

Title of Session: K-3+ Resources - Mega-Sites to Explore Over the Summer

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SusanR: Well we should start with intros

SusanR: A little about me. I am a retired grade 1/2 from Ottawa, Ontario who has dropped back in to do K to 8 occasional teaching. Since retirement I have been an Educational Technology Integrator. I have offered Curricular Tech Integration workshops to teachers and students over the last few years.

BJ: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

ClarissaW: I am a third grade teacher in DePere, WI and currently enrolled in a master program at St. Norbert College in DePere, WI

MikeZ: I am actually a high school math and computer science teacher in northeast Wisconsin. As Clarissa mentioned, as part of a graduate class we were introduced to Tapped In. I am here mainly to find out how such a session works.

SusanR: I am contemplating going back for my masters in some aspect of Technology

SusanR: Well BJ and I will answer any of your questions, Mike.

LindaHa: I teach preschool in Manitowoc, WI. I work with children with special needs, at-risk, and English as a second language. I am also part of the masters class.

RebeccaBu: I am a fourth grade teacher in Warrenton, SC and I am currently enrolled in a master program at USCA (University of South Carolina at Aiken) for Educational Technology.

SusanR: Interesting crowd..

SusanR: Let's start.

SusanR: We will start the session with some great mega sites to explore over the summer months

SusanR: Ready set go!!

SusanR: We will also take a look at a weblog to support this session.

SusanR: we will start with eduscapes... <http://eduscapes.com/>

SusanR: Click on the blue link!

SusanR: eduScapes offers practical suggestions and resources for curriculum integration.

SusanR: Areas worth exploring on a frequent basis are "Teacher Tap", "42eXplore" and "Learning Ladders".

SusanR wonders if everyone is lost in Cyberspace. Please explore for a few minutes and come back here.

ClarissaW: Wow, Thanks Susan. It looks like a great site

SusanR: Comments anyone! One could spend the evening here. Bookmark it and do come back later.

LindaHa: It looks excellent!

SusanR: There are resources here to last you a year.

ClarissaW . o O (absolutely)

SusanR: next... do spend a rainy day at eduscapes SusanR: another mega site with a lot of goodies...

SusanR: <http://www.virtualteacher.com.au/directory.html>

SusanR: I subscribe to their newsletter which features timely topics, I have used their Microsoft Office tutorials.. and other goodies..again bookmark...worth exploring in detail.

ClarissaW . o O (looks good)

SusanR: This is an Australian site with mucho resources...

MikeZ: I was even able to find sites that were math related that would pertain to a high school environment. thanks

SusanR: Check out the MATHS Dictionary if you wishIt's in RED..half way down the middle column ..<http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/>

SusanR: <http://www.virtualteacher.com.au/directory.html>

RebeccaBu: the math site is really neat!

SusanR: ...there is a wealth of resources for all levels and interests

RebeccaBu: My kids have a hard time with word problems because they can't remember what some of the words mean, like sum, difference, etc,

MikeZ: Interesting interactive dictionary. I like it and have since bookmarked the site.

SusanR: Pics for Learning is mentioned here....if you require images..<http://pics4learning.com/>

DebbieK: The kids need to know the terminology on the state tests

SusanR: It is an interactive math site...

DebbieK: The math site looks great--great practice for the terminology

MikeZ: Without the appropriate terminology, one is essentially dead in the water. As a high school math instructor, I am very appreciative of those elem/junior high teachers that stress the correct usage of mathematical terminology.

SusanR: This site has some Great K to 6 links as well..

<http://www.virtualteacher.com.au/greatsit.html>

BJ: Thanks, Linda

SusanR: Ready for the next one ... BJ suggested this site..

ClarissaW: ready

MikeZ: ready

LindaHa: ready

SusanR: It is called MIKIDS. Lots of interactive activities. Updated monthly!!

SusanR: <http://www.mikids.com/>

SusanR: bookmark it

SusanR: ..and come back at your leisure

RebeccaBu: I think I've seen this one before

SusanR: It is a good resource to keep on file.

LindaHa: Wow! I'll have to look more at that later. Good resources.

SusanR: Comments...Are any of you looking for grant money this summer?

LindaHa: Yes

RebeccaBu: yes!

MikeZ: always looking for available money

SusanR: Then take a minute to check these informational grant resources that can assist with your search for funding for classroom projects, resources, or equipment:

SusanR: hmmm this is a long url..

http://science.nsta.org/nstaexpress/nstaexpress_2003_06_23_extra.htm

SusanR: It is from the NSTA website.

