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BJB2: we'll get started in a minute. I have a lot of stuff to share

BrianaH: I love art and anything creative

BJB2: do you like picture books?

BJB2: I like to use picture books to help bridge the connection between pictures and words

BrianaH: yes, and I think it's very good for the imagination

BJB2: are you familiar with Carol Hurst's Literature site?

BJB2: <http://www.carolhurst.com>

BrianaH: no, let me check it out

BJB2: the site has a newsletter

BJB2: Carol's daughter writes the newsletter now. Lots of great info

BrianaH: does she write children's books, or does she write about children's books?

BJB2: Carol wrote about children's books...and has lessons to connect the books to cross curricular ideas

BrianaH: that's always nice

BJB2: The next site I have to share is from the ALA

BJB2: . o O (American Library Association)

BJB2: <http://www.ala.org/ala/booklinksbucket/gotart.htm>

BrianaH: good, I need more ideas for social studies (not my best subject)

BJB2: any questions so far?

BrianaH: no

AlisonD joined the room.

BJB2: The next site isn't social studies, but I'll see what I can find....

BrianaH smiles

BJB2: March is Read Across America...and features Dr. Seuss

BJB2 . o O (his birthday is March 2)

BJB2: so take a look at The Annotated Cat: Under the Hats of Seuss and His Cats

BJB2: <http://www.k-state.edu/english/nelp/books/index.html>

AlisonD: Love Dr. Seuss

BJB2 waves hi to Alison

BrianaH: me too

AlisonD waves back

BJB2: I got this review from a list...need to order that book!

BJB2: It's fun to spend time with a critic who enjoys children's books as much as you and I do. You can also use this with older (grade 5 through high school) students when you're talking about how to critique a piece of literature or a piece of art. It can lift students right out of the book report rut and let them see another way to look at a text without intimidating them. What could be simpler than leafing through a picture book and noticing that the number of fingers on the cat changes and wondering why?

AlisonD: I have to read that book!

BJB2 smiles...just ordered it :-)

BJB2: ok...ready to continue?

AlisonD: yup

BJB2: this is another ala site <http://www.ala.org/ala/booklinksbucket/IllustrationasArt-Technique.pdf>

SusanR joined the room.

BJB2 waves hi to Sue

SusanR waves a hearty hello

BJB2: ready to boogie on?

BrianaH: yes

BrianaH smiles

BJB2: Read this article about learning math and science through music and dance

BJB2:

http://www.azdailysun.com/articles/2008/01/18/news/20080118_front%20page_2.txt

SusanR . o O (wonderful initiative)

BJB2: there is a link to the keeping score site at the end of the article <http://www.keepingcore.org/>

AlisonD: way cool

BJB2: questions? Ideas? Comments?

BrianaH: I think students can remember planets better if they have 'been' one before and watch their friends be planets

AlisonD: awesome ideas!

BJB2 smiles...it would certainly work for me!

AlisonD: me as well

SusanR: great activities for phys ed class too

BJB2: while we're in a musical mood, take a look at <http://www.songsforteaching.com/>

BrianaH: yea, I didn't think of that

AlisonD: That is exactly how I teach French to small children, through songs

BJB2 . o O (if you're teaching middle or high school social studies, please participate in the learning from lyrics Tapped In discussions)

BrianaH: yea, my Spanish teacher used to use song to teach us and it really worked!

BrianaH: I was in middle school, so we laughed about it then, but man, it stuck

BJB2: Music is a powerful tool for teaching

SusanR: . o O (great rock sound)

AlisonD: I used music when I taught in France, when I taught English

SusanR: listening to Prefix-ation..great way to warm up a class

BrianaH: does anyone else have a problem when they click 'listen to this song'?

SusanR: nope

SusanR: gives you a teaser

BJB2: what kind of problem, Briana?

SusanR: then you feel like ordering the cd

BrianaH: when I click on 'listen to this song' it takes me to another page where it says the internet explorer can't display website

BrianaH: I probably have something on block, I can fix it later

BJB2: nods. URLs will be in your transcript

SusanR: should open in Quicktime

BJB2: next site is good for social studies, Briana...or any writing assignments...

BJB2: Historic Tale Construction Kit

BJB2: <http://www.adgame-wonderland.de/type/bayeux.php>

SusanR: a song for almost every teaching situation

SusanR: and time of day

BrianaH: fun

SusanR: neat

AlisonD: that's fun

SusanR: kids could do class presentations...nice with smartboard

BJB2: yep, I thought that was a very cool site

BJB2: one last site...kind of superficial, but maybe good for your kinders, Sue...

BJB2: go to www.crayola.com

BJB2: and then select digi-color

BrianaH stopped playing with last site

SusanR : yep I love this

BrianaH: me too

BJB2: I like that each drawing tool shows a different texture

BrianaH: ha, how do you clear?

BJB2: click on new page

BJB2 . o O (purple dot at the bottom)

BrianaH: oh

BJB2: Had a little bit of everything today...hope you found something valuable

AlisonD: OMG I love that!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

BrianaH blushes

BrianaH: I don't know how I missed that

BrianaH: too busy drawing I guess..

AlisonD: You are great!!!!!!!!!!!!

BrianaH: yes, VERY helpful

BJB2: I lead arts and literacy every first Monday of the month. There are archived transcripts of past discussions at www.tappedin.org/transcripts

BrianaH: so each time you have new websites?

BJB2: I'm off to see what Davina has to share for C3 today...she's the cyber safety guru of Tapped In.

BJB2: yes, Briana.

BJB2 . o O (or a different topic)

BrianaH: wow, that's a lot of resources. Cool, thanks again!

BJB2 waves bye. Thanks for joining me!

SusanR: Thanks Bj! Great links