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SusanR: Here's a good read..

SusanR: The tangled Internet: Is it time for a new one?

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2004/1202/p13s02-stin.html>

KarenL: Oh, speaking of that! Did you read that the University of Michigan will allow Google to digitize its entire collection?

SusanR: massive project. Karen

KarenL: Yes it is. . .but I'm surprised that U of M chose Google as their search source.

SusanR: why is that, Karen

SusanR: speaking of Google ..have you heard of gurunet

GailH: No....?

SusanR: <http://www.gurunet.com/>

KarenL: Well, IMHO, U of M is so elitist that I would think Google may be viewed as "common"

GailH: I put in tomato

SusanR: I entered metacognition

GailH: I guess that shows our relative intellectuality!

SusanR: . o O (Complete reference tool for your desktop.)

SusanR tries tomato

GailH: I put in "no child left behind"

BJB2: . o O (try community of practice)

GailH: And Pierce Brosnan

KarenL: No, I have not heard of gurunet.. This is cool!

GailH: I didn't know community of practice was a real term -- I thought it was just something BJ used in talking (sorry BJ!)

KarenL: I wanted to comment on the use of purple to correct papers. I do not use red ink to correct my papers. I do think it is intimidating. I use black. . .not sure about purple.

SusanR: what about pink

KarenL: And, I was just talking with someone about the future of the internet. I believe people will have to pay for certain kinds of information.

KarenL: Hmm.. ..had not thought about pink. I'll give that some though.

SusanR: this RSS feed is still free

KarenL: RSS feed? Remind me. . .what does this mean?

BJB2: . o O (everything you'll never in two lifetimes have time to read)

SusanR: <http://reader.rocketinfo.com/desktop/>

SusanR: you subscribe to what you want to read..

SusanR: a newspaper-style reading mode

SusanR: no filtering thro' lots of articles

BJB2: I already have enough trouble keeping up with ENC online and ASCD SmartBrief and all the other headline news emails I get

JoellenP joined the room.

SusanR: ie I subscribe to online learning; trends in education

BJB2: Hi, Joellen.

JoellenP: Hi. I have been looking for you all.

KarenL: Wow!!! I just created an account! As if I don't have enough to read or do!

JoellenP: Sorry I'm late

SusanR: we are looking at a free RSS feed, Joellen

SusanR: <http://reader.rocketinfo.com/desktop/>

KarenL: Can you blog on this too or read blogs? Is that service free?

BJB2: The digital Divide network just opened an RSS site with free blogging

SusanR: It's news feeds, Karen

JoellenP: Do I understand this...they'll scan through the news for you, for your interests?

KarenL: Oh, I see. Is the digital divide network a "child" of a "parent" network?

KarenL: I remember hearing that name before.

BJB2: not sure, Karen

SusanR: the url. BJB

KarenL: okay. what is the URL for ddn?

GailH: <http://www.digitaldividenetwork.org>

SusanR: Andy Carvin has an article on RSS

BJB2 Nods

GailH: down on that page whose url I said

GailH: <http://www.digitaldivide.net/articles/view.php?ArticleID=68>

SusanR: I believe if you go to Google and enter a topic and RSS ..you will get all the sites that offer newsfeeds for that topic

JoellenP: It says in this article that the My Yahoo uses something like this

JoellenP: I use that all the time.

SusanR: lots of good info here

JoellenP: You would be able to create your own "My Weekly Reader" for whatever your unit is that week

SusanR: yes, Joellen

JoellenP: cool!

KarenL: Okay, that's two things I joined this year.

SusanR: Karen, you mentioned Google scholar

GailH: There is always something new or on the horizon technologically-- that is both good and bad --mostly good, but something to always keep up with.

KarenL: Well, I mentioned that U of M is going to use Google to digitize its collection.

KarenL: I see that it is going to be a good thing for U of M and Google.

SusanR: I picked this up from my ed tech news feed..rocket reader

SusanR: <http://www.ualberta.ca/~pbinkley/gso/>

JoellenP: It was on NPR today, too. But it will take 5-7 years

GailH: Six or eight big universities are doing it.

SusanR: NPR

JoellenP: National Public Radio

SusanR: a friend of mine is using it on his blog

SusanR: It's in French <http://www.prenaud.blogspot.com/>

KarenL: Yes, the article said it would take about 7 years.

JoellenP: What does he use it for? How?

GiselaGst11 joined the room.

