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**BJ:** Rosemary, I know you probably have a great deal to share with us today...

**RosemaryEH:** Sure do, especially with the start of school!

**BJ:** so, how about if we start with introductions and then you can start RosemaryEH:

Sounds good!

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

**RosemaryEH:** I am a 6 year technology teacher from Detroit.

**MaryFT:** I teach preservice teacher technology at University of Houston

[http://avar.org/alted/de\\_animal\\_51-110-4399.html](http://avar.org/alted/de_animal_51-110-4399.html) I am a 7th grade science teacher, 28 years experience, HelpDesk trainee

[http://avar.org/alted/de\\_animal\\_51-110-4399.html](http://avar.org/alted/de_animal_51-110-4399.html): Gary, I know you just want to lurk, but can you tell us what you teach and where you're located, please?

**GaryGst4:** I teach 8th grade physical science Fredericksburg, Virginia

**SusanR:** I am a K to 8 Occasional Teacher and presenter here at TI (next session) K to 3+ Great Resources: Back to School

**SusanR:** from Canada

**BJ** hands the virtual floor over to Rosemary

**RosemaryEH:** Most of what I will discuss tonight is available at my office, which will continuously be updated.

**BJ** . o O ( if you don't know how to find an office, we can discuss that at the end if we have time. )

**RosemaryEH:** Jim, have you ever received any science video's from Howard Hughes Medical?

**BJ** checks to see if everyone knows how to detach

**JimHi:** No I don't believe so

**GaryGst4:** they are great!

**RosemaryEH:** They have some wonderful videos about genetics.

**JimHi:** I need to check that out

**RosemaryEH:** The best freebie for older kids 6th on up is Building Homes of Our Own.

**BJ:** do you have a contact address for Jim, Rosemary?

**RosemaryEH:** just a sec I'm getting that

**RosemaryEH:** <http://www.homesofourown.com/>

**JimHi:** thanks

**BJ:** I ordered that dvd, but haven't had time to look at it yet.

**RosemaryEH:** It is free for educators and is fully installed on all machines.

**BJ** . o O ( I gave it to my shop teacher )

**RosemaryEH:** It takes the learner through the ENTIRE process of building a home.

**RosemaryEH:** Pendleton Wool has a wonderful freebie with facts about wool.

**BJ** checks to see if everyone got that site ok

**BJ** . o O ( just click on the hyperlink to open a new window )

**SusanR:** We study structures at the middle school level...great resource

**RosemaryEH:** <http://www.pendleton-usa.com/index.cfm?action=about&do=educational>

**GaryGst4:** Howard Hughes Medical Institute is <http://www.hhmi.org/>

**RosemaryEH:** <http://catalog.hhmi.org/index.jsp>

**BJ:** Oh, I like the wool resource...nice.

**RosemaryEH:** sorry Jim!

**JimHi:** they all look great

**RosemaryEH:** They have a swatch from each step of processing wool including a vial of lanolin!

**RosemaryEH:** For the K-2 or 3 elementary teacher Starfall has some great reading and writing books and pencils! <http://order.starfall.org/k/order/new.html>

**SusanR:** I ordered a full class set last year and reordered a set for the upcoming year. Great!!

**BJ** checks to see if anyone has any questions?

**SusanR:** No charge for shipping either

**RosemaryEH:** Yeah that is great!

**RosemaryEH:** The History Channel has a nice teacher resource magazine

<http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A//www.historychannel.com/classroom/guides/classroomform.html>

**RosemaryEH:** Video Placement is an excellent source of FREE videos. They take a while for delivery but it is definitely worth the wait. My favorite is The Jelly Belly Factory Tour. There are many more for various age groups. <http://www.vpw.com/>

**SusanR** looks for the Jelly Belly Tour

**SusanR:** Thanks I found it!

**ShereeR** joined the room.

**BJ** waves hi to Sheree.

**BJ:** Rosemary is the leader of this discussion, Sheree and Steve...

**RosemaryEH:** I am still awaiting All Hands on Deck: Learning Adventures Aboard "Old Ironsides" about the USS Constitution

<http://www.usconstitutionmuseum.org/education/ahod.html>

**BJ:** she's already shown several resources...you'll have to check the transcript archives in a week or so.

**ShereeR:** Yes, thank you.. sorry I am late....(trying to sneak in unnoticed).....

**RosemaryEH:** I understand this is there 3rd year distributing this. Has anyone used this before?

**SteveV:** Me too.

**RosemaryEH:** I like to have a business card and a great source is Vista Print. You can choose from about 30 designs and only pay about \$5 s/h.