SusanR: The next one is about Problem Solving...our kids here are having problems with problem solving... especially when it come to grade 3 and 6 testing

RebeccaBu: mine too

ClarissaW: Same here Susan...its our focus this year

DebbieK: Have you shown a link for problem solving?

SusanR: There are sessions here on the BIG6..6 steps to problem solving

SusanR: Here it is <http://www.big6.com/kids/> BIG6 KIDS

MikeZ: I'm back. Got caught up in the grant listings.

SusanR: They also have sample lesson plans to get your youngsters thinking to use the Big6 method

SusanR: Let me rephrase that....sample lesson plans to attack any task or problem they encounter

DebbieK: Can't wait to see the grant listings!

SusanR: The NSTA website is a very professional resource.

SusanR: I came across ... this BIG6 Assignment Organizer. Some of you may find it useful for the coming year.

SusanR: <http://www.standrews.austin.tx.us/library/Assignment%20organizer.htm>

DebbieK: In the BIG6 site, even the grades 3-6 are applicable for second graders--looks good

SusanR: I am wowed by this site.

SusanR: Once the students are trained..they will automatically think BIG6

BJ: The Big6 leads a discussion in Tapped In each month

SusanR: Here are the Big6 sample lesson plans

<http://www.big6.com/showcategory.php?cid=19>

MikeZ: I like the idea of the big-6 even for the HS-level. Elementary teachers tend to do a great job at getting students to think and problem solve. Unfortunately at the HS-level students are much more reluctant to problem solve. They tend to be more interested in applying formulas to acquire an answer.

DebbieK: Will the K-3 resources be offered in July?

BJ: K-3 will be at the Launch Festival on July 16!

MikeZ: I think HS teachers are, at times, guilty of concentrating too much on delivering content and not enough on making students think.

SusanR: That's interesting Mike. Elementary teachers are just now spending more time on problem solving skills and Higher order thinking skills.

RebeccaBu: you're right

BJ: the Festival is a 12+ hour long event

SusanR: We are trying to make them think!!

SusanR: LAST but not LEAST! Let me know when you are ready. I would like to show you the weblog. It supports this session. Your comments are welcome.

LindaHa: ready

ClarissaW: ready

DebbieK: ready

MikeZ: ready

RebeccaBu: ok

SusanR: Here is the WEBLOG...<http://www.xanga.com/private/home.aspx?user=srose>

SusanR: It is a work in progress.

SusanR: I presented some of the sites from here tonight. I would love to hear about classroom applications of these resources

RebeccaBu: Is this like blogger.com?

SusanR: Yes, it is similar. This one has a "comment" feature built in.

SusanR: I have used blogger for my resume.

RebeccaBu: nice. A professor at the university wants to use one of these for his Eng 101 class.

SusanR: Blogs are versatile. They are perfect for English classes.

RebeccaBu: That's good to hear. He is a little apprehensive.

SusanR: They are perfect for reflective journals and creative writing.

DebbieK: What do you do on this WEBLOG?

BJ . o O (blogs are also good for ESL/EFL classes)

SusanR: If you use any of these resources or similar ones.. let me know how they are used by clicking on "COMMENTS" and tell us how you used this link in your classroom

SusanR: Here are some uses of weblogs

[http://www.schoolblogs.com/tafefrontiers/stories/storyReader\\$25](http://www.schoolblogs.com/tafefrontiers/stories/storyReader$25)

SusanR: Yuck..that url did not work.

SusanR: Weblogs .. that's a TI session in itself....

SusanR: any last minute discussion points...

RebeccaBu: Thank you!

MikeZ: Not at this time. Thanks for you efforts.

BJ . o O (Bernie Dodge did a session on blogs a while back) [Ed note: This event took place on April 17 and is archived at www.tappedin.org/transcripts]

LindaHa: Thank you for all the excellent resources!

ClarissaW: Nope! Thanks so much for all the great sites!!

BJ: Thanks, Sue.

MikeZ waves good-bye

LauraMZ: I would like to read the transcript if possible too.

BJ: Clarissa, the scripts are available in the archives a week or two after the event at www.tappedin.org/transcripts

SusanR: Thanks Debbie.

ClarissaW: Okay, thanks!

RebeccaBu: Goodbye. Thank you for the resources.