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BJB2: Welcome to this month's K-12 Language Arts discussion.

ThaihoaH: hello

BJB2: Our discussion leader is Karen Lemmons who is probably as tired as you all are!

MariaM: Hello

BJB2: Karen, would you like to start with introductions?

BJB2 holds smelling salts under Karen's nose

BJB2 gets out the mirror and checks for breathing

KarenL smiles.

ThaihoaH: haha

ThaihoaH: BJ, you're funny

BJB2 winks

CarolinaD: Too funny.

KarenL: Okay, I'm a little worn out today, so bear with me. My name is Karen Lemmons. I am the moderator, with the great help of BJ and other TI folks, and a library media specialist in an elementary school in Detroit.

ThaihoaH: Hi Karen, I'm from Houston, Texas

SilviaR: Hello, I'm a student teacher at Oak Forest Elementary teaching 4th grade.

AndreaR: I am Andrea Riley from Houston; I am student teaching in the HISD

RoxanneDM: Student teacher, kinder, Houston, TX

MiguelG: Hello, I'm a student teacher in Houston, TX. 3rd grade

TaffanieJ: I am from Houston, Texas and currently a student teach in Smith Alief Elementary

ElizabetMa: Elizabeth Matehuala Student teacher for Oak forest in Houston Tx

RabiyaA: I am Rabiya Ali. I am a student teacher in Houston, TX

MelissaL: 4th grade teacher Centreville, VA

MariaDC: Hello, I'm Maria from Houston, TX. I'm a student teacher at HISD

CarolinaD: Hello Karen, I'm a student teaching at HISD in a 3rd grade classroom.

TravisPa: Hello, I am a school counselor in Courtland, VA

HinaM: Hi, I'm Hina Moosa from Houston, TX and am currently student teaching at Arizon Fleming Elementary School in Houston, TX

BJB2: Karen and I are curious about who the professor is in Texas who is sending all you brilliant people to Tapped In?

ThaihoaH: Sorry, I'm also a student teacher. I am teaching first grade at Colony Meadows, Fort Bend, Texas

BJB2 . o O (I assume Debbie Sprague is the culprit for VA?)

SilviaR: Evelyn Beyer

ElizabetMa: Mrs. Beyer

HinaM: Evelyn Beyer from the University of Houston

MaryG joined the room.

MelissaL: Yes, Sprague is my master's teacher @ Mason

KarenL: We need to send a thank you note to Mrs. Beyer.

CarolinaD: I see I did not introduce myself properly, my name is Carolina Delcid, I'm from Houston TX and I'm student teaching at HISD.

KarenL: and Debbie Sprague.

TravisPa: I'm not in TX but I am doing this for a class I'm in @ Cambridge College, Chesapeake, VA

BJB2: Thanks, Travis

KarenL: Well, thank you guys for coming!!! I hope I can share some great information with you today about student publishing.

MariaM left the room (signed off).

MaryG: Hello, my name is Mary and I am in TX. Currently I am student teaching in the Third Grade in FBISD.

ThaihoaH smiles at Karen

BJB2: a reminder if you are new to Tapped In, go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat and detach

SilviaR: Thanks!

KarenL: Now, if any of you have websites that allow student publishing, by all means share!

KarenL: The more the merrier!

CarolinaD: Thank you for the reminder.

LindsayK: Thanks! I'm Lindsay and I'm teaching third grade

SilviaR: Sorry, I don't have any.

TravisPa: wow thanks

ElizabetMa: Neither do I

BJB2: if/when Karen shows you a url, please make sure you hold down the ctrl key on your keyboard when you click...or turn off pop up blockers

HinaM: thank you

TaffanieJ: okay

CarolinaD: Unfortunately, I do not know any.

MariaDC: ok

ElizabetMa: ok thanks

ThaihoaH: ok

MiguelG: got it

SilviaR: Thanks!

CarolinaD: Thank you.

