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**SusanR:** It's casual here

**SusanR:** Today's session is Holidays Across the Curriculum

**SusanR:** Let's start with intros

**LauraHS:** I'm Laura Silberstein, and I teach computer applications to teachers at Foothill College. I'm looking for ideas to use Microsoft Excel in the classroom. I teach Excel to teachers, and now I want to give them examples of projects and exercises they can do with their students.

**MarlaM:** I am a preservice teacher at Univ of Houston, soc studies 8-12, my degree is in Psych w/ minor in sociology - I have a 5th grader and preK just looking for ideas in general

**SusanR:** I am Sue Roseman, K to 8 Occasional Teacher

**DavidAS** joined the room.

**JulieF:** I'm Julie Fessenden and I teach 4th grade eMINTS in Missouri

**JenniferLe** joined the room.

**SusanR:** Let's see if we can integrate the holiday season across the curriculum...

**JoyKM** joined the room.

**SusanR:** integrate and cover the standards and expectations of your curriculum

**KarenL** joined the room.

**BJ:** Sue, perhaps we can have David, Jennifer and Joy introduce themselves?

**SusanR:** We look at a number of sites...

**BJ** . o O ( and Karen..hi! )

**SusanR:** see if they are applicable to our curriculum..

**JenniferLe:** Hi I am Jen I am currently in my teacher credential at SDSU

**KarenL:** Hello, I'm back, I think. My name is Karen Lemmons. I am a library media specialist in a Detroit elementary public school.

**SusanR:** Hi Karen and welcome Jennifer and Joy

**JoyKM:** My name is Joy and I am currently student teaching in Scripps Ranch, Cali

**DavidAS:** I used to work at Rosa Parks elementary as a teacher's aide, but now I'm subbing for Hoover High

**KarenL:** Hi Susan! Welcome everyone!

**SusanR:** Tonight we will try to integrate Christmas across the curriculum

**JoyKM:** Susan could you tell us about you

**SusanR:** I am a K to 8 Occasional teacher and former tech coordinator

**JoyKM:** What is Christmas across the curriculum about

**SusanR:** I have taught grade 1 and 2 for longer than I care to say.

**MariaJGst3** joined the room.

**SusanR:** Let's take a look at integrating social studies and Christmas

<http://www.history.org/history/teaching/colxmas.cfm>

**BJ:** click on that url to open a new window

**LauraHS:** By the way, do you teach at a Christian school?

**DavidAS:** It's great to have a comfortable space for teachers to gather. Can anyone give me some ideas on making a multi-cultural Christmas oriented lesson? Something with posadas or Tres REYES Magos?

**SusanR:** I teach at a public school. We try to cover Kwanza, Channukah

**DavidAS:** That's great

**MarlaM:** this is good for making history come alive for the students seeing ordinary lives of the people of the time period

**SusanR:** So if you are covering early settlers you may want to use this particular lesson plan

**JenniferLe:** I like this website because it brings the social studies aspect into the Christmas

**SusanR:** I am going to try to cover all suBJect areas tonight.

**DavidAS:** YES, Jennifer there are students from so many backgrounds

**SusanR:** Christmas Around the World would come under the social studies umbrella

**SusanR:** <http://www.teachers.ash.org.au/denise/HowChristmasIsCelebrated.htm>

**SusanR:** It includes a planning sheet.

**MarlaM:** this looks good to cover in geography even with older students

**SusanR:** geography, social study and language arts

**SusanR:** To accompany Christmas Around the World students could learn some international festival games.

**SusanR:** <http://schools.eastnet.ecu.edu/pitt/ayden/PE-LP96.HTML>

**DavidAS:** Particularly the Mexico link offers some fascinating information on a Posada and Piñatas and the 3 kings(celebrated on the 6th of January)

**JenniferLe:** I really like the link to Germany about the Christmas Tree

**SusanR:** Older students can work in groups and do a simple presentation.

**LauraHS:** By the way, for the early American history, you might want to look at this link for inclusion of Jewish cultural mores and events -- sorry, I don't know how to post URLs here

**KarenL:** These are some very interesting sites and add another dimension or level to Christmas. I like this concept.

**SusanR:** Copy the Url and paste it into the chat window here, Laura

**DavidAS:** The Chinese pick-up race could prove challenging, but where will you get all the chopsticks

**MarlaM:** I wouldn't have thought about using this type of info in a lesson plan but I think it is definitely an interesting way to learn about other cultures

**JoyKM:** Yesterday we took a trip to Germany with our kindergarten class and we, the teachers told the students if they left their shoes outside perhaps St Nicholas will bring them goodies. The kids' reaction was soooo cute.

**LauraHS:** yeah - didn't work. also, my actions tab is frozen. I'll try re-booting my computer

**JoyKM:** This is a great website

**SusanR:** David, try the local Chinese restaurants

**SusanR:** Let's integrate Xmas and science now

**SusanR:** The Night Before Space Christmas...

**JenniferLe:** This website has a lot of great activities for all children

**SusanR:** Are we ready for science

<http://www.thursdaysclassroom.com/18dec01/teachnight.html>

**JenniferLe:** I think I might use this one for my third graders.

**SusanR:** o O ( Remind me to give you an online site with all the links mentioned tonight. )

**MariaJGst3:** Pretty clever!

**SusanR:** I was in a Spec Ed class and I was going to use it with them.

**KarenL:** This is awesome! I must share this with the Science teachers.

**JenniferLe:** Good, I was trying to write down them all and I could not keep up with all the URL

**SusanR:** You will receive a transcript, Jennifer. And the URls will always be in the K to 3 Resource Room

**SusanR:** How about a Star Trek Christmas <http://www.netcore.ca/~gkillops/twas2.html>

**DavidAS:** Twas the night before Christmas appears very modern and funny. Imagine Santa in a space suit like captain Spock!

