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SusanR: Perhaps we should start with brief intros

BJ: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania

MerynaO: I am a substitute teacher in San Diego county.

SusanR: K to 8 Occasional Teacher from Ontario Canada

KarenL: Hi, Karen Lemmons, elementary library media specialist in Detroit, Michigan

SusanR: Occasional Teacher=Substitute Teacher

CriseldaG: I'm a teacher educator at the University of Texas Pan American in Edinburg, Texas

TinaN: Hi everyone! I am working on my secondary science certification @ University of Houston, Texas!

HelenK: I work in a k-12 distributed electronic learning environment in Quesnel, BC Canada and also teach others how to teach online

SusanR: wow! a varied crowd

DavidWe joined the room.

MerynaO: I am studying to take the cset this Sep.

SusanR: Looks to David for a brief intro

DavidWe: I'm David Weksler. I work with teachers, helping them integrate technology into their teaching and learning - especially math teachers

DavidWe thanks Susan for the opportunity

SusanR: Do visit the K to 3 Resource room..it's updated almost daily

SusanR: with a lot of suggestions from BJ as well

SusanR: tonight's session is Back to School 2004 FREE Online Tools and Templates

KarenL applauds for BJ.

SusanR: Bj just suggested <http://www.pawsforreading.org/>

SusanR: A neat idea based on Reading Buddies; notably for reluctant readers. It is called Paws for Reading!

BJ: if you have any service animal groups in your area, you might want to contact them about starting up this program

SusanR: For additional info read <http://www.detnews.com/2004/schools/0408/09/c05-236069.htm>

JeffC joined the room.

SusanR: Hi Jeff

KarenL: now that is interesting!

SusanR: One more reminder First lady Laura Bush, former librarian and teacher, is playing host to the 4th annual National Book Festival on October 9th.

SusanR: Carry this spirit into your school with some Fun Ideas, Posters and related web resources.

SusanR: <http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/>

KarenL: I'll have to get that article.

KarenL: I heard about the bookfest. It is loaded with some great authors from children to adults.

KathrynM: HI everyone--sorry I'm late--had a little trouble finding my way in!

SusanR: Welcome Kathryn

DavidWe waves to Kathryn

LauraLit: I was lost in Hubbardscupboard

KathrynM: so what's the hot topic tonite?

SusanR: We are looking at <http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/>

KathrynM: I'm a technology teacher and have K-3 students once a week

SusanR: Back to tonight's topic..FREE online Tools and Templates to get you into the Back to School Mood

KathrynM: That sounds good

SusanR: I will provide an online listing or track of most sites mentioned this evening

SusanR: First on our list is Trackstar

SusanR: "TrackStar is your starting point for online lessons and activities. Simply collect Web sites, enter them into TrackStar, add annotations for your students, and you have an interactive, online lesson called a Track. "

SusanR: <http://trackstar.4teachers.org/trackstar/index.jsp>

SusanR: Great for presentations..I am copying and pasting from it

KathrynM: Is this for upper grade levels too?

SusanR: Take a look at This Months Tracks to get a feel for the site

SusanR: All levels

JeffC: Let me chime in with one of my Trackstar tracks, while simultaneously introducing another site... snipurl.com (which allows you to make shortened URLs and rename them, again, very important): <http://snurl.com/fifteensites>

SusanR: Great minds think alike

SusanR: I shortened the URL as well <http://snipurl.com/September>

SusanR: That is the Text View

JeffC: If you use Trackstar to create framed pages that allow students to all remain at the one site while surfing, and snipurl to shorten the Trackstar address (which can be very lengthy, impossible to type), you actually get to the point where little kids, and even administrators, can use the internet

KarenL: The trackstar is free?

JeffC: Trackstar is free and ad free

JeffC: So is snipurl

SusanR: Teach those youngsters about snipurl..very handy for redirecting students

KarenL: Cool!

SusanR: Anyone find a useful track to use with students..after looking at THIS MONTHS TRACKS

KathrynM: looks interesting--I'm checking out the Appalachian Trail

LauraLit: I'm refining my search to Math

DavidWe listens

SusanR: why reinvent the wheel

SusanR: I did a search for online tools before preparing this session

LauraLit: Is it better to view things in frames or in text?

SusanR: What is comfortable for you?