KarenL: Okay, I'm going to start with BJ's suggestion. She sent me a wonderful website on student publishing. BJ, would you please be so kind as to display that url again? Please?

BJB2 looks for the url

MaryG: unfortunately I do not know any websites for student publishing, but I am looking forward to learning about a few

BJB2: http://www.shambles.net/pages/learning/ict/studpub/

MariaM: Ok...My name is Maria Milan and I'm in Houston, TX currently doing my student teaching at North Shore Elementary. I hope to one day teach second grade...

BJB2 checks to see if everyone got the url

ThaihoaH: I turned off the popup blocked but I still cannot get to the site

ElizabetMa: no I didn't

BJB2: remember to hold down the ctrl key when you click on the url http://www.shambles.net/pages/learning/ict/studpub/

ThaihoaH: I also hit the ctrl key, but it does not work

MaryG: I got it. I have a list of websites

TaffanieJ: same here

ElizabetMa: Thanks I got it

BJB2: if you can't open the url, then go to Actions, select Send to Pasteboard, copy the url and paste it into a new browser window

SilviaR: My fourth grade students are writing a chapter book and this website is going to help me a lot.

BJB2: you can also wait and check out the url when you get your transcript

MelissaL: Your students are ready for a chapter book? I'm in fourth grade and still working on paragraphs! That's great

SilviaR: In recess, instead of playing they write.

BJB2: there is a list of about 30 sites on that url I shared

ThaihoaH: My first grader reads Junie B Jones :)

CarolinaD: I see they are passionate about writing.

SilviaR: They are in 4th grade vanguard.

MaryG: yes, thank you.

BJB2: how about if you take about 5 minutes and review them...

MiguelG: sounds good

AndreaR: sounds great

RoxanneDM: ok

BJB2: then come back and we can look at the ones you find interesting

TaffanieJ: ok

MariaM: ok

ElizabetMa: ok

HinaM: ok thank you

MariaDC: This would be a great website for my 4th grade students. They get excited by only viewing and reading each others work on the bulletin board.

ThaihoaH: education project Asia?

ThaihoaH: I have no idea how shambles site came to that Asia site

MiguelG: the amazing site is very inspiring

ThaihoaH: amazing kids site is goood

HinaM: I like the amazing kids site...the story about the little girl with the toy closet was wonderful

RoxanneDM: wow cyberkids is pretty cool, art that was submitted is really good

MaryG: FanFiction A place where students can publish (post) their writing

MaryG: Fan Fiction seems like a great website that encourages writing as well as reading. Students publish their ideas and writing and others to be read and reviewed by others.

AndreaR: I am actually enjoying the Stone Soup website. IT would be a great way to help students become interested in writing.

ElizabetMa: I like carbonmade it displays students' art work

ThaihoaH: carbonmade.com?

MiguelG: wow! the poems on cyberkids are really good

NicoleAA: Can someone tell me the website were looking at?

TravisPa: bj, need the url again

LindsayK: I agree, those poems are amazing

ElizabetMa: yes Thaihoa

BJB2: http://www.shambles.net/pages/learning/ict/studpub/

TravisPa: thanks

CarolinaD: .I've noticed students have the opportunity to share stories and poems they write. I also like Carbonmade, I love art and children tend to love it too and they can have the opportunity to share it so others can view it.

ElizabetMa: Agree with you Carolina

MariaDC: ebooks for kids is a great site because students get a chance to write books for other children as well.

RoxanneDM: I love creative writing, and these sites are really great

ElizabetMa: Art is a great way for students to express themselves

AndreaR: I agree!

RabiyaA: these are some great websites!

BJB2: I also like the 10 tips
http://www.technologyintegrators.org/mediareleasesuggest.htm

BJB2: for those of you interested in sharing art work...watch for Art Trading Cards in November

ThaihoaH: these sites are good

MiguelG: I like "cyberkids " because students would be motivated to write and create to share their work

CarolinaD: Art and writing are great because they can say soo much using these two mediums.