<http://www.vistaprint.com/vp/ns/bcfree.aspx>

**SusanR:** Neat concept!

**RosemaryEH:** For readers up until 6th grade, Pizza Hut sponsors Book It! with FREE pizza incentives (including the teacher -- yum!) <http://www.bookitprogram.com/>

**BJ:** bookit has been around for a number of years now

**RosemaryEH:** They include nice charts for tracking your students progress.

**SusanR:** I have used the Bookit programme..I like it!!

**SusanR:** did not realize they were on the web!

**JimHi:** The elementary I used to work at did Book It! every year

**SusanR:** Our entire school used it!

**RosemaryEH:** State Farm Insurance has some great educational programs where they come to the school. You will usually have to contact a local agent.

<http://www.statefarm.com/educate/educate.htm>

**BJ:** whoa...talk about an authentic audience! cool.

**JimHi:** interesting

**RosemaryEH:** Free educational software for teachers to download. Includes math titles, college admissions predictor, SAT/GRE, United States, Presidents and the universe.

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/teachers.htm>

**RosemaryEH:** You just need to email Mr. Sheppard and he will email you with the codes. The software is very good!

**RosemaryEH:** There is a free sampling of 30 books, worksheets and lesson plans from this great ages 4- 11 reading program. Subscription prices run as little as \$29.95 for six months of unlimited access. You can print out individual books for each student.

<http://www.readinga-z.com/>

**RosemaryEH:** We really use this source at our school. The worksheets are out of this world! The books are not very fun to put together, however the content and the smiles on the kids make it worthwhile.

**RosemaryEH:** I really can't say enough about this reading program. Everything is there including lesson plans, ideas, etc.

**SusanR:** Our k to 3 teachers find this site valuable...there is talk about offerings in French

**SusanR** agrees

**JimHi:** my wife teaches special ed...she might find it interesting

**RosemaryEH:** Yes, they have French and Spanish.

**RosemaryEH:** Currently they don't have the worksheets for French and Spanish....but they will.

**RosemaryEH:** Be sure to get a laser printer if you use this program...believe me!

**RosemaryEH:** <http://www.sanford-artedventures.com/> Art products and resources for creative individuals from beginner to advanced. The Art of Crime Detection can be played on-line or downloaded as a 1 MB stand-alone "game". Great game for 4th grade on up. Kids really like it!

**RosemaryEH:** Heck so do adults!

**BJ** smiles

**RosemaryEH:** It took me an hour to solve the 1st crime (of 2). My artist friend solved it her first try!

**SusanR:** This could be the basis for your years art program

**RosemaryEH:** For those of you who are industrious (and know just a little PowerPoint), you must check the PowerPoint templates. I used the template to make an excellent Jeopardy game for reviewing 4th grade United States Information.

<http://www.teachnet.com/lesson/misc/winnergame022500.html>

**RosemaryEH:** Being a technology teacher, I hooked up my laptop to a scan converter so it can be shown on TV. I also purchased a buzzer system for about \$40. The kids really

feel like they are on the Jeopardy show.

**JimHi:** these are excellent and a lot of fun, a number of our teachers used them last year

**BJ:** what kind of scan converter do you use, Rosemary?

**RosemaryEH:** They are tremendous fun!

**SusanR:** Great ideas!!

**RosemaryEH:** A scan converter is a small box that allows you to show what is on the computer to be on TV. (a poor man's digital projector) You can purchase for about \$100 on up.

**JimHi:** there are wireless versions now as well

**RosemaryEH:** I use Gold View

**BJ:** thanks

**JimHi:** the wireless versions run close to \$200

**SusanR:** and for the MAC, Rosemary and Jim??

**RosemaryEH:** My Gold View has a wireless remote which is neat.

**BJ:** gold view works with a mac

**RosemaryEH:** Thanks BJ!

**JimHi:** Both I think

**BJ** nods to Jim

**JimHi:** Many of the remotes have zoom features

**BJ:** we have about two minutes left. Does anyone have any questions for Rosemary?

**RosemaryEH:** The buzzer system is called Eggspert and is available at several retail stores. Just run Eggspert through a search engine for the best price.

**BJ** . o O ( the next Frugal Educator is September 22 at 7pm EDT )

**JimHi:** Thanks Rosemary

**RosemaryEH:** Please come back next month. If you have any ideas or sources please feel free to share!

**SusanR:** Thanks Rosemary...lots of great resources ..

**BJ:** Thanks, Rosemary.

**RosemaryEH:** You're welcome.....keep your eyes peeled for BARGAINS!