**MarlaM:** very cool !!

**SusanR:** Hi Mary. We are looking at A Star Trek xmas..a takeoff

<http://www.netcore.ca/~gkillops/twas2.html>

**SusanR:** Let groups of students present this to various classes

**KarenL:** This is cute!

**MariacaGst4:** hola

**SusanR:** and of course the traditional Twas the Night

[http://www.readwritethink.org/calendar/calendar\\_day.asp?id=368](http://www.readwritethink.org/calendar/calendar_day.asp?id=368)

**LauraHS:** OK -- I will try one more time to post the URL on Judaica in the early American colonies:

[http://www.aish.com/literacy/jewishhistory/Crash\\_Course\\_in\\_Jewish\\_History\\_Part\\_55\\_-\\_Jews\\_and\\_the\\_Founding\\_of\\_America.asp](http://www.aish.com/literacy/jewishhistory/Crash_Course_in_Jewish_History_Part_55_-_Jews_and_the_Founding_of_America.asp)

**SusanR:** got it Laura

**MariacaGst4:** do you know who was Georgia O'Keeffe

**DavidAS:** So many possibilities to bring out the Holiday Season

**SusanR** bookmarks the site.

**SusanR:** I must delve into this site.

**JenniferLe:** Georgia O'Keefe was a famous painter (I think!)

**BJ** nods...a lot of wonderful flowers

**LauraHS:** yes - does this help? and why do you ask?

**LauraHS:** <http://ellensplace.net/okeeffe1.html>

**LauraHS:** sorry guys - this computer needs to be re-booted. Hope to see you soon.

**LauraHS** left the room (signed off).

**SusanR:** Yes, I am a fan of Georgia O'keefe..attended The Georgia O'Keefe Museum in Santa Fe

**SusanR:** Have you used Internet Scavenger Hunts?

**MarlaM:** no but have heard of them is there a site for suggestions

**SusanR:** I used this Internet Scavenger Hunt with students

**SusanR:** <http://homepage.mac.com/cohora/ext/dechol.html>

**SusanR:** Hi Karen. We are looking at a Dec Scavenger Hunt

**MarlaM:** I like that my 5th grader would have fun looking that info up

**SusanR:** <http://homepage.mac.com/cohora/ext/dechol.html>

**LauraHS** joined the room.

**SusanR:** Set this up as center next to you classroom computer.

**MarlaM:** wow this site links you to a list of web hunts for various su**B**Jects that is awesome

**SusanR:** Use chart paper..let the students find the answers ..have them work in pairs and record the answers on chart paper

**MariaJGst3:** Great use of a scavenger hunt. I'm going to suggest this to the teachers in my building.

**LauraHS:** I like the multicultural makeup of the December scavenger hunts page

**SusanR:** I recommend all of Cindy's Internet Hunts

**SusanR:** Let's cover the Language Arts area

**SusanR:** You may want to try a reader's theater presentation... with groups of students

**SusanR:** <http://members.aol.com/rcswallow/NoSanta.html>

**SusanR:** or for 8 to 13 year olds <http://www.aaronsherp.com/rt/RTE09.html>

**SusanR:** Before the hour winds up...let me give you the online site with some of the URLS discussed <http://www.tinyurl.com/yiji>

**SusanR:** any questions or comments...

**KarenL:** Good job! Love these sites!

**MarlaM:** wow great stuff thanks so much

**SusanR:** [http://www.ocdsb.edu.on.ca/Student\\_Res/specev/hanukk.htm](http://www.ocdsb.edu.on.ca/Student_Res/specev/hanukk.htm) contains Hanukkah links

**SusanR:** and Kwanzaa... [http://www.ocdsb.edu.on.ca/Student\\_Res/specev/kwan.htm](http://www.ocdsb.edu.on.ca/Student_Res/specev/kwan.htm)

**KarenL:** Thanks, Susan.

**SusanR:** Please drop into the K to 3 Resource Room for additional xmas files

**BJ:** Join the K-3 group to get reminders of upcoming discussions

**KarenL:** Where is the resource room?

**SusanR:** Jen Rosenberry sent me a set of lesson plans on Christmas during the Civil War.

**BJ:** how cool!

**MarlaM:** good sites - do you ever run into any probs with using Christmas in lesson plans or is it just a thing of equal time to various celebrations and you are ok

**SusanR:** I am going there now. Feel free to drop in.

**KarenL:** okay, I'll follow you.

**SusanR:** We usually do celebrations around the world, Marla

**SusanR:** Thank you all!

**MarlaM:** thanks for the great info

**SusanR:** I know it is a hectic time of year,

**SusanR** dashes off to the K to 3 resource Room

[Ed. Note: to get to the K to 3 Resource Room, log in to Tapped In (you must be a member of Tapped In to join a group), click on the SEARCH/Groups tab, enter The K to 3 Resource Room, and then click on the "Find It" button. This will allow you to join the group and then enter the Resource Room.]

**SusanR:** I am going to place the Jen Rosenberry Xmas during the Civil War lesson plan in my office and in the K to 3 Resource Room