

I currently teach at Whispering Oak Elementary School in Winter Garden, Florida. We have the privilege of having each classroom equipped with a Promax document camera and projector. I had no idea when I started the school year that the Promax machine would be such an integral part of my instruction and student learning.

I use my machine with every single lesson; from Reading, to Math, to Science and Social Studies. I have found that the students are much more engaged in lessons that incorporate the Promax, and they are especially attentive when they get the opportunity to come to the dry erase board and write answers for the whole class.

We use our Promax in a very special way in order to encourage class participation. I project the workbook pages directly onto the dry erase board and we write the answers on the board. This gives our students an opportunity to follow along with the lesson and plug in their own answers in the correct places. The Promax allows for a workbook page to be magnified to the size of the board so that the whole class can see it clearly. It is a much clearer and effective method to display class work than the traditional overhead machines.

In addition, our class enjoys using the Promax in order to share our individual ideas and class work with other students. Just recently our class wrote short stories and read them aloud to the class. The short story cover page was displayed for the class to view during each story presentation and I turned the pages as the story was presented. This allowed for the class to follow along with the assignment and share ideas with others.

I have personally found that the incorporation of the Promax machine in my classroom has fostered an increase in class participation, class attention span, and student energy levels. This technology would be a wonderful asset to any classroom setting.

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