MariaM: I agree with several of you...I went into cyberkids and amazing kids and I loved them...

ThaihoaH: cyberkids is cute

SilviaR: In Genre Range link the students can have fun with tongue twister and making their own comic books. The illustrations are great and they can print out their very own comic book.

NicoleAA: What is the cyberkids website?

MaryG: The online magazine is a neat website too, I think it is great that it is a magazine made strictly by students. Yes, Thai, cyberkids is too cute!!

KarenL: Thanks, BJ for sharing this site. It seems to me like a wonderful resource for all types of student publishing.

MariaM: I agree with Miguel...not only through cyberkids can children share their work but also through the other websites

LindsayK: My kids would love to make a comic book, I'll have to check that one out

RoxanneDM: I like cyberkids because it doesn't require you to subscribe to anything

AndreaR: Also, I found the Pine Tree Poetry website also resourceful because children love poetry, but lack the guidance and instruction. I did a book buffet with my fourth graders and I found that many of the students loved the Poetry genre.

ElizabetMa: amazing website a great resource to motive children in their learning

HinaM: I like pine tree poetry also because students and parents can publish poetry

KarenL: So, how do you envision using Cyberkids in your classroom? Are there any projects you can think of right now that could lend itself to student writing?

MiguelG: it would be cool to pick student every week/month to publish their work online

CarolinaD: It is an amazing site, so many useful resources.

AndreaR: I love your idea Miguel.

MariaM: I also see how several subjects can be integrated by using these websites besides students will be amazed with it

MiguelG: it's a constant motivator

ElizabetMa: agree with Miguel

CarolinaD: That's a good idea Miguel.

HinaM: and it's free :)

MariaDC: I agree Miguel

MariaM: I agree with Miguel...kids will always look toward doing this kind of projects

MaryG: I agree, Roxanne, a lot of elementary 3-5th graders love comics and that would be a great way to encourage writing.

AndreaR: It would just sadden me if a parent decided to decline the opportunity to showcase their child's work online.

ThaihoaH: I also agree with Miguel, kids need to know that their work and voice matter

ThaihoaH: a lot of times kids think that they do not have a say because they are children

MelissaL: I like the project poster idea....this allows the students that are very big into technology, but not the artistic aspect to take advantage

MiguelG: thanks

RoxanneDM: They could look at the pictures on the website drawn by other kids and make stories of their own out of them

HinaM: and this is a fun and colorful way for them to showcase their work

MariaDC: It would be cool to use it this upcoming month w/ upper grade levels to

publish their opinions on the upcoming elections

CarolinaD: A good website that children can use to make comic stips is the following, www.makebeliefscomix.com/

MariaM: By using cyberkids students will know how much their work is worth and appreciated by others...and the best thing about it is that everyone will have the opportunity to post something

AndreaR: Sadly, we are unable to speak of the elections at our school.

MiguelG: yeah, that project poster site is cool

MariaDC: that's true

MiguelG: that's a great idea Maria

LindsayK: Thanks Carolina, I think my kids would really enjoy that comic website

RabiyaA: yea

MiguelG: it's relevant for sure

MariaDC: thanks Miguel

KarenL: so which project are you going to work on to get students writing?

MiguelG: I'm seriously going to start publishing student work online

NicoleAA: Thank you for the website. I have it up now

ThaihoaH: I think my 1st graders would love to do this. They would require a lot of help though.

RabiyaA: I agree

ThaihoaH: It would be so exciting for them to see their work online!

MelissaL: I'm teaching 4th grade. I gave my students each a piece of gum (not allowed in school, but I got permission) then they chewed it. They made a list of everything they could possibly write about with gum. Then they started writing and loved it. Just an idea

TravisPa: merlynspen is awesome!

BJB2: Kathy Schrock recently posted a site about journaling that might lead you in another direction. The site is Penzu http://penzu.com/features

AndreaR: I think I would enjoy the Stone Soup with my students.

