

**Title of Session:** K-3+ Resources - Favorite Free Online Resources

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**BJB2:** As Sue mentioned, we usually start all discussions with brief introductions tell us where you are located and what you teach or hope to teach

**CharlieceG** joined the room.

**BJB2:** hi, Charliece. Just in time for introductions

**SusanR:** Welcome Charliece

**BJB2:** I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania

**NicoleT:** I am a teacher in NC... I teach fourth grade in a reg ed class...I have taught for 8 years

**TanaMo:** I am a kindergarten teacher in Texas.

**GretchenK** joined the room.

**BridgetM:** I teach grades 2 - 5, Special Education, mostly "pull out" but in a 4th & 5th grade class each day. Eastern Long Island, NY

**SusanR:** K to 8 Occasional teacher from Ottawa, Ontario Canda and the facilitator of this discussion

**BJB2:** hi, Gretchen. Just in time for introductions

**SusanR:** Canada

**SusanR:** Tonight's session

**SusanR:** ..Favourite FREE online resources

**NicoleT:** HI LADIES.... glad you are in and staying... we like free resources

**CharlieceG:** whoo hoo! yes, we do!

**BridgetM:** ditto

**SusanR:** Before we formally begin would you care to share YOUR one favourite web resource

**SusanR:** Free is GOOD

**NicoleT:** I use scholastic a lot for my classroom

**GretchenK:** I really like coolmath.com

**SusanR:** I have some virtual handouts..which I will hand out at the end of the session..so do stick around

**CharlieceG:** well, one of my favorite web resources is [www.vickiblackwell.com](http://www.vickiblackwell.com). it has loads of info about webquests and tech. stuff. check it out!

**CharlieceG:** will do, Susan!

**SusanR:** yes, I have used coolmath

**GretchenK:** it's great

**BridgetM:** <http://www.4teachers.org/>

**CharlieceG:** I use coolmath regularly with my children. it's great!

**NicoleT:** i love trying new resources, that one is AWESOME bridget

**SusanR:** 4teachers.org will be showcased here at TI on a monthly basis..not to be missed

**GretchenK:** ok great

**SusanR:** any other contributions

**NicoleT:** sometimes I get overwhelmed trying TOO many sites

**TanaMo:** I have used scholastics as well, but don't really know of many web resources

**BridgetM:** I did not know coolmath. Just what I need!

**SusanR:** I too am TOTALLY overwhelmed by what's out there..

**TanaMo:** enchanted learning also, even though it is'nt exactly free

**SusanR:** however there are favourites I always return to time and again

**GretchenK:** there is so much good stuff and so little time

**CharlieceG:** enchanted learning is good. I use that also!

**SusanR:** btw you will get a transcript of this session with all the links mentioned..so no need to bookmark

**NicoleT:** I think some places say free to get you there and then the good stuff isn't free

**SusanR:** True Nicole

**GretchenK:** I do a search on google for free teacher resources and there is a bunch of stuff

**GretchenK:** just takes time to look

**GretchenK:** lots of stuff on dental health.

**SusanR:** So I will start with one that reminds me of brainpop; but is TOTALLY free

**GretchenK:** starfall.com is good too

**NicoleT:** starfall is super for beg. readers

**CharlieceG:** google is a great starting place

**CharlieceG:** starfall is great! my kindergartners use that, and love it!

**SusanR:** starfall has some fees..but there are still freebies

**BJB2** listens to Sue

**SusanR:** The BBC has put up a new set of materials for primary science - Science Clips - the area is broken down into sections.

**GretchenK:** they just started charging small amounts, but their books used to be free

**SusanR:** true Gretchen

**SusanR:** this one I just discovered The BBC has put up a new set of materials for primary science - Science Clips - the area is broken down into sections.

**SusanR:** try out one of the clips

**SusanR:** [http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/10\\_11/forces\\_action.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/10_11/forces_action.shtml)

**TanaMo:** that sounds great

**CharlieceG:** [www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)

**NicoleT:** there is a super site called Unitedstreaming.com. It charges, but some schools subscribe... it has super video clips that you can see snippets of.

