

Title of Session: K-3+ Resources- Balanced Literacy/Infusing Technology

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SusanR: This is the last of 5 sessions on Balanced Literacy.

SusanR: while we are waiting..here's an interesting article I picked up from the wires...

SusanR: Kindergartens and computer use

...<http://kvoa.com/global/story.asp?s=1885852&ClientType=Printable>

SusanR: Are we ready to start with brief intros, BJ

SusanR: Class is now in session

SusanR: Can we start with brief introductions..so we can gear our discussion to the needs of the class

ShirleyHe: I'm a reading specialist in South Texas taking Technology classes online

JulieAu: Hi, I'm Julie. I teach fifth grade in a rural Georgia School System.

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

AmyYB: I'm Amy. I teach third grade in a rural Georgia School System.

ChristyB: I'm a 5th grade language arts teacher in Georgia working on my master's in early childhood.

SusanR: I am K to 8 Occasional teacher from Canada and former tech integrator

CarolBie: I am Carol Bielke and teach 6th grade English in San Antonio

CarolBie: Texas

KarenWo: I teach in a combined 3/4 classroom in Iowa. I'm taking classes in Educational Technology.

CynthiaHL: I'm going to be a Kindergarten teacher this fall in Georgia and I'm working on my master's in early childhood.

LydiaO: I'm Lydia Taking Masters courses in education plan to teach High school Math

VickieR: Hi. This is new to me...so hang with me. I teach Reading Recovery in a rural school in Ga.

KarenWo: This is new to me too!

SusanR: an interesting and varied crowd

BJ: looks like we have a lot of newbies with us today, Sue

LydiaO: sit down and enjoy it

SusanR: I will show you the way to the K to 3 Resource Room during the latter part of the session, Ashley

BJ: a reminder that you might want to go to the ACTIONS menu and highlight DETACH

AshleyH: I'm Ashley Brooke Hardy and I teach in Georgia

SusanR: Ready to begin! This is the last of 5or so sessions on Balanced Literacy and the 4 Blocks model

LydiaO: I have missed a lot then

LydiaO: can you briefly take us through the previous lessons

SusanR: The other sessions are archived and the listings can be found in the K to 3 Resource Room

LydiaO: I will check later then

SusanR: We did each of the 4 Blocks and one on Tech Infusion

BJ . o O (they are also archived at www.tappedin.org/transcripts)

LydiaO: ok

SusanR: Jeff will guide us up to the K to 3 Resource Room later

SusanR: I have an online bookmark of 15 Great Resources on the topic..I will give you the link later

SusanR: let's take a look at the first site

LydiaO: ok

SusanR: A teacher's time is his or his/her most precious commodity. Download these teacher timesavers and modify for your use.

BJ: when Sue shows you a link, click on the hyperlink to open a new window

BJ . o O (and remember that all urls will be in your transcript)

SusanR left the room (signed off).

BJ: whoops

JeffC: uh oh... Sue's been zapped!

BJ: Sue will be right back

JeffC dances the riverdance to keep the crowd entertained in the meanwhile.

BJ: while we wait, you might want to read the 10 steps to having a successful chat that is on the screen above (or behind) this chat window

SusanR joined the room.

BJ: she's back!

SusanR: a technical difficulty

BJ: Jeff was dancing, Sue

BJ . o O (quite a floor show)

SusanR: first site teacher timesaver http://www.education-world.com/tools_templates/index.shtml

SusanR: as I was saying..A teacher's time is his or his/her most precious commodity. Download these teacher timesavers and modify for your use.

BJ checks to see if everyone got that url?

CarolBie: yes

KarenWo: Yes, it looks like a great site. I can use some timesavers next year when I'm also taking classes!

LydiaO: yes I got it

CynthiaHL: Got it! I am looking at the apple and worm activity to assess students' abilities to follow directions. Looks good.

CarolBie: great templates esp the goal setting

SusanR: just peruse the site..see what's applicable to your learning environment

AshleyH: It has some great ideas and things to help us as we prepare for this fall.

ChristyB: I think some of these could be modified for upper grades as well

CynthiaHL: Brooke, do you see the shape book?! That could be useful for a shape unit!

