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BJ drops 2003/04/16 LAForum - Spring Books (recording).

Candace [guest] has arrived.

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "Hi, Candace. Welcome"

BJ [to Candace [guest]]: "are you here for the Language Arts Discussion?"

Candace [guest] says, "Hi BJ"

Candace [guest] says, "Yes"

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "great. We were just about to get started."

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "we start all discussions here in TAPPED IN with
introductions. I'm a teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for
TAPPED IN"

BJ . o O (I volunteered to cover for Donna Hendry who usually leads these
discussions)

ValerieTay has arrived.

ValerieTay's personal recorder (recording) has arrived.

Candace [guest] says, "I'm a teacher in the third grade and a mother of two"

BJ [Helpdesk] waves hi to Valerie

SusanAA says, "I'm a high school language arts teacher in southeast
Missouri. I heard about Tapped In through my graduate school class."

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "we're just starting introductions, Valerie"

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "great, Susan. Although the books may be elementary,
they are great tools to use in the secondary classroom, too."

BJ [Helpdesk] asks, "Valerie?"

SusanAA says, "One of the classes I teach is a basic class in which the
students have very low levels of reading ability so I am curious to see what
you all have to say."

SueMR has arrived.

Sue's Recorder (recording) has arrived.

BJ [Helpdesk] waves hi to Sue

BJ [Helpdesk] nods to Susan

ValerieTay says, "A friend at Stanford suggested that I look into Tapped In - I work in the Distance Learning Center at De Anza College but I am interested in using technology for faculty training."

SueMR asks, "Is this the Spring Books session, BJ?"

BJ [Helpdesk] nods to Sue

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "welcome, Valerie."

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "the topic for tonight's discussion is Spring Books.

Donna has given me a few titles to share..."

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "and I hope that you will all share your favorites too."

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "Susan, picture books are a great way to help reluctant readers construct meaning from the words"

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "the first book I'm going to share is Mud Puddle"

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "I'm going to project the url"

BJ . o O (I'm sharing the titles from amazon because they have some nice pages from the books)

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "please read the following text and let me know when you're ready"

BJ [Helpdesk] projects the URL:

http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1550374680/qid=1050538107/sr=2-2/ref=sr_2_2/104-7079588-8827113

SueMR says, "That is one of my favourites for primary kids."

BJ [Helpdesk] nods...it looks like a fun book, Sue

SueMR exclaims, "Can I suggest a site to accompany the book!"

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "please do, Sue"

SueMR exclaims, "When you are ready Robert Munsch himself can read it aloud!"

BJ [Helpdesk] smiles. Cool!

SueMR projects the URL:

<http://robertmunsch.com/storytime.cfm>

BJ [Helpdesk] checks to see if Susan is still with us

SusanAA [to BJ]: "Yes, I'm still listening."

SueMR says, "Mud Puddle" is halfway down the list."

Candace [guest] asks, "What grade level is this for?"

SueMR exclaims, "You need the plugin QUICKTIME!"

SueMR exclaims, "Kindergarten to 4. But adults love his books too!"

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "Candace, the amazon site lists it as 4-8 yrs."

Candace [guest] asks, "The pictures look great. What lessons, if any could we teach with this book?"

SueMR says, "I have used it with K to 2. The art of storytelling Perhaps older students could use this as a model for writing their own kid's novel."

BJ [Helpdesk] asks, "what other things besides mud puddles attack kids?"

BJ . o O (as a topic for a kid's novel.)

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "I like to use the illustrations to predict"

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "and to see what the illustrator has added to the story"

Candace [guest] asks, "Could you use it with older children for story elements?"

BJ [Helpdesk] asks, "ready for Donna's next recommendation?"

BJ [Helpdesk] nods to Candace.

SueMR says, "Absolutely, Candace."

Candace [guest] says, "OK"

SusanAA says, "OK"

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "the next book is another elementary book...Paperwhite"

BJ [Helpdesk] projects the URL:

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0618042830/qid%3D1050539525/sr%3D11-1/ref%3Dsr%5F11%5F1/104-7079588-8827113>

SueMR exclaims, "Click on ZOOM! Grade 1 really enjoys this one!"

