a tree by using macro mode on your camera
- Unrelated elements compete for the viewer's attention and draw the eye away from the center of interest
- Take vertical pictures of vertical subjects like trees, flowers, and mountains
- Fill the frame with your subject by moving in close to exclude any extraneous elements
- Shoot from a very low or very high angle to help the subject stand out
- If practical, move the subject to a better location with a cleaner backdrop
- Hold your camera at the main object's level. Taking a picture from above or below brings in the photo an element of exertion.
- Use a dark background for taking a picture of a light object, or, alternatively, a light background for doing so of a dark object. Note though, that the absolutely white background causes flare effect that leads to reducing the contrast of a taken picture.

*Don't be afraid of breaking rules!*

*As Edward Weston said, "Consulting the rules of composition before taking a photograph is like consulting the laws of gravity before going for a walk."*



# Alphabet Photography Assignment



**Digital Images Due by:**

**October 26(A) & 27 (B)**

*Alphabet photography is the creative process of photographing everyday objects that resemble letters of the alphabet, then putting the photos together to create any name or word.*

- 1) Select a word, such as your first name or last or a word that has special meaning to you.
- 2) **Word names due WED 10/12 (A DAY) & THURS 10/13 (B DAY).**
- 3) Photograph as many images as possible that create the illusion of the letters in your word. Take 3-5 photos of the same image. Try to take 2-3 different photos of each letter.
- 4) Make sure the object you photograph to create the letter fills the frame.
- 5) Bring your photos on a CD, flash card, or camera card **to school before October 26 & 27.**
- 6) **DO NOT ALTER YOUR PHOTOS!**
- 7) We will use Adobe Photoshop to crop and edit pictures to create our final artwork.
- 8) If you do not have access to a digital camera you can take the photos with a film based camera and bring the developed/printed pictures to school to scan.

*\* If you do not have access to a camera  
PLEASE SEE MRS. DEMARK ASAP.*

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