TaffanieJ: I think I would like for my students to work on the Stone Soup one because kids love poetry

MariaDC: I would do the same as Miguel, but I would like to navigate the website in more depth so I can see which site would be appropriate to begin with

NicoleAA: I like the comic book idea especially for the children that are into superheroes

SilviaR: A great topic for any age would be what they want to be when they grow up and why?

TravisPa: I don't think any of our language arts teachers are utilizing any of these.

RabiyaA: that's a good idea

MiguelG: Karen, how often do you think would be good to publish student work?

BJB2: and another option is to create a K-12 Classroom in Tapped In and have your children post to the discussion board...that would be a safe place for kids to publish on the web

ThaihoaH: that's a good site, but merlyn's pen is more geared towards older students. my students would benefit from the creative sites and stuff

ElizabetMa: I think I will like to start with the comic strip I agree with Nicole kids like superheroes

ThaihoaH: yea, our ELA teachers do not use technology a lot in the classroom

MaryG: I am going to start publishing my students' work online for sure. I like a lot of the different websites but I think kidspub might be best to start with.

RoxanneDM: I like the idea of using an online journal

MariaM: I think that something else students can write about would be either a poem or a short paragraph about themselves

MariaDC: the journal website would be a great for a language arts workstation

RabiyaA: I don't think they are aware of these cool sites

ElizabetMa: yes BJB that will be a great idea

HinaM: mine either...the only technology I have seen is in math

SilviaR: Great idea, but Is it free... K-12 Classroom, and what are the requirements. Does it take place during school hours because not all students have computer at home.

KarenL: comic strips are a good starting point. I know several students who draw characters taken from a comic strip.

BJB2: yes, the Tapped In K-12 Student Campus is free!

BJB2: and so is MakeBeliefComics

AndreaR: I think I will implement comic strips; that is a great idea to help students appreciate writing.

CarolinaD: I have third graders and a great topic for them would be about what they are passionate about. I learned today that one of my students is a gymnast and wants to try out for the Olympics.

MariaM: In my school there's only a few technology resources that teachers actually use...technology is only used when students go to the computer lab

LindsayK: Do you give the students a topic for the comics, or do you let them do their own thing?

MiguelG: students can be grouped according to their interests

BJB2 agrees with Andrea

NicoleAA: When you comic strips students also learn about dialoguing which makes their writing more interesting.

CarolinaD: I like the journal website idea as a workstation.

MariaM: I agree with Nicole

BJB2: oh, cool idea, Carolina!

TravisPa: I may introduce these websites to language department soon

MariaDC: Wow Miguel, you're really coming up with good ideas.

AndreaR: Actually, many of these websites would work great with work stations.

RabiyaA: yea as one of the workstation

MiguelG: I agree with Nicole. That's a great way to practice the concept of dialogue

RabiyaA: that's a good idea

RoxanneDM: yes i agree

TaffanieJ: I am definitely bookmarking this page

MaryG: yes, but some of my students may go a little crazy with comic ideas, violent and too detailed

AndreaR: I would just set guidelines and expectations.

KarenL: cool!!! I love how you all are sharing and brainstorming. Do more!

LindsayK: That's what I was thinking. We would definitely have to have guidelines

ElizabetMa: give them guidelines

CarolinaD: For the comics, maybe having them express the way they feel. The site has characters with emotions and they can make a story about it.

HinaM: I agree it would be a good idea to have it as a workstation, but my first graders would need some help navigating the website

MariaM: Definitely

MariaDC: A Publishing after school program would be great also for those who are interested because sometimes there may not be enough time for all the students during school hours

ThaihoaH: workstations is a great idea but my students need a lot of help and motivation.

SilviaR: True...Mary. you should definitely supervise what they write down.

MelissaL: Lindsay, create your own example for them

TravisPa: These websites would definitely get students to writing.

