

Title of Session: K-3+ Resources - Great Back-to-School Resources

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BJ: How about if we start, Sue. I'll keep an eye on reception and send any late arrivals here.

SusanR: okay

SusanR: I am Sue Roseman from Ottawa, Ontario ..k to 8 Occasional Teacher and Tech Integrator

DougP joined the room.

SusanR: Welcome Doug

BJ: Hi, Doug

DougP: HI Sue

SusanR: from Ontario I believe.

DougP: Hi BJ

SusanR: Would you like to introduce yourself?

SusanR: and then we will get started

DougP: Hi, I'm Doug. I'm the computer consultant for the Greater Essex County DSB in South Western Ontario

BJ: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania.

RosemaryEH: I'm a tech teacher from Detroit

SusanR: K to 8 Occasional Teacher from Ottawa Carleton District School Board and former Educational Technology Integrator

SusanR: Tonight ...Great Back to School Resources K to 3+

SusanR: At the end of the sessions I will give you an annotated track of 15 links from trackstar

DougP: Sounds terrific

SusanR: Here are some general suggestions and web sites to kick start your school year! Although teaching can often be an intimidating profession I hope I never stop finding new ways to improve, new things to try, and new dreams to make realities

SusanR: My favourite idea... is ..for the first month..

SusanR: Me In A Bag

DougP: All about me?

SusanR: At the beginning of the year, I introduce myself using 'Me In A Bag.' I put a few items that represent me in a large paper sack. In my sack, I put a paintbrush because I'm an artist, my favorite book, my favorite food, pictures of my family and my pets, my favorite CD and a cookbook.

SusanR: The children sit around me, and I explain the significance of each item as I pull it out of the bag. This discussion helps the kids get to know me as a person. Each child then has a turn to bring in his/her own 'Me In A Bag,' giving everyone in the class a chance to shine."

SusanR: Submitted by: Jan Formisano janformisano@email.msn.com , a second grade teacher in Falls Church, Virginia. This tip was published in the NEA's Weekly

"Works4Me" Email list.

SusanR: <http://www.cbv.ns.ca/sstudies/activities/1rstday/1rst.html>

SusanR: Try making Time Capsules, Me Boxes, or Class Photo Books. Play the Name Game, or take a School Tour.

SusanR: Note the ME BOXES

SusanR: Another timely resource guide!

SusanR: Excited about the first days of school? Anxious? Terrified?

SusanR: Ice Breakers

SusanR: http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson019.shtml

RosemaryEH: I have to teach 1st grade on Wednesday.....just for the day. Any ideas? (Normally I teach technology. Most of the kids already know me.)

SusanR wonders if we are all lost in cyberspace

SusanR: something with kidpix

DougP: got it. Page took a while to load and the ads came in first

SusanR: A kidpix activity, Rosemary

RosemaryEH: My lab is not up and running yet:(

SusanR: hmm. let me think about that one, Rosemary

DougP: you can still do parts of a computer, rules, safety, power on, power off, ...

SusanR agrees

SusanR: good idea

RosemaryEH: I'm saving that for after Labor Day when I officially start.

RosemaryEH: I actually want something non-tech.

SusanR: Let's dig into Laura Candler's Filing Cabinet for a year's full of planning resources.

BJ: what about having them make namecards?

SusanR: self portraits

RosemaryEH: They don't have their supplies yet. Sorry I'm being a hard one!

SusanR: Maybe something will spark your interest here.

SusanR: <http://home.att.net/~teaching/filecab.htm>

SusanR: I always carry class set of playing cards and dice with me... I am an Occasional Teacher..

SusanR: I use these to review math concepts etc.

DougP: Good resource, Sue. I followed the coop link to an activity called Buddy Venn Diagrams. Neat concept. Great Ice Breaker

SusanR goes back to Ed world to check out that one

DougP: It was on the Laura Chandler page.

SusanR: In which cabinet, Doug?

DougP: Cooperative Learning

DougP: It works at so many levels. You could start with stickers, move to artwork, to writing...

SusanR: Thanks Doug!

RosemaryEH: I have no idea how much the little ones retain over the summer. The older kids 6th through 8th are a different story. This might be a challenge.

RosemaryEH: I'm a little out of my element.

SusanR: Grade 1 will be antsy the first few days...they will have to be active

SusanR: Teachers Helping Teachers may prove

helpful.. <http://www.pacificnet.net/~mandel/index.html>

DougP: That's a real classic!

RosemaryEH: I agree. They know I like to have fun too. We have a few situations going on in the school. The 1st grade teacher is having a small surgery and the Kindergarten teacher's dad just died.

SusanR: <http://www.pacificnet.net/~mandel/TheArts.html> Some useful ideas here!

SusanR: I know whatever students have to do the first few days always takes forever...especially in grade 1

RosemaryEH: I just want it to be memorable! I also don't want them to miss or worry about the other teachers or missing mom and dad.

SusanR: Keep it low key...a walk around the school...let them tell you about the bulletin boards around the room...storytime...sing..

SusanR: <http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/> A great collection of graphic organizers

SusanR: even grade one will be able to use them by mid year

SusanR: The next two sites are project based ... you could implement throughout the year

SusanR: Poetry Project <http://teachit.acreekps.vic.edu.au/poetry/poem.htm>

SusanR: #6 and #7 could be implemented in September and October

SusanR: I don't think there is a particular order.

DougP: Good! I felt like I was missing something.

SusanR: This is an Australian site!

SusanR: Pick and choose what would be relevant to your curriculum!

SusanR: Poems can be emailed to

SusanR: curric@acreekps.vic.edu.au . They will be collated into an anthology of children's writing. "Limericks" begins on September 3rd!

SusanR: One more and then I will give you the TRACK of 15 Back to School Sites

SusanR: Many of these science activities can be done any time of year!

SusanR: <http://www.monroe2boces.org/shared/esp/pastactvs.htm>

DougP: They don't have Wiarion Willie!

SusanR: Is that a Canadian phenomenon, Doug?

DougP: Absolutely! The albino groundhog from Wiarion.

RosemaryEH: Never heard about them!

SusanR: This site is based in North Carolina.

SusanR: <http://www.wiarion-willie.org/index.cfm>

DougP: Sorry, but I am easily distracted. I saw the link to groundhogs and shadows and Punxsutawney Phil got top billing.

SusanR: Here is the BACK to SCHOOL track. Peruse at your leisure.

RosemaryEH: Our 2nd grade teacher is from Windsor. I'll have to see if she knows about Wiarion Willie!

SusanR: <http://tinyurl.com/klrw>

BJ: as always, a great list of resources, Sue! The next K-3+ Resources discussion will be another Back to School session on September 9.

DougP: Thanks very much, Sue.

RosemaryEH: Thanks Sue!

SusanR: Thanks BJ!

SusanR: Thanks Doug and Rosemary. You may wish to share that Track ..or part..with

your teachers.

DougP: Consider it shared.

SusanR: any other comments or items to share

SusanR: This one is nice for grade one!

http://www.janbrett.com/coloring_applet/jan_brett_coloring.htm

BJ: Jan has a lot of nice activities on her site

RosemaryEH waves bye to everyone!

BJ . o O (she also will answer emails from kids)

BJ waves goodnight to Rosemary. Thanks again.

SusanR: Goodnight all!