

**Charles Mason is a photographer from Fairbanks, Alaska.** Photographers are artists that work with a camera. Charles always wanted to be a photographer--as a young child he played with a toy camera and by the age of 10 he worked in a darkroom and developed his own pictures!

Charles always has a camera with him. He says, "There is a photo around every corner. You just have to be ready."

He especially likes photos that make us smile or laugh. He also likes titles that make us curious.

In this art lesson students made a photo collage trying to develop a humorous or ironic scene. They used charcoal to add gray tones to make it more like a black and white photograph. Lastly they titled their art.

## **Photography Song**

*(Twinkle, Twinkle tune)*

Look real close and you will see  
Awesome street photography.  
Always keep a camera ready.  
Take a photo sure and steady.  
You can be a photo WIZ-  
Artist like Charles Mason is!