MariaM: Before starting any activity there should be guidelines to follow

RoxanneDM: yes, but it's a great way for them to become familiar with a computer

ThaihoaH: they get mad when they cannot spell words. Currently they are using 3 letter words

MariaDC: I know in my classroom there only 2 computers

KarenL: yep, and perhaps some keyboarding skills, too.

LindsayK: Good idea

NicoleAA: I agree with Mary and Silva

KarenL: good point. . .

ThaihoaH: My students have not even used the computer yet this year

MariaM: that is true

HinaM: mine either

KarenL: and student release forms to complete. . .

TaffanieJ: I agree with Mary that you need to give them guidelines to follow

MelissaL: They shouldn't focus on spelling if you are looking for them to write

MiguelG: we go to the comp lab for 45 min every week

MelissaL: It all depends on what aspect you want them to focus on

ElizabetMa: that's true Melissa

TravisPa: our 6th and 7th grade exploratory keyboarding classes could use these websites, right?

MariaM: It sure does

HinaM: it is always a good idea for the teacher to create a model so the students know what to expect and do

ThaihoaH: I know if I mentioned this to my teacher, she would say" great idea! but we have no time.:

ThaihoaH makes a sad face

MaryG: We have six computers and they use technology a lot. I think that you would need to do comics in small group maybe.

NicoleAA: My students are using the computer but it is more like a supervisory directive

rather than student centered learning

RabiyaA: yea time is always an issue

MariaM: Modeling is always something recommended to do for a new activity

ThaihoaH: Mary, what grade are your students?

RoxanneDM: we go to the computer lab twice a week for at least 25min

AndreaR: I completely agree with Thaihoa. These are great ideas, but sometimes it seems there is no time in the day.

MaryG: 3rd

KarenL: why would she say Thaihoa?

TaffanieJ: We only have 3 computers in our classroom

LindsayK: I think that fitting these ideas into centers would make it much easier to accomplish

HinaM: I only have one computer in my classroom for student use

KarenL: Okay, take turns. . .

MiguelG: rotate

HinaM: but the teacher does not allow the students to use it often

KarenL: make sure students have their work ready to type. . .

MariaM: use it as a center

CarolinaD: Maybe have a schedule in which all the students will have the opportunity using the computers.

MelissaL: do you have a mobile lab?

MiguelG: hand write the drafts and then transfer it to the comp

KarenL: oh dear. . .that is a problem. . .

RoxanneDM: yes, centers are great, everyday they change for my kindergartners, and they do work with computer programs

RabiyaA: schedule is a good idea

ThaihoaH: My kids cannot type yet. I don't mean to be so negative

TaffanieJ: sometimes, only the students who finished their work on time first will be able to use them

ElizabetMa: Centers will work if you have few computers

RabiyaA: yea

AndreaR: I would send home a keyboard sheet for students to begin to practice typing.

HinaM: that's a good idea

BJB2: kids are very motivated when they get to be big shots and type on the computer

MariaDC: Before presenting it to your teacher, I would recommend to inform yourself with the requirements for the website. This way the teacher doesn't feel overwhelmed, since they usually have a lot of things going on already

MiguelG: good point

ElizabetMa: great idea Andrea

TravisPa: As a counselor, how can I get students to write in their spare time using these websites?

CarolinaD: That's a great idea Andrea, that way they will be more familiar where all the keys are.

MiguelG: I didn't even think about typing skills

MariaDC: Good idea Andrea!!!

MaryG: yes definitely, computers tend to motivate students to think and work harder.

MariaM: I agree with Andrea since in the classroom there is almost never time for extra things...

TravisPa: I may be able to create a competition

HinaM: or maybe even during a classroom workstation the teacher can put out old keyboards so that the students get familiar with typing the keys

MiguelG: it seems that a good option would be an after-school program

ThaihoaH: I like the keyboard sheet idea

RabiyaA: good idea Hina

ThaihoaH smiles

MariaDC: I agree w/ Miguel!!!

BJB2: Travis, you could collaborate with the language arts teacher

SilviaR: Travis what about having a pen pal so they can have someone to talk to.