SusanR: <http://snipurl.com/September2>

LauraLit: I like frames

MerynaO: what are the objectives with the tracks

KarenL: Does snipurl come in English? I got the website in French.

SusanR: Only limited by your imagination, Meryna.

JeffC: There are many other sites at <http://www.hprtec.org> & <http://www.4teachers.org/> (the parent site to Trackstar): Rubistar (for creating rubrics; Quizstar (online quizzes) Casa Notes (send home notes in English or Spanish) Assign-a-Day (online calendar), Project Based Learning, the list goes on. I strongly recommend Frames (unless you have very small monitors), for keeping kids on the same "base" page.

SusanR: It can be used for demo lessons or resource lists

JeffC: <http://snipurl.com/> is in English... do you have a French computer?

SusanR: Here is the English <http://snipurl.com/,Karen>

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

SusannahW joined the room.

BJ: Hi, Susannah. Welcome

SusannahW: Good evening.

SusanR: Do take a look at all TOP TRACKS to get an idea how they are used

KarenL: No, Jeff I don't have a French computer.

SusanR:

[http://trackstar.4teachers.org/trackstar/ts/listTrackGroupMembersPage.do?filter\(groupCode\)=TOPTRACK&pageSize=20](http://trackstar.4teachers.org/trackstar/ts/listTrackGroupMembersPage.do?filter(groupCode)=TOPTRACK&pageSize=20)

SusannahW: Sorry I'm late.

BJ: I believe the group is looking at the tracks at <http://snipurl.com/September> ,
Susannah

JeffC . o O (Sorry Karen... bad joke ;-)

LauraLit: **JeffC** Thanks for the casanotes. I can use that too!

BJ . o O (they are at snipurl)

KarenL laughs, it's okay Jeff. I'm a little slow on the jokes today.

SusanR: Snipurl seems to think I am French

KarenL: This is great stuff. Now, I wish I had more time. . .

SusanR: Oui, je parle français

SusanR: On to Filamentality

KarenL: Oooh, I LOVE Filamentality!

SusanR: along the same lines as Trackstar

SusannahW: Thanks. Hablo espanol!

SusanR: FREE

SusanR: Filamentality is a great place to get started with simple project based learning projects. Maybe you've got a presentation to do and want to be able to use the web for the presentation so that others can use it too.

KarenL: Yes it is. it is great!

SusanR: Perhaps your teachers/students are coming with a special topic and need resources readily at hand. What to do? Try Filamentality,

SusanR: Filamentality is a fill-in-the-blank interactive web site that guides you through picking a topic, searching the web, gathering sites, and turning web resources into one of

several kinds of web pages. Review the Filamentality Registry to see sample web pages which will serve as models or inspiration for your activity.

SusanR: <http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/fil/>

SusanR: Perhaps spend a few minutes to search for a topic of interest

GailH joined the room.

SusanR: Both Fila.. and Trackstar have no popups or distractions or ads!

JeffC: just checked about the French invasion of snipurl... there should be a number of links at the top of the page... so you can change the language to Spanish, English, Chinese... whatever.

SusanR: You are up and running with these within five minutes after you register

SandraHe joined the room.

SusanR: I have used the online calendar with ease

BJ: Hi, Sandra. Welcome

HelenK: thanks Jeff that could also come in very handy when working with diverse groups

SusannahW: That is awesome! Hi Sandra.

BJ: Sandra, we're looking at the tracks at <http://snipurl.com/September>

SusanR: Click on Filamentality, Sandra and Gail

SandraHe: thanks, sorry so late I was at open house with my son he will be in kinder this year

SusanR: Then you will appreciate this site Sandra

<http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/fil/pages/listkindersu.html>

SandraHe: I am a preservice teacher from University of Houston and I will be doing my student teaching this fall, first seven weeks in kinder and the next in second grade

JeffC: ooh... you get to skip first grade, Sandra!

SusanR: Sandra, you may find the K to 3 Resource Room useful

SandraHe: haha, I only had two choices

KathrynM: there certainly is a wealth of activities here

KathrynM: do kids have trouble getting excited about the Filamentality webquests because of the lack of graphics?

SandraHe: this site (for kinder) will come in handy as I start looking for lessons and activities to do with the class.

SusanR agreed Kathryn, the lack of graphics does not make it as appealing as webquests

GailH: How do I join the K to 3 resource room?

