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DonnaH: Ah well, it looks like its going to be a cozy night.

DonnaH: I thought perhaps we could gear up for Seuss Day, which will happen before our next LA Forum.

DonnaH: Seuss sound good?

DonnaH: or been there, done that, can we please move on?

SusanR: go ahead Donna

MeghanD: Seuss sounds good!

DonnaH: (actually, I'm working for a company that does online professional development for nurses, counselors, therapists, etc)

DonnaH: (3rd grade, right?)

MeghanD: yes

DonnaH: This should be good then...

DonnaH: <http://www.seussville.com/university/>

SusanR: wonderful, Donna

DonnaH: it's not as great as it sounds...but I'm learning a lot.

MarthaJ: I am in high school but can ESOL use this site?

DonnaH: certainly:~)!

DonnaH: my next site is a good way to drag high school students back into it as well...

BJ: I use My Many Colored Days with high school

DonnaH: Seuss actually did a ton of political cartoons...

DonnaH: <http://orpheus.ucsd.edu/speccoll/dspolitic/>

MeghanD: I like Seuss site!

DonnaH: Most students are quite surprised, as Seuss is one author they actually remember; even if they weren't especially readers.

MeghanD: It gives immediate feedback for the students

DonnaH: so to see that he was doing more than just children's books...it can be enough of a shock to get them interested.

MarthaJ: the political cartoons look familiar today

DonnaH: exactly.

MarthaJ: BJ what do you do with high schoolers

BJ: I'm an art teacher...so I use Color a lot.

BJ . o O (which is a good topic for ESL)

MarthaJ o 0

BJ: Colors have entered our vocabulary...green with envy, beet red with embarrassment, etc

BJ . o O (blue blood)

BJ: each person reacts to colors in their own way.

DonnaH: (if blue bugs bleed black blood, what color blood to black bugs bleed?)

SusanR: seeing red

BJ: so you can make a chart of colors and the feelings associated with them

DonnaH: (sorry, when I'm tired, I get really goofy)

BJ: if you get olive oil from olives, where does baby oil come from, Donna?

DonnaH: *snicker*

DonnaH: glad to know I'm not alone.

MarthaJ ha, ha

DonnaH: (I like the one I put up, because it's a nearly impossible tongue twister)

DonnaH: another that would work for either....history/community services,etc...

DonnaH: <http://www.catinthehat.org/>

MarthaJ: I want the license plate

MeghanD: I think this site would be great to use for a sketch of his life under "all about Dr. Seuss" possibly creating a time line of events of his life for third graders

DonnaH: (well, heck...I didn't know Private Snafu was his creation!!!)

DonnaH: (wonders about that...)

DonnaH: recently, its come to light that the US Army did a ...parody of Harry Potter for their weapon's maintenance pamphlets.

MeghanD: has anyone been to his sculpture garden in Springfield, Mass?

DonnaH: (<http://www.hpana.com/news.18488.html> if anyone is even remotely interested) odd connections I know...

DonnaH: I haven't

DonnaH: which is silly; as I'm only like about 45 min from there.

MeghanD: how did you find this site or hear about the pamphlets?

DonnaH: research.

DonnaH: I research voraciously.

DonnaH: this came off a list I created...2 years ago?

DonnaH: perhaps it was 3.

DonnaH: (and yes, I like keeping the lists, because it shows me how well sites are kept up, etc.)

MeghanD: cool - thanks!

DonnaH: not my list, but has some cool things on it...

DonnaH: <http://falcon.jmu.edu/%7Eramseyil/seuss.htm>

DonnaH: (however, Seuss is no longer available.

DonnaH: *sigh*

DonnaH: (is everyone still around? or digging through the sites?)

MeghanD: digging through the last site

BJ is still here

MarthaJ: back and forth

SusanR: digging

MarthaJ: I am talking to a spec ed teacher on the phone and she is waiting for the web sites

DonnaH: *chuckle*

DonnaH: just making sure I wasn't talking to dead air *grin*

DonnaH: <http://www.seussville.com/>

DonnaH: (related to Seuss university...)

MeghanD: I found a couple good lessons for third graders - thanks

SusanR: neat lesson plan on Seuss at teachers.net

SusanR: <http://www.teachers.net/lessons/posts/470.html>

DonnaH: and I was just pulling my atoz teachers list...

DonnaH: lots of lesson plans...

DonnaH: http://atozteacherstuff.com/Themes/Dr__Seuss/

MeghanD: does anyone participate in read across America? when I was in NC doing my student teaching it was really big, but not really at my school in MD currently.... does anyone do special events at their school

DonnaH: my daughters' school has tons.

DonnaH: they have green eggs and ham for lunch...

MeghanD: lol

DonnaH: have 'guest readers' in every classroom.

MeghanD: will she eat them?

MeghanD: how fun!

DonnaH: yep...they both do:)

DonnaH: there's one in each classroom...

MeghanD: that is great!

DonnaH: and they've had the superintendant come...the principal...

DonnaH: some of the basketball players from UConn *we're rather close*

DonnaH: One of the reading teachers is friends with Wally Lamb...and he came and read to the whole school one year...

MeghanD: in NC a "Seuss" actually came for an assembly and read and the kids loved it! they were sooo excited!

DonnaH: kids can wear 'Seuss' hats too...which they like.

DonnaH: it's usually a dress crazy day...

DonnaH: (so yes, its a big deal there:))

MeghanD: that is so much fun your daughters must love the excitement!

MeghanD: I wish my school would get the buzz!

MeghanD: now I'll have some great sites to show everyone... so maybe it will catch on!

SusanR: Generate the buzz, Meghan

MeghanD: exactly!

DonnaH: they do.

DonnaH: and it does get some students who aren't into reading excited.

DonnaH: (I have one daughter who would rather read, and the other daughter who fights to watch Rachel Ray rather than Disney Channel....)

DonnaH: I can't ever go by my own kids *laugh*

MeghanD: do your daughter's participate in Book-It?

SusanR: Grade 3 students may be inspired to do some creative writing and drawing in the style of Green Eggs and Ham or whatever

DonnaH: that was my last link to share:)

DonnaH: (and I'm completely knackered...so I'm fine with finishing:))

MeghanD: thanks so much for the great resources!

MeghanD: I appreciate your time and effort!

MeghanD: that's a great idea Susan.. thanks. then I will have them actually eat some green eggs and ham

SusanR: Thanks Donna. I never tire of Dr. Seuss..same for the kids

DonnaH: have a great night!