MiguelG: nice idea Silvia!

CarolinaD: Great idea Silvia.

KarenL: but if these assignments align with your writing state standards, this would not be extra assignments. It would be teaching to achieve your standards.

TravisPa: yeah!

MiguelG: that's true..it would just have to be very well managed

NicoleAA: I agree with Karen

ThaihoaH: pen pals are a great way to incorporate writing skills and typing skills

CarolinaD: We have reading buddies at our school, and I did not think about pen pals.

ThaihoaH: It motivates the students to write because of their new friend

AndreaR: Pen pals are a great way to motivate children. I loved my pen pal when I was younger.

MaryG: I agree with Miguel too. That would be great to start a writing club after school and they could work on their writing on a computer after school.

HinaM: I like that idea

ElizabetMa: Did you keep in contact Andrea with your pen pal

NicoleAA: Especially if students pen pals are in another city or state. You can tie social studies in and integrate the subjects.

MariaM: I like the writing club idea

AndreaR: Actually for about a year I did....

MiguelG: I remember having a pen-pal in 4th grade. it was the coolest thing

TravisPa: Do you think I might be able to create an 18 week class using these websites? This would be an elective class.

MelissaL: find another teacher you know to work with

BJB2: for students or teachers, Travis?

CarolinaD: Good suggestion Melissa.

RoxanneDM: I remember having a pen pal too, and they were in a few grades up from me, it was like a big sister thing

TravisPa: for 6th or 7th grade students.

MaryG: Good question BJB- I think one for teachers would be helpful too

BJB2: what would be the point, Travis? To try out different sites?

MelissaL: We wrote business letters to places in VA and the students actually received things back from the places

MariaM: I remember having a pen pal in 4th grade and I kept in touch with her all the way until high school

ThaihoaH: Pen Pals are fun. But back in the day, we used pen and paper and snail mail

AndreaR: That's a great social studies lesson also to incorporate with the business letters.

ThaihoaH: Yea :)

BJB2 . o O (kids need a reason to be publishing their work...and the work needs to be worth publishing)

RabiyaA: yea

TravisPa: webswite/technology usage?

CarolinaD: I agree.

ElizabetMa: agree

HinaM: I agree

MariaM: I agree

NicoleAA: I agree

MariaDC: Teachers should begin one as well, that way they become familiar with it

KarenL: true. . .

MiguelG: good point Maria

BJB2: maybe team up kids to 'test' different sites, Travis

BJB2: and 'publish' their findings

NicoleAA: That would be a great idea BJ! That helps you at the same time

MariaDC: Thanks Miguel

MaryG: I agree, yes there are a lot of teachers not familiar with technology and you wonder why some schools do not integrate technology.

TaffanieJ: that's true

RoxanneDM: true

RabiyaA: yea

RabiyaA: Kids love being on the computer

TravisPa: true. thanks BJ

CarolinaD: I have noticed that too Rabiya.

MariaM: I agree with Mary G...in my school teachers have to go through some training to learn things that some of us already know...

SilviaR: Do students get paid for publishing their work?

BJB2 . o O (we're shooting ourselves in the foot if we deny that kids are 'born digital')

RabiyaA smiles

MariaDC: Good question Silvia

ElizabetMa: technology is advancing and we need to keep updated with the new trends

MariaM: I agree

HinaM: that's true

AndreaR: true

ThaihoaH: I agree

MiguelG: most definitely

RoxanneDM: yes

TravisPa: I suggested in my class that teachers could create a "each one, teach one" on technology integration

MariaDC: very true

MaryG: yes, most definitely!

MiguelG: children learn differently these days

BJB2 . o O (when you get a chance, take a look at http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2008/10/02/digital)

CarolinaD: Well, today they seem to have more opportunities to be exposed with new technology.

AndreaR: How would that work Travis, if I may ask?