SusanR: Some teachers like to do the bulk of their planning during the summer months.

AshleyH: Yes. Also the Family Information form looks a lot like what we use.

CarolBie: They can be modified but in 6th they are still elem kids. I can use a lot of the stuff

SusanR: They feel more secure going into class in the fall.

ChristyB: I agree

JulieAu: When I click onto the link I get kicked off. Any suggestions BJ?

CynthiaHL: Christy, check out the graphic organizers - those are high leveraged strategies!

ChristyB: Yes, I wish I would have had those sooner

ChristyB: We use a lot of graphic organizers with our new reading series

NatashaC: I am really late. The internet was down because of the weather

CarolBie: I like the book report activities

ShirleyHe: Christy what series do you use?

ChristyB: McGraw McMillan

ChristyB: I teach 5th grade, so I also use a lot of novels.

AmyYB: The site had a lot of helpful templates. I agree about planning in the summer.

AshleyH: Cindy, I like the apple/worm activity as a first day of school activity to show the importance of following directions and to assess their fine motor skills.

JulieAu: Christy I use a lot of trade books also to enhance the reading text.

CynthiaHL: Yes - good thought.

ChristyB: What grade do you teach Julie

AshleyH: It would also take up a lot of time and keep them busy that first day rather than worrying about the whole transition to school

CarolBie: I like that one too even at 11 they still can not follow directions

JulieAu: 5th

KarenWo: My third and fourth graders have a hard time following directions too.

ChristyB: What novels do you use

SusanR: You may be interested in Laura Candler's literary lessons

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

CynthiaHL: You are so right. It also gets them accustomed to following the directions and instructions we give.

JulieAu: Usually something to enhance the curriculum Shades of Gray, Number the Stars, Hatchet, Chocolate Touch,

BJ: A reminder that Susan Roseman is the leader of this discussion and has some really great resources to share

NatashaC: so what are we discussing?

VickieR: Natasha, Amy, and Julie some of these things on the site may help us with our topic on communication with parents...etc. some things to share? What do you think?

SusanR: Take a look at literary lessons <http://home.att.net/~teaching/litlessons.htm>

KarenWo: This is my first time here and these sites are awesome!

BJ: MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE?

SusanR: You may find some useful resources

BJ: please listen to Sue and take a look at what she's sharing...

BJ: then at the end she will answer questions

BJ: and you can discuss other ideas.

BJ: Sorry, Sue

NatashaC: do you have any suggestions for direct instruction reading?

SusanR: Please note the graphic organizers

ChristyB: Susan, the 1st website is awesome. There are some great literature circle information

NatashaC: Hey Julie

JulieAu: Susan, the Literature Circle information looks great. I am moving toward using these more in my classroom. Thanks

AmyYB: I also loved the Literature Circles. That is a main component of Literacy Collaborative.

NatashaC: Susan the buddy reading looks like it would be fun to try

LydiaO: it's like everyone here teaches literature

CynthiaHL: Acrobat sometimes locks up my computer, so I'm going to have to look at these later;

NatashaC: I love to teach reading

CarolBie: I love the book buddies

KarenWo: I like that idea too

SusanR: Yes Natasha..moving on..let's take a look at a reading strategies listserve

LydiaO: can I benefit from this for my math class

KristaS: ok

SusanR: The Mosaic listserve includes TEACHING TOOLS, an ONLINE BOOK and DATA BASE and an ARCHIVED LIST of valuable discussions

SusanR: <http://www.u46teachers.org/mosaic/archive/archive.htm>

AshleyH: The reading rocket sheet is cute and could be modified for any grade

SusanR: This is the main page ..can I redirect you .. <http://www.u46teachers.org/mosaic/>

SusanR: Click on TEACHING TOOLS..it is highlighted in RED

LydiaO: yes

SusanR: This site is based on the books "Mosaic of Thought" and "Strategies That Work"

AshleyH: The reading comprehension rubric is very descriptive and shows exactly where a child may be

SusanR: ..strategies for teaching reading comprehension..

KarenWo: I like the self-selected reading rubric.

