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KarenL: Okay, let's get started. Welcome to the k-12 language arts. Introduce yourselves.

RachelWa: I am a student teacher right now

RachelWa: My last day will be November 28th

ErinGst7: I'm a college student, will be student teaching in the Spring, just here to observe...is that okay?

KarenL: Cool! Where are you and what level?

CandaceGst1: I'm Candace. I'm a college student and will be student teaching in the spring. I'm just here to observe for my ED 420 class

LanaKG: I teach Kindergarten, currently working on Master

LindsayGst2: I am Lindsay, I will be student teacher in the spring and I am here to see what tapped in is all about

KarenL: Erin, that is fine.

FredK: I am a tutor for literacy in Pushmataha County, Oklahoma looking to enhance our literacy program

KarenL: Well, you have come to one of the right places. . . I hope this session helps you.

LindsayGst2: Thanks

KarenL: And, then who knows, you too, can be a tapped in discussion leader!!!!

KarenL: And I am Karen Lemmons, library media specialist in an elementary school in Detroit, Michigan.

CarolN: I'm a librarian, curious to see where this discussion goes.

KarenL: Carol, then I know you know many many Thanksgiving resources!!!

KarenL: I am going to get started. Now, first, let me give credit where credit is truly due. Another librarian friend sent me a newsletter strictly on Thanksgiving resources.

KarenL: Her name is Joyce Henderson and I thank her for this timely information. She picked some excellent websites.

KarenL: First, I like to mention a few books on the Thanksgiving. Some are titled Thanksgiving and are very appropriate for the k-2 age group. The publisher is escaping me right now. I want to say Franklin Watts, but I will verify that later.

KarenL: However, I will show you two websites that talk about children's books on the subject of Thanksgiving. If I go too fast, let me know. I was late and I want you to get your bang for the time. . .

KarenL: The first website is childrenslit. It is a subscription base website. However, I can show you a "sneak" preview of their recommended Thanksgiving books. the url is http://www.childrenslit.com/th_thanksgiving.html

KarenL: you can click on the link and it should open up to the webpage.

KarenL: Did everyone get the site?

RachelWa: yes

LanaKG: yes

FredK: yes

CandaceGst1: got it

ErinGst7: me too

LindsayGst2: Yes, I can see it

KarenL: Cool beans!!! Ready for the next one?

CandaceGst1: sure

LindsayGst2: Absolutely

ErinGst7: yep

RachelWa: yes

LanaKG: yes

FredK . o O (even a Spanish book)

KarenL: Scholastic has a wonderful resource for teachers, and especially for Thanksgiving.

KarenL: It is <http://teacher.scholastic.com/thanksgiving>

RachelWa: I like the pictures

LanaKG: Oh wow, a Time line...I'm doing a webquest using a timeline. I can use that thanks

RachelWa: If I have time tomorrow I am going to show the students this website using a laptop computer

KarenL: Lana, speaking of webquests, I have two urls that are webquests with a pilgrims related theme. I'll show that later, if you're interested.

KarenL: Great!!!!

LanaKG: Thanks

KarenL: Are you ready for the next website?

RachelWa: This website is great if a teacher does not have time to find books at the library. The teacher could show the students the story on the internet

KarenL: Oooh, Rachel, I could show you a website that has short stories with a thanksgiving theme. I'll show that too.

KarenL: Okay, how many of you have heard of read write think?

LanaKG: sorry

LindsayGst2: I don't think so

FredK: yes, part of Marco Polo

KarenL: This website is awesome and has some awesome thanksgiving related activities. Lana, if you haven't, it is truly okay. You will want to keep bookmark this website.

LanaKG: done it

KarenL: Yes, it is Fred. The url is http://www.readwritethink.org/calendar/calendar_day.asp?id=360

LanaKG: oh wait....do you mean Marco Polo....

KarenL: Yes, Lana.

RachelWa: I have never heard of read, write, or think

KarenL: Cool! How am I doing? Too fast, too slow or just right?

LanaKG: Just right

KarenL: Rachel, you'll want to bookmark this website. Excellent FREE resource.

KarenL: Thanks, Lana.

FredK: Marco Polo is available at the bottom of the page

RachelWa: the pace is just right

KarenL: Thanks, guys. Are we ready for the next website?