NicoleAA: When you think about it were tech savvy too. We shouldn't be afraid to use computers into our classrooms

MariaM: every child is different with different needs

BJB2 nods to Maria

MariaM: Thanks

ThaihoaH: We need to create lessons to cater to all of the students' different needs

MariaM: I agree...

ElizabetMa: agree

TaffanieJ: yeah

CarolinaD: I agree as well.

TravisPa: Andrea, The teachers that are technology savvy should teach another teacher to use that technology.

RoxanneDM: I like that idea, having a buddy

MiguelG: I agree with Travis

MariaDC: I agree, it may require baby steps, but it can be done!

ThaihoaH: yes ;D

ElizabetMa: buddies are great help

HinaM: that's true

AndreaR: I think that is a great idea/program to implement at the schools.

RabiyaA: I agree

MariaDC: Good point Travis!

CarolinaD: Thank you for your suggestion Travis.

NicoleAA: I agree

MariaM: Having a partner it's awesome

ThaihoaH: Having a technology buddy with the students is a good idea too

AndreaR: yes ma'am

ThaihoaH: Last year we had a 1st grade class help my kinder class

MariaM: It sure is

ThaihoaH: they loved it

MiguelG: yep, that's a good idea Thai

CarolinaD: So students can have pen pals while teachers can have technology buddies, we both learn at the same time.

RabiyaA: yea

ElizabetMa: yes it is

TaffanieJ: yeah, students can help other students

ThaihoaH: Yea

ThaihoaH: we are never too old to learn

RoxanneDM: that's what it's all about, teamwork!

MariaM: Older students can always help the younger ones learn what they already went through

HinaM: that also reinforces what they already know

TravisPa: Having a teacher technology pizza party could get the teachers there to be exposed to different technology integration techniques

ThaihoaH: yea, teaching helps strengthen their knowledge and gives them a confidence boost

RabiyaA: that's a good idea...teachers need to be more supportive of this idea

MelissaL: it can also motivate the students that are normally lower academically improve their social skills

NicoleAA: Food is always a great gather

ElizabetMa: food always motivates people to attend

MariaM: If everyone would participate it would make things better.

MiguelG: I agree Melissa

MariaDC: I agree with Melissa

ThaihoaH: teachers always go where there is food!

MiguelG: haha

MariaM: Lol..

TaffanieJ: lol

ElizabetMa: haha

KarenL: I'm enrolled in a 23 things online course, in which you learn some wonderful web 2.0 tools.

AndreaR: haha.. that is true.

SilviaR: Is it free- 23 things online course?

HinaM: that sounds interesting

KarenL: These tools include wikis, blogs, flickr, and others.

TaffanieJ: cool

NicoleAA: that sound interesting

HinaM: we had to work with a wiki calendar before it was a little confusing

MariaM: sounds really cool!

MariaDC: good to know, which one would you recommend the most Karen?

HinaM: but I would learn to love more

MiguelG: flickr is an awesome site. How is that incorporated in the classroom?

CarolinaD: Sounds interesting, thank you for sharing it.

KarenL: It is. But, there is a caveat. The 23 things is offered through my isd. However,

ThaihoaH: flickr's pictures are beautiful

SilviaR: Thanks, good to know.

ThaihoaH: it is an awesome site

MariaM: Which district is it

TravisPa: teachers just need time to play with these websites and they will be sold.

KarenL: I'm thinking someone can contact the actual sponsor of 23 things. Common something.

KarenL: It is through Wayne RESA.

MariaDC: thank you Karen

MaryG joined the room.

MariaM: Thanks for the information.

KarenL: I can let you look at our isd's website. Let's see. http://resa-23things.blogspot.com

ElizabetMa: thanks

HinaM: thank you

RabiyaA: thanks

BJB2: here's a 23 things list from a librarians site: http://schoollibrarylearning2.blogspot.com/2007/02/23-things_27.html

MariaM: thanks!

ThaihoaH: thanks!