BJB2 waves hi to Gisela

GiselaGst11: Hi everybody, hi Sue.

SusanR: He personalizes his searching.

GailH waves to Gisela

SusanR: WELCOME, Gisela

GiselaGst11: Greta, what have I missed so far?

JoellenP: oh, my French is better than I thought, after all these years! <G>

KarenL: Okay, I'm going back to DDN. I remember DDN first being free and they had some wonderful tools for teachers. . .webquests. . .lesson plans. . .things like that. Then I think the Family Education Network bought it or took it over and it just disappeared.

KarenL: Because I remember learning about ddn in one of these Tapped In sessions.

SusanR: Gisela is going to be our special guest in our next K to 3+ Great Resources session..the second Tuesday in January

GailH: What will you talk about?

SusanR: ddn would be a good topic for an upcoming session

SusanR: Gail. the topic is Hands on Math

GailH likes that!

GiselaGst11: Thanks, Sue, I have just had a great day, I finally came up with a brilliant thought how to explain the problem of "counting as a basic arithmetic tool".

KarenL: oh boy. . .math.

JoellenP: ?

SusanR: Great Karen

GiselaGst11: Karen, don't faint - my math is easy!

JoellenP: that sounds like something I need to hear about

GailH: I will be attending!

SusanR . o O (is looking forward to this)

SusanR: btw the topic for this evening was The Best Sites of 2004

KarenL: You know. . .math was not my subject in school. I'm a librarian now. I love reading, social studies, I'm even liking science a little bit. Math. . .okay, I'll give it a try.

JoellenP: lol...math doesn't bite

KarenL: lol!!! I know. . .and it is necessary!

GailH: And it is fun and wonderful!

KarenL: okay. . .okay

GailH smiles.

JoellenP: it really is beautiful...especially when you can see lightbulbs over kids' heads

SusanR . o O (truly enjoys the way math is taught today)

BJB2 . o O (January 11, right, Sue?)

KarenL: I see.

GiselaGst11: Right Joellen, it does not bite! Speaking of sites - do you guys go www.theeducatorsnetwork.com ?

SusanR: Is Jan 11th all right for you, Gisela

GiselaGst11: Absolutely

JoellenP: is that one you have to pay to join?

SusanR: Jan 11th it is HANDS ON MATH

JoellenP: Yeah!

GiselaGst11: at 8:00 pm?

SusanR: yes, Gisela

GailH: EST

GiselaGst11: perfect!!!

SusanR: was that formerly about.com. Gisela

GiselaGst11: www.theeducatorsnetwork.com ? No, but they did have another name - give me a second and I'll look it up

GailH: I brought a web site to share, Sue.

SusanR: Super, Gail

GailH: And it's not _exactly_ what you are expecting, either.

JeffC joined the room.

SusanR: Hi Jeff

GailH waves to Jeff.

SusanR: Jeff usually has a great collaborative site to share

JeffC waves

GiselaGst11: well, can't find it anymore - anyway now it is

www.theeducatorsnetwork.com

SusanR: A GREAT site

JeffC: Found this today: <http://www.infosearcher.com/>

JoellenP: I just joined that one!

JoellenP: the previous

KarenL: That is Pam Berger's! She is awesome! She does a session on Webtools!

BJB2 grins...infosearcher is Pam Berger's site

GailH: The page I'd like to share is <http://www.enc.org/conferences/tappedinPK3.htm>
(sort of my pick of K-3 things on the ENC site.)

SusanR: Thanks Gail

JeffC: My public bookmarks are <http://www.mybookmarks.com/public/coops>

SusanR: and while we are sharing ..this is the URL for this session..which I may repeat in January

SusanR: <http://snipurl.com/supersites2004>

KarenL: Jeff, I'm liking you already! You have librarians and Macintosh resources!!!
You're alright with me!

KarenL: Okay, can I share one?

GailH: BJ and I are doing an event on the Tuesday Jan 18 at 8 PM about Teacher Isolation -- it is related to an ENC Focus that is launched and live that week about Teacher Isolation -- and it has stuff about Tapped In in it.

SusanR: Absolutely, Karen

KarenL: <http://www.icdlbooks.org>

JoellenP: That looks really useful

GiselaGst11: thanks

GailH: That looks really good.

KarenL: It is a wonderful multicultural resource. Books in their original language that students can read online free!

JoellenP: how wonderful!

KarenL: The goal is to have 10,000 books available to children. Right now they have about 500+

JoellenP: looking at the book list...it's incredible

JoellenP: Our librarian will love this one.