KarenL: Good question, Kathryn. When I used it, students had more fun looking at the websites.

SusanR: It is great for teachers who lack the time or inclination to create webquests and want students to focus in on 5 or 6 sites

MerynaO: I was thinking the same thing, Kathryn. I might get bored if I were a youngster.

KarenL: It also depends on the topic, too. If you pick a graphics type of assignment, it might interest the students.

KarenL: Sports or dinosaurs work well, too.

DavidWe: You've joined it Gail

JeffC . o O (*everyone here* should register for the K-3 Resources group: 1) Click the "Search" tab 2) Click the "Groups" subtab 3) type: resource room ...click find it 4) Click the link to the group 5) join the group)

KarenL: I think I joined the group. I'll have to check.

SusanR gives participants time to join

JeffC: Karen... yes... you're a member

SusanR: Perhaps we can head up there now Bj

SusanR: Would you assist, Bj and Jeff

DavidWe will help from here

JeffC left the room.

SusanR left the room.

KarenL: thanks!

HelenK left the room.

GailH left the room.

LauraLit: We can use tracks like you are for our own class, with links on the side for our students to try. I'm a little slow on the up take today --- to much summer vacation.

KathrynM: Did I miss something? Are we going to another site?

DavidWe: People are going to the K-3 Resources Group room

KathrynM: ok

TinaN: How are we to do that?

KathrynM left the room.

LauraLit left the room.

KarenL left the room.

CriseldaG left the room.

SandraHe: are we all leaving?

DavidWe: Click the Online tab, click once on Susan R and then click on the door icon at the bottom of the window

SusannahW: Go to the online tab, hilight Susan R and click on the door icon.

DavidWe agrees with Susannah

DavidWe: Is that clear, folks?

DavidWe looks at Susannah

SandraHe: yes

SandraHe left the room.

SusannahW: I think so.

DavidWe hopes that Meryna and Tina are doing okay

DavidWe smiles

BJ left the room.

Room: K-3Centre Group Room

BJ joined the room.

SusanR: let's collaborate for the next few minutes ..anyone have a favorite back to school site to share

TinaN joined the room.

LauraLit: I was ready with Harry Wong's but you already have it!

KarenL: I don't know. . .you seem to have covered them all.

SusanR: I will add it to site of the day or append it to the track

<http://snipurl.com/September>

CriseldaG joined the room.

SusannahW joined the room.

KathrynM: where is Harry Wong's?

KarenL: Grant information? That might be hard because it is more k-12.

SusanR: #14 on the list, Kathryn

SusanR: <http://teachers.net/wong/>

KathrynM: thanks

SusanR: Any strategies you recommend here!

MerynaO joined the room.

DavidWe joined the room.

MerynaO: Ok I've made it.

SusanR: Hi Meryna we are looking at Harry Wong's columns

KarenL: I was thinking about the "we the people" grant (or award). The books may be geared toward the upper grades.

SusanR: <http://teachers.net/wong/>

SusanR: Do you have the URL, Karen?

LauraLit: How to start a class effectively is good

SusannahW: I'm looking at the "helping students with their assignments" article. He is right. We should encourage students to be organized. For that matter, each other as well.

SusanR: Organization is the "key" for a great start to the school year, Susannah.

MerynaO: This is a great site!

CriseldaG: Many good articles!

TinaN: I agree

SusannahW: Me too.

SusanR: Perhaps we can bring in the Wongs as guest speakers here at TI!

MerynaO: I just added it to my favorites

SusannahW: That would be fabulous.

SusanR: You will receive a transcript when you logout!

KarenL: Susan, oh dear. . .let me look.

CriseldaG: Thanks for the all the information

KarenL: I just had the bookmark, too!

SusanR: See you next month! I welcome any suggestions for themes and topics for the new school year

TinaN: Thanks for the info Susan

KathrynM: thanks

SusannahW: Thank you.

TinaN left the room.

SusanR: Sorry see you at the end of the month

LauraLit: The time flies when you're having fun. Thank you Susan

SandraHe: thank you for the resources

SusanR: comments..questions before we wrap up

SusanR: I will remain here for the next little while

BJ: Thanks, Sue. You had a nice group

KathrynM: Thanks for all the great sites. I definitely will be doing more of these chats

MerynaO: Thank-you for all the info