**CharlieceG:** oops. funbrain is a great site!

**SusanR:** Is there one clip that fits with the expectations and strands of your curriculum in your area?

**NicoleT:** do you mean in the one you just gave us? yes!

**SusanR:** click on the blue link

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/10\\_11/forces\\_action.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/10_11/forces_action.shtml)

**SusanR:** yep, Nicole

**NicoleT:** so we don't have to bookmark all these... we will have all of this discussion sent to us?

**SusanR:** They are listed in alpha order ... you have about 30 or so topics with quizzes

**MaryGM** joined the room.

**BJB2:** welcome, Mary.

**SusanR:** We are looking at a list of science clips

**SusanR:** for possible use in your science program, Mary

**SusanR:** [http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/10\\_11/forces\\_action.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/10_11/forces_action.shtml)

**GretchenK:** that site is great for kids and teachers who are kids at heart

**GretchenK:** so fun

**SusanR:** right on Gretchen

**NicoleT:** looks good.... no bookmarking needed right?

**MaryGM:** Do I open

**SusanR:** yes, Mary

**BJB2:** if you're on a pc, hold down the ctrl button as you click on the url, Mary

**SusanR:** It will be in your transcript and I will give you a virtual handout

**NicoleT:** this is a superb resource in itself... I mean this chat!

**SusanR:** you could use these clips as intros or for consolidation..can be viewed in full screen

**SusanR:** moving on

**NicoleT:** I liked the interaction... students had to label parts on a flower

**BridgetM:** I like that science site.

**GretchenK:** I liked the section with rocks and minerals...that is a hard thing we have to teach in first grade

**BridgetM:** I had not noticed full screen

**CharlieceG:** yes! that was a great site! it correlates with our scos really well

**SusanR:** You are probably aware of Education World..

**GretchenK:** great idea

**NicoleT:** YESSSSSS...love that site

**TanaMo:** they have some good lesson plans

**SusanR:** but I keep returning ..because I always find some hidden gem or treasure I can use with students

**SusanR:** <http://www.education-world.com/>

**SusanR:** like Morning Math

**TanaMo:** what's Morning Math?

**SusanR:** patience friends

**TanaMo** smiles

**SusanR:** or joke of the day

**BridgetM:** ah, we are eager

**SusanR:** or I love Crazy Edits

**SusanR:** Here is morning math

**SusanR:** [http://www.education-world.com/a\\_admin/archives/morning\\_math.shtml](http://www.education-world.com/a_admin/archives/morning_math.shtml)

**GretchenK:** I'm there

**GretchenK:** another great site

**GretchenK:** there are so many diamonds in the rough so to speak

**SusanR:** so many treasures

**SusanR:** Every-Day Edits

**SusanR:** I have used these with spec ed students

**SusanR:** [http://www.education-world.com/a\\_lesson/edit/edit06.shtml](http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/edit/edit06.shtml)

**BridgetM:** wow! love that morning math

**NicoleT:** edits looks cool.. I can't wait to try this stuff

**DavidWe** joined the room.

**SusanR:** eventually students could create their own edits

**SusanR:** oh hi David

**DavidWe:** Hi, Sue

**DavidWe** . o O ( sorry I'm late )

**SusanR:** speak of the devil. I will be infringing on David's territory in a moment

**DavidWe** guesses he should pay attention

**DavidWe** grins

**SusanR:** ..math tools..a new favourite

**DavidWe** smiles

**SusanR:** can I hand the floor over to David

**NicoleT:** Is he presenting?

**DavidWe:** What would you like me to do, Sue

**DavidWe** hopes not too much

**BridgetM:** the printable edit has 2 on a page. saves paper

**DavidWe:** Hi, folks. I'm David Weksler. I used to work with the Math Forum - [www.mathforum.org](http://www.mathforum.org) - a big web site for math education K-20