BJ [Helpdesk] asks, "ready for the next one? ...or are there questions?"

SusanAA says, "I'm ready for the next."

Candace [guest] says, "Ready"

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "the next book is a Peter Spier wordless book...great for writing prompts"

BJ [Helpdesk] projects the URL:

http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0440413478/qid=1050534932/sr=1-15/ref=sr_1_15/103-0837473-4297412?v=glance&s=books

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "picture books can serve as an intermediate step in constructing meaning from works of art."

BJ [Helpdesk] asks, "ready for the next one?"

SusanAA says, "Yes"

SueMR says, "Yes"

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "this is When the Root Children Wake Up. Donna suggests using this to look at different seasons and their moods"

BJ [Helpdesk] projects the URL:

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/059042517X/qid%3D1050534185/sr%3D2-1/ref%3Dsr%5F2%5F1/103-0837473-4297412>

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "One more from Donna...an Oneida tale"

BJ [Helpdesk] projects the URL:

http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0802774857/qid=1050534519/sr=1-30/ref=sr_1_30/103-0837473-4297412?v=glance&s=books

BJ . o O (a reminder that all these url's will be in the transcript)

SusanAA says, "These books have great art work."

Candace [guest] says, "Loved the Rain book. This could be used for seasons, weather, siblings,etc. It looks like a great book."

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "the title of this book is Did You Hear Wind Sing Your Name?: An Oneida Song of Spring"

SueMR agrees with Candace.

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "the next two are for older children."

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "Steven Schnur has done a series of Alphabet acrostic books on the seasons"

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "here's his Spring book"

BJ [Helpdesk] projects the URL:

http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0395822696/qid=1050540356/sr=1-1/ref=sr_1_1/103-0837473-4297412?v=glance&s=books

Candace [guest] says, "Interesting"

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "amazon gives the same 4-8yr reading level, but I think the concept could apply up to high school age"

KarenRL arrives from nowhere.

Awa follows KarenRL to here.

BJ . o O (especially for April/poetry month)

BJ [Helpdesk] waves hi to Karen

KarenRL waves hi to BJ.

SueMR says, "I like the illustrations and related books"

Candace [guest] asks, "The pictures truly capture the essence of Spring. What would we teach with older children?"

BJ [to Candace [guest]]: "how about creating their own acrostics?"

Candace [guest] exclaims, "Wow! Good idea!"

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "the last book I have is called Rose Blanche. The last page of the book takes place in Spring. It's a rather heavy story that takes place in Germany during WWII...definitely for older children, but timely"

BJ [Helpdesk] projects the URL:

http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0152009175/qid=1050540557/sr=1-1/ref=sr_1_1/103-0837473-4297412?v=glance&s=books

SueMR exclaims, "The cover grabs your interest!"

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "it's a very powerful and moving story."

BJ [Helpdesk] asks, "our time is almost up...any questions? Comments?"

Candace [guest] asks, " It does looks like it [would] be for older children. It could even be used for History, right?"

BJ [Helpdesk] nods to Candace

SusanAA says, "Thanks for your information and comments about the books."

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "you're welcome, Susan. I hope you got some information that you can use."

SueMR says, "Thanks for the exposure to new literature. I keep going back to my old favourites."

Candace [guest] says, "Thanks for the info."

BJ [Helpdesk] exclaims, "there are so many wonderful books, Sue!"

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "you're welcome, Candace."

Candace [guest] exclaims, "Thanks!"

BJ [Helpdesk] waves goodnight

SueMR says, "Goodnight all. Happy Easter"

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "the next LAForum will be on May 7"

Candace [guest] exclaims, "Good Night!"

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "It will take place in the new interface, Candace"

KarenRL exclaims, "good night!"

BJ [Helpdesk] says, "so you might want to take a look at www.tappedin.org/new"