LanaKG: yep

FredK: let's go

LindsayGst2: yes

RachelWa: yes, I am ready

KarenL: This one is from Education World. Another excellent resource, and I do believe it is free, too. It is <http://www.education-world.com/holidays/archives/thanksgiving.shtml>

FredK: I hope the guests are bookmarking, because they don't get a transcript like members do.

LindsayGst2: Thanks for letting us know Fred

ErinGst7: thanks

CandaceGst1: oh! well, we were told we would get a transcript and that we needed it for our assignment- how can we get one?

KarenL: Hmmm. . .I don't know. Fred?

FredK: tell Bj that I mentioned earlier archives them, ask her

CandaceGst1: thanks Fred

KarenL: I get a copy and you can email me.

ErinGst7: thanks

RachelWa: It will send it to your email automatically if you are a member

KarenL: Okay, are we ready for the next one? This is also an education website--Ed helper. The url is <http://www.edhelper.com/Thanksgiving.htm>

FredK: Guests can hang on to this discussion bookmark the urls

LanaKG: Do you have to subscribe to this site?

FredK: Reception people can help

FredK: When you signed is as a guest, the other option was membership

KarenL: Membership is free and tapped in has so many excellent discussion groups.

LindsayGst2: It is true

LanaKG: Perhaps I was misunderstood...Don't you have to subscribe to Ed Help?

LanaKG: The site we're looking at?

KarenL: As a member, you can even hold online discussions with students, but with some parameters. You would need to check with the tapped in folks to arrange that.

RachelWa: What if we were wanting to find homework ideas for Language Arts besides having the students read 15 minutes each day ?

KarenL: I don't know. I thought Ed Help was free, but I'll have to check on that. Thanks for asking.

KarenL: What type of homework were you thinking about, Rachel? Writing activities? Drawing?

RachelWa: Writing activities

RachelWa: This week we are focusing on the first and second step of the writing process

FredK: From what I can see, EdHelp is free

RachelWa: that is brainstorming and prewriting

RachelWa: prewriting (Story Web)

KarenL: Rachel, I think the read-write-think website has some good suggestions for homework. Oooh, and there is a 6+1 Traits Writing website that has some suggestions for brainstorming and prewriting.

KarenL: If you are techie-literate, Kidspiration, an excellent graphic organization, has lessons on brainstorming and prewriting, too.

RachelWa: What is the web address for the 6+1 Traits Writing website?

RachelWa: What is the Kidspiration website?

KarenL: I'll dig it up and give it to you.

RachelWa: Thank you

KarenL: With kidspiration, you can have access to a 30-day trial. However, you will want to convince your school folks to get this software. I believe the website is <http://www.inspiration.com>

RachelWa: We have it at our school

FredK: They have a group here at TI too

KarenL: Really? cool!!!!

KarenL: Okay, let's get back to Thanksgiving. American Memory, from the library of congress has a wealth of information on the subject. That url is <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu/features/thanks/thanks.html>

FredK: The Library of Congress has lots of good stuff

KarenL: The two webquests on thanksgiving are: <http://score.rims.k12.ca.us/activity/plymouth/index.html>

KarenL: and the second one is http://www.bv229.k12.ks.us/VP_pilgrims

LanaKG: Interesting Thanks

KarenL: Two other websites worth mentioning are: <http://www.thanksgiving.org/2us.html>

KarenL: and <http://www.new-life.net/thanks01.htm>

FredK: Thanks for the help on Thanksgiving tonight, Karen.

KarenL: the second website offers an interesting view of thanksgiving. The author says is the true thanksgiving story.

KarenL: Thank you, Fred!!!

LindsayGst2: Thanks for letting us hang out

KarenL: Okay, I cannot find the 6+1 Traits writing url. However, if you do a search on google, you should be able to get the url. Sorry. I thought I had it handy.

RachelWa: Thanks, I will do that

KarenL: Do these webquests help the person doing the webquest?

ErinGst7: Thanks for letting us observe!!

LanaKG: I really appreciate this Karen. I was required to come here by my professor, but I really got a lot of useful things I need RIGHT NOW

KarenL: Apologies, I forgot who asked me.

LanaKG: It was me...yes I think so

KarenL: You are so welcome!!! I THANK YOU GUYS for coming!!!!

KarenL: I guess it is time to say goodnight. goodnight, everyone!!!

LindsayGst2: goodnight

KarenL: Oooh, Carol, did this help you at all?

RachelWa: Thank you for all the great resources

RachelWa: Bye

KarenL: Bye, Rachel. Thank you for coming!

KarenL: Good night, everyone!!!