**SusanR:** next one is interactive math tools <http://mathforum.org/mathtools/sitemap.html>

**SusanR:** explore your curriculum area and come back and share

**DavidWe** likes Sue's suggestion

**BridgetM:** what is discrete math?

**SusanR:** a site you would find applicable to your classroom needs

**DavidWe:** Good question, Bridget

**DavidWe** grins

**TanaMo:** wow I wish I knew about this site earlier

**DavidWe** smiles

**DavidWe:** Glad that you find it interesting, Tana

**DavidWe:** I'm getting you a good definition, Bridget

**SusanR:** discrete math deals with wholes and integers not fractions and decimals

**DavidWe** was a chemistry major in college

**DavidWe** applauds Sue's definition

**SusanR:** deals with continuous...

**NicoleT:** this looks really helpful.. very resourceful

**DavidWe** can tell anyone who is interested a LOT about discrete math and resources for it

**SusanR:** I am pumping my hubby for the definition

**DavidWe** nods

**GretchenK:** I'll ask my hubby too

**BridgetM:** not my level = thank goodness

**BridgetM:** how about basic facts to automatic level?

**SusanR:** It is leveled <http://mathforum.org/mathtools/sitemap.html>

**NicoleT:** we don't touch that in fourth grade

**DavidWe:** Lots of things can be "touched" in the 4th grade, really!

**DavidWe** grins

**SusanR:** of course you can subscribe to the Math Tools newsletter..very interesting discussions

**SusanR:** and helpful sites

**NicoleT:** oh trust me... we touch a lot... run out of time to touch what we need....

**BridgetM:** Oh! I was looking for this one.

[http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/frames\\_asid\\_152\\_g\\_3\\_t\\_2.html](http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/frames_asid_152_g_3_t_2.html)

**DavidWe** nods to Nicole

**SusanR:** virtual manipulatives..super Bridget

**DavidWe:** Virtual manipulatives are pretty good; real manipulatives are a little better

**DavidWe** . o O ( I think )

**GretchenK:** who knew there was this much out there

**NicoleT:** THAT is a very cool and practical site

**SusanR:** I keep returning to this one throughout the year..for my own edification and the students too [http://www.hbschool.com/glossary/math2/index\\_temp.html](http://www.hbschool.com/glossary/math2/index_temp.html)

**SusanR:** math glossary

**TanaMo:** I have a copy of this



**CharlieceG:** good site

**SusanR:** also [http://www.hbschool.com/glossary/math2/index\\_temp.html](http://www.hbschool.com/glossary/math2/index_temp.html)

**GretchenK:** math glossary...what a neat idea

**SusanR:** also <http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/>

**NicoleT:** again...very practical!

**DavidWe:** 4th graders could do the "Traffic Jam" activity, don't you think, Sue?

**SusanR:** yes David

**DavidWe:** <http://mathforum.org/tpow/index2.ehtml?puzzle=203>

**GretchenK:** I like the clock at the bottom of that dictionary

**DavidWe:** How far you investigate it can depend on how sophisticated the students' math background is, but...it's a great physical activity - people move around and relate the math to the real world

**NicoleT:** that looks very interactive

**SusanR:** I am anxious to try the Traffic Jam with my spec ed class this Friday

**TanaMo:** great problem solving

**CharlieceG:** does anyone have any sites that aren't math related? it seems like there are a lot of math sites out there. any social studies...writing...science, etc?

**SusanR:** I am printing it out as we speak

**GretchenK:** we did that science one

**GretchenK:** that was great

**CharlieceG:** yeah, I forgot

**CharlieceG:** oops

**GretchenK:** that's ok

**CharlieceG:** you're nice

**GretchenK:** thanks

**CharlieceG:** anytime

**SusanR:** Let's proceed to writing...

**GretchenK:** lead the way Susan

**NicoleT:** writing is my thing!

**SusanR:** Read\*Write\*Think is a gem

**CharlieceG:** ohh, good!

**GretchenK:** site?

**SusanR:** [http://www.readwritethink.org/student\\_mat/index.asp](http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/index.asp)

**CharlieceG:** thanks! I will check it out

**SusanR:** Educators wishing to focus on literacy might prefer the "Literacy Engagements" section that links to ideas for literacy implementation. "

**GretchenK:** anything for low elementary kids

**CharlieceG:** how about something more geared for k-1?

**SusanR:** "Student Materials" might prove the most engaging to students, particularly the "Comic Strip Creator" with a host of activities, genre explanations, and ideas for further study using comics.