ChristyB: The Reader's Response Journal is a great tool to get students and aids in reading comprehension

NatashaC: The book review sheet looks like it would be very handy

JulieAu: This has more on literature circles that really looks good. Great resource. I can't wait to study it closer later.

AshleyH: Christy, the reading conference rubric looks good for older grades

ChristyB: I saw that and I agree

SusanR: note the database of novels and teaching strategies

<http://www.u46teachers.org/mosaic/database/importance/index.cfm>

ChristyB: Brooke, do you use Chris Van Allsburg books in your classroom

AmyYB: Some of these fall into LC categories at our school.

KarenWo: I'm looking forward to looking at these sites later in more depth too

AshleyH: yes

AshleyH: Where did you see info on them?

ChristyB: It is under lesson plans

CarolBie: I am having a hard time seeing them. I think that my service is acting up

ShirleyHe: This last link won't load onto my computer.

CarolBie: I can get it to load but the links say page not available

NatashaC: I can't pull anything up from this webpage

JulieAu: Nor can I

AmyYB: Nothing for me either.

SusanR: There has been a problem with the Mosaic server..do come back to it later..

ChristyB: try opening a new browser and typing in the address

LydiaO: broken link

SusanR: I had problems accessing it early this afternoon.

KristaS: it takes a awhile but I'm looking at activating prior knowledge

BJ . o O (worked for me in Netscape)

JeffC . o O (ditto)

AshleyH: I cannot get the ideas from others about the books to come up.

SusanR: Let's move on to some interactive student centered sites

CynthiaHL: It prompts me for a username and password, but if I click "cancel", it brings each page right up.

KarenWo: Sounds good, Susan

CarolBie: great

KristaS: ok Susan

SusanR: You may wish to subscribe to the listserv; however you will be bombarded with email..you can unsubscribe at any time

LydiaO: student centered

SusanR: how about ways to integrate kidpix into your literacy curriculum..

SusanR: <http://www.district41.org/Hooper/FETC.htm>

AshleyH: sounds good

LydiaO: and use their names in questions

KarenWo: Hey, kidpix is actually a program I know something about. Thanks!!

LydiaO: that flattered them

AshleyH: I love the addition story idea for kindergarten. How cute!

CarolBie: Is kid pix an artist program?

CynthiaHL: Oh the IT at my school will love this! There's lots of kindergarten stuff, too.

KarenWo: I LOVE this site!!

AshleyH: You could also make an ABC book with just pictures beginning with each letter in kindergarten

NatashaC: I liked the important book and the spelling activity

AmyYB: This would be wonderful if we had kidpix at our school. It has a ton of resources.

SusanR: I always fall back on Kidpix and Appleworks when I am in the lab, Karen and Natasha.

NatashaC: It was really geared for young children

KristaS: neat site

KarenWo: So do I.

NatashaC: how do you get kidpix if the school your at doesn't have it?

CarolBie: What is Kidpix?

AshleyH: This has awesome ideas!

CynthiaHL: At our school, Kidpix locks up quite a bit; I have tried MSPaint with third graders.

VickieR: The map example on kidpix was neat. I really liked it. But we don't have Kidpix either. sorry

AshleyH: If you do not have kidspix, you could adapt it to another program like paint

JulieAu: Talk to your technology people. They are always interested in hearing what we want at our school.

CynthiaHL: If you don't have Kidpix, you could try Microsoft Paint; it just doesn't have the cool clip art unless you import it from another clip art program.

NatashaC: great ideas Julie. They asked us last year for ideas but I had none to give. Now I do.

AshleyH: Cindy, look at the word wall book.

SusanR: Check out the most recent version of Kidpix.

ChristyB: We do the important book with our fifth graders and we adapt it to fit in with Social Studies

AshleyH: Great for the last few months of school as the kiddos can write and spell more.

JulieAu: Christy, I'd love to hear more about the big book.

ShirleyHe: I've always used the Spilt Milk Book with real paint.

KarenWo: For me, it would be a great way to start the year.

LydiaO: That is a very good idea

SusanR: This next site includes factsheets; worksheets, quizzes and games to improve literacy ..can help foster a home-school connection as well

LydiaO: my 5th grader enjoyed it so much

SusanR: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/words/grammar/>

ChristyB: Julie, I'm sure you have read the important book. It is a book about colors and it starts off something like the most important thing about snow is that it is cold, and it goes on to describe white. Then, the last thing on the page is but the most important thing about snow is that it is cold.