MariaDC: Thank you so much. I wonder if our district knows about this

MiguelG: thanks

RoxanneDM: thanks

KarenL: thanks bj!!!!

MaryG: thank you.

TaffanieJ: thanks

MariaDC: thanks

HinaM: thanks

LindsayK: thank you

TravisPa: thanks

MelissaL: thanks

RabiyaA: thanks

AndreaR: thank you

KarenL: It is so cool! All these things I'm learning at my own pace. . .and level.

NicoleAA: Thanks

CarolinaD: I appreciate it.

BJB2: and another similar site: http://plcmcl2-things.blogspot.com/

MariaDC: I'm familiar w/ the Wiki and delicious website. I was introduced to them past semester.

TravisPa: I learned so much in just 1 hour. time went by fast

ElizabetMa: yes it did

AndreaR: I agree!

MiguelG: yes..very fast

MariaM: I also learned about the delicious site

BJB2: wow! For me too, Travis!

NicoleAA: very fast

MariaDC: I agree

MiguelG: it was fun

RabiyaA: yea, I agree

ElizabetMa: very helpful too

BJB2: The next Language Arts discussion will be November 19

TaffanieJ: oh yeah, I've used delicious site too

TravisPa: I will definitely be using tapped in again in the near future!

MelissaL: sounds great

KarenL: Let's see what will the topic be?

ThaihoaH smiles

MaryG: I will use all of these resources will help enhance all of my lessons

BJB2: Thanks, Karen! Are you still so tired?

KarenL: Cool! I'm so glad that you enjoyed it!

MaryG: Thank you, **BJB2** and Karen.

MariaDC: Thanks to BJB and Karen

HinaM: Thanks Karen and BJ :)

BJB2: does anyone have any suggestions for a topic?

KarenL: Well, yes, but I did enjoy the dynamics!

NicoleAA: Great session tonight

ElizabetMa: thanks bjb and Karen

RabiyaA: Thank you!

CarolinaD: I learned so much , thanks everyone for sharing ideas and useful websites.

RoxanneDM: Thank you!

KarenL: It was rejuvenating!

MaryG: topics for students to write about?

MariaM: I enjoyed the session

TaffanieJ: Thank you!

BJB2: Language Arts topics for the discussion, Mary

MaryG: I liked Melissa's idea with the gum idea.

MelissaL: does anyone use 6 + 1 writing traits?

MariaM: What is that?

SilviaR: I will take a more closer look at the shamble cite. It has too many url's!

MariaDC: the variety of Language Arts centers, especially for upper grade levels

KarenL: yes, our school does.

MiguelG: yes..thank you karen and bjb

MelissaL: it breaks writing into 6 features

ThaihoaH: Thank you guys!

AndreaR: Thank you BJB and Karen; I've learned a lot of which I hope to incorporate.

SilviaR: Thanks!

ThaihoaH: have a great evening :)

KarenL: It is very cool!

NicoleAA: I use four square infused with six plus 1

TravisPa: Good night and God Bless! Will this logout automatically?

ElizabetMa: bye guys

MariaM: Well, there is this activity called the great 5...it's about the writing process...

MiguelG: good night everyone!

MariaDC: Good Night everyone!

AndreaR: I think Language Arts centers for upper grades is a great discussion.

BJB2: Travis, you have to press the logout button

MelissaL: read the book 6 + 1 if you are interested

RabiyaA: Good night

HinaM: have a great evening :)

MelissaL: bye

BJB2 . o O (which is in the top right of the web window behind the chat window if you detached)

AndreaR: Good night.

RoxanneDM: good night

KarenL: bye everyone! Thanks again!

BJB2 waves goodnight

NicoleAA: good night

TravisPa left the room (signed off).

KarenL: Good job, BJ! As always you saved the day/night!

MaryG: good night

CarolinaD: Good night.

BJB2 hugs Karen. Get some rest!

TaffanieJ: good night

KarenL: yes!!!!

MariaM: Good night...may everyone get the rest they need...