**NicoleT:** writing resources looked great

**SusanR:** I noticed a neat lesson on "to two and too

**TanaMo:** flip book looks like fun

**DavidWe . o O ( 2 and to? )**

**SusanR:** If you are teaching kindergarten check this one out on a rainy day

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

**CharlieceG:** Susan, I like the comic strip creator. that will work with my k's. thanks

**SusanR:** and this <http://kinderworks.blogspot.com/>

**BridgetM:** flip book at read write think looks great

**SusanR:** Read\*Write\*Think links to standards as well

**SusanR:** I am in a math mood..last FREE link on math worth exploring..  
<http://www.counton.org/numberland/>

**DavidWe** laughs

**DavidWe** sends Susan some large numbers

**GretchenK:** the picture match is great

**CharlieceG:** kinderworks blogspot looks good. i will have to check it out in detail later.

**DavidWe** wonders Susan shared any web sites from NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Math) with these folks

**CharlieceG:** thanks for sharing

**DavidWe** . o O ( [www.nctm.org](http://www.nctm.org) )

**NicoleT:** those k. resources are great... I have a kindergartener... we'll try some of these sites this summer

**SusanR** opens the floor for David

**DavidWe:** Here's the link for elementary level at NCTM

**CharlieceG:** nctm is a wonderful resource for teachers!

**DavidWe:** <http://www.nctm.org/elementary/index.asp>

**DavidWe** agrees with Charliece

**CharlieceG:** thanks!

**DavidWe:** And (sorry about the math and science focus) all of you should know about ENC (Eisenhower National Clearinghouse) [www.enc.org](http://www.enc.org)

**DavidWe** . o O ( From the US Dept. of Education )

**CharlieceG:** if I am not mistaken, there are some games on the nctm site also.

**DavidWe** nods

**DavidWe:** It's vast, like the other big web sites, like ENC and Math Forum, etc.

**NicoleT:** I've tried it...

**SusanR:** David, will you be showcasing the site at NECC?

**SusanR:** and will it remain FREE?

**GretchenK:** I think we all got some great resources tonight thanks

**DavidWe:** Do you all know about the Tapped In Summer Festival on July 20th?

**DavidWe:** I'll be doing a bunch of things in an hour at NECC, Sue...

**DavidWe:** . o O ( along with two other people )

**NicoleT:** no... is it like this David... great resources

**DavidWe:** It will be dense

**GretchenK:** no what is that festival all about

**DavidWe:** All day Tapped In affair highlighting 12 or more different discussions on a wide range of topics

**CharlieceG:** what is necc?

**DavidWe:** Hang on, I'll get the URL

**BJB2:** <http://tappedin.org/tappedin/web/festival/index.jsp>

**DavidWe:** National Education Computing Conference - NECC - [www.neccsite.org](http://www.neccsite.org) - it takes place at the end of June in Philadelphia

**BJB2:** . o O ( that's the url for the Tapped In festival )

**DavidWe:** A bunch of us will be there in person

**BridgetM:** I get to go to necc!!!!

**DavidWe:** We're hoping to also have a TappedIn window going during our Birds of a Feather discussion on Wednesday

**NicoleT:** what do we do to get transcripts and handouts from tonight?

**CharlieceG:** aren't they e-mailed to us?

**GretchenK:** I would like to know that too

**DavidWe:** You'll get a transcript when you logout by email, Nicole

**SusanR:** Transcripts should arrive in your email box after you log out

**TanaMo:** Well thanks for all the great sites, this was very helpful

**DavidWe:** Good session, Sue!

**BridgetM:** I'm forwarding email to school right away

**SusanR:** drum roll.. now for the virtual handouts

**BridgetM:** thanks a ton

**CharlieceG:** thanks for all the valuable information!!! i really enjoyed the session!

**SusanR:**

<http://trackstar.4teachers.org/trackstar/ts/viewTrackMembersText.do?org.apache.struts.taglib.html.TOKEN=7e804828ff2cac79f4990bfad822592a&number=257511&password=>

**NicoleT:** thanks for everything.... I can't wait for more time to explore!

**DavidWe:** Ooooh, cool URL!

**GretchenK:** thanks for the great information...I can't wait to check them out more later!!

**SusanR:** notice tapped in in the list ..

<http://www.techlearning.com/story/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=163105503>

**SusanR:** Free online resources and FREE to explore

**BJB2:** Thanks, Sue

**CharlieceG:** have a great night!

**GretchenK:** bye ya'll!

**BJB2** waves goodnight