SusanR: And some samples of student work in both Appleworks and Kidpix

<http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/littlekids/studentwork/>

KarenWo: This site is awesome too. I like the grammar quizzes. Would be a fun addition to grammar instruction.

NatashaC: I like websites that have printable pages I can use in the classroom

CynthiaHL: Wow, somehow I was kicked off - but Brooke, that Word Wall book is sooo cute -- it would make a great class book, an end-of-the-year ABC book.

CarolBie: I like how the progression of the study of grammar-- fact sheets quizzes and games. A great resource to use

LydiaO: me too

ChristyB: Julie, we adapt this to fit our SS curriculum. So, we might take World War II. Most kids would probably say the most important thing about WWII is the bombing of Pearl Harbor and then the students would write more things that happened during WWII.

KristaS: wow!!! I can use this site often!!!

JulieAu: Great idea! Thanks

VickieR: I played the comma game and loved it. I think I will use this with my EIP students. great resource.

SusanR: The BBC maintains this site as a collection of curricular resources for UK teachers. While specific to Britain, there are many useful links here to teachers from all nations.

KristaS: I did too

AmyYB: The apostrophes activity is great.

CarolBie: Great site to help with the teaching of grammar

CarolBie: I agree

JulieAu: Great games and activities for language. Thanks Susan

ChristyB: Yes, what a great activities for Language Arts.

BJ: it's almost time to end the discussion. Anything you want to ask?

NatashaC: Sorry I was late. I enjoyed what read tonight.

AmyYB: I've added quite a few pages to my favorites page.

ChristyB: I've got some great resources now

KarenWo: This has been VERY beneficial!!

BJ: Sue will present at the Festival on July 21

CarolBie: What session

KristaS: I really enjoyed the chat....thanks

CynthiaHL: I've learned of some great sites and am going to share them with our IT.
Thanks!

VickieR: I will make sure I share these with others. Thanks!

BJ: I hope to see you all there to enjoy all the sessions at the festival

ShirleyHe: Bj - how does the festival work?

AshleyH: Thanks for the awesome internet resources. It was very helpful!

ChristyB: I can't wait to use some of these ideas.

CarolBie: I really like the site and it is going to be beneficial for me in trying to teach grammar

BJ: The festival is a 12 hour event with hour long discussions on a lot of different topics

AshleyH: Susan, these are great sites. Thanks so much!

CarolBie: where can I learn more about kidpix?

NatashaC: How do I get to the websites and resource pages after this session ends?

LydiaO: I have learnt more of what the student I will teach know so I can build on that

KarenWo: I agree . Thanks a lot!

SusanR: Let me give you the online track or listing of sites before I lose you again

BJ: if you participate in three festival events and fill out the sign in form, you get a certificate of participation

CarolBie: what session will Susan be presenting?

SusanR: <http://snipurl.com/techinfusion>

ChristyB: Thanks for the information BJ and Susan

LydiaO: thank you

KristaS: thanks Susan

KarenWo: We will be sent a transcript of this chat, correct?

SusanR: I will be presenting Online Learning and Collaboration for K to 3 Students

JeffC nods to Karen

KarenWo: Great!!

NatashaC: how do I access the sites again?

JulieAu: Susan, is this a different discussion or the same as tonight?

JeffC: Just bookmark the <http://snipurl.com/techinfusion> link Natasha... all the links are there.

LydiaO: I enjoy Sue's discussion

BJ: The Festival webpage is at <http://ti2.sri.com/tappedin/web/festival/>

VickieR: Those of you who booked marked these sites were wise. Hopefully we'll meet again.

JeffC: I'm going to go to the K-3 Resource room now... people are free to join me when this session is over... you will be prompted to join the group (please do so).

NatashaC: will the sites be in our transcript?

CarolBie: yes

KarenWo: That was a smart thing to do. I'll have to remember that!

AshleyH: Thanks everyone!

SusanR: All links discussed can be found here <http://snipurl.com/techinfusion>