**Exploration Assignment Photography Alphabet Photography Mr. Martin**

Shapes and letters, they are everywhere. When you train yourself to see the world this way, they are all you see.

Patterns emerge in nature, around the block, on your way to school. They exist as part of your daily ritual. Now its time to capture them.

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

In this assignment you are looking for letterforms that exist in the environment around you. Look at objects, shadows, parts of buildings, etc. for the existence of letters. Look for unusual sources or locations for these photos. Photograph these “Environmental Letters” by cropping in closely around just the letter itself.

Your assignment: Locate and photograph shapes that could be letters with the right kind of cropping. Keep these as natural as possible, using very little Photoshop or darkroom enlargement, except for basic corrections. Keep taking pictures until you get all twenty-six letters of the alphabet. This will be more than just the alphabet; it will be your alphabet.

When you are done, combine them into one image, either as the entire alphabet or a word or phrase.

Select a word, such as your first name or last or a word that has special meaning to you.

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.

Make sure the object you photograph to create the letter fills the frame.

**DO NOT ALTER YOUR PHOTOS!**

We will use Adobe Photoshop and darkroom processes to crop and edit pictures to create our final artwork.