



GANADO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

District No. 19

GANADO, ARIZONA 86505

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Dear Ms. Gilpin,

I am a fourth, fifth, and sixth grade reading teacher here in Ganado, Arizona. In addition to teaching reading to Navajo children, however, I also teach two classes a week in Photography. Last year a personal interest in Photography and the uses to which it could be put in the teaching of children led me to write to the Polaroid Corporation to inquire about donations of equipment. A most generous gift of 7 Land Cameras and 75 packs of film arrived soon thereafter. Polaroid has continued to keep me supplied with film through this year and my class is doing some very exciting work. After spending several weeks on portraits, we moved on to "new ways to view the world." Some very original photographs of patterns and shapes showed the children to be constantly finding new ways to look at their environment. More conceptual assignments followed: Take two pictures of power; Photograph something you cannot see; such assignments seemed to open the children up to new ways of thinking about their lives and spaces as well.

We have briefly dealt, too, with famous photographers of the world, particularly of the Indian world, which is what leads me to writing to you. I realize what a terribly busy person you must be, but wondered if there would be even the slightest chance of your coming out here to the reservation to speak to my children about your work. I realize I am asking a great deal, but dare do so only in knowing what a tremendous experience it would be for the children.. Through your work, I think they have begun to understand how the Navajo can endure. How exquisite a gift it would be for them to meet you.

With hopes of hearing from you soon.....

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