KarenL: The target age is 5-13. However, you know it can easily extend to the young adults.

GailH: And all of them are free to read online?

GiselaGst11: This is an awesome site

KarenL: Some foreign language teachers love this too. Yes, it is.

SusanR: Great site, Karen..this next site would complement your siteStoryline Online (BookPALS)

KarenL: ooh. . .let me see!!!!

SusanR: From the screen actor's guild <http://www.bookpals.net/storyline/index.html>

JoellenP: How absolutely wonderful...especially for our (very few) ESL students who are feeling overwhelmed right now.

SusanR: an on-line streaming video program featuring SAG members reading children's books aloud

JoellenP: this is so cool! my kids are gonna love this one

KarenL: you took the words right out of my mouth, Joellen!

GiselaGst11: same, same

SusanR: might inspire older students to read to younger

SusanR: students

SusanR: 10 stories online

SusanR: <http://www.bookpals.net/storyline.html> ...children can dial a toll-free-number to hear a book read by an actor anytime,

KarenL: Wow!!! That's cool, too!

JoellenP: I've been trying to think of a way to introduce a reading club to my kids...where they read to younger kids...

JoellenP: this just might be it!

GiselaGst11: yes. this would be very good because not very many children enjoy reading

KarenL: so true. . .but they love being read to!

JoellenP: mine are 4th and 5th graders reading at the 1st and 2nd grade level...it would encourage them to practice for fluency before they read to the little ones

SusanR: ..and the actors seem so cool

GailH: It is amazing how many great sites are around like this -- and bad that it is so hard to know about them.

SusanR: and there is pencil pals.. <http://www.bookpals.net/pencilpals.html>

KarenL: so true. . .but thank goodness for Tapped In. At least this is one place where we can learn some good stuff.

JoellenP: This Pencil Pals looks great, too.

SusanR: a searchable database of read-aloud picture books

...<http://www.bookpals.net/cgi-bin/bookfinder/index.pl>

JoellenP: I can see that it will take me all of next year to go through what you all have given us already!

JeffC: I've argued before that humans are the best search engines... if we just learn to network and collaborate more effectively.

JoellenP: and then to design it into a lesson!

SusanR: What's your all time favourite site of the year, Jeff..besides Tapped In

JoellenP: btw, my kids are now BURPing a lot...I think the next one to interrupt our lessons with belching will be presenting a lesson on the digestive system

JeffC: tough call Susan

JeffC: Joellen... go to <http://www.yucky.com>

JeffC: I think they have several pages devoted to belching.

KarenL: I agree with you Jeff. That's like asking an author what is his/her favorite book.

JoellenP: bookmarked...thanks, Jeff

GiselaGst11: you know guys, I think I just don't have enough fantasy. I would have never come up with the thought to look under www.yucky.com

JeffC: that's why humans make the best search engines

GiselaGst11: Maybe I am toooooo much into math these days, then again, when one read the PISA study I guess it is necessary

JeffC: Gisela... we have a Math Resources group here.

KarenL: oh boy. . .

JeffC: you need to be a member of Tapped In to join the group though.

GailH . o O (one can never be too much into math!)

JoellenP: maybe our science fair project will be a survey on which candies produce the best belches

KarenL: I knew that was coming!

JeffC: the math/science bookmarks are at

<http://www.mybookmarks.com/public/mathscience>

GailH: And I had to oblige!

GiselaGst11: OK, yes, science project - that would be one the students would appreciate

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KarenL: lol!!!

JoellenP: think of the graphs they can produce!

JeffC: There's also a Science Resource group here Joellen... you're welcome to join: 1) Click the Search tab 2) Click the Groups subtab 3) type: Science Resources 4) Click the link to the Science Resources K-20+ group 5) Join the group

SusanR: similarly do join the K to 3+ RESOURCES group as well

JoellenP: It was nice meeting you all

SusanR: super discussion

BJB2 waves goodnight

GailH: This has been a great group and discussion.

SusanR: see you next month

GailH waves to all.

GailH: MATH next month!

JoellenP: lots of new stuff to look at.

SusanR: yes, Gail

KarenL: I need to go myself. . .This was so much fun, even with the math folks!

JoellenP: goodnight all

GailH: Happy holidays to all.

JoellenP: thank you again

KarenL: Same to you! Goodnight everyone!

SusanR: Healthy and happy holidays