

**Title of Session:** K-3+ Resources - Balanced Literacy-4 Blocks (Word Study)

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Room: Comfy Conference Room

**SusanR:** while we are waiting some interesting items at techlearning

**SusanR:** for later arrivals

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

**SusanR:** worth subscribing to

**DavidWe** joined the room.

**SusanR:** <http://www.techlearning.com/>

**SusanR:** you are aware of the site, David

**DavidWe:** I don't know it from the name...

**DavidWe** thinks....he's maybe seen this before

**JeffC** joined the room.

**SusanR:** Karen, did you see the article on A Tale of Two Libraries

**DavidWe:** David Warlick (prominent WWWEDU-er) is on their advisory board

**SusanR:** Hi Jeff

**DavidWe:** Jeff do you know [www.techlearning.com](http://www.techlearning.com)

**DavidWe:** Alan November speaks at a lot of conferences

**BrookeM** joined the room.

**SusanR:** Check out today's articles

**DavidWe:** Some of the names are familiar to me

**DavidWe:** Any particular one, Susan?

**SusanR:** requires registration

**DavidWe:** Hi, Brooke. Welcome

**KarenL:** He is very good. I am interested in the article about the two library media centers. I'll check it out later.

**BrookeM:** Hi there!

**SusanR:** I guess I was registered on my upstairs computer!!

**DavidWe** smiles

**SusanR:** Hi Brooke

**JeffC:** hadn't seen it David.

**SusanR:** Brooke we are looking at techlearning

**DavidWe:** Thanks

**BrookeM:** Thanks for the plants stuff Susan...it was very helpful

**BrookeM:** I am trying to get our media specialist to come visit your sessions

**SusanR:** tonight's session

**SusanR:** Balanced Literacy -word study

**SusanR:** what about "word Play"

**BrookeM:** I fail horribly at Balanced literacy

**BrookeM:** too many kids that mainstream in my class for different pieces make it more fragmented than Balanced

**SusanR:** for all ages <http://www.wolinskyweb.net/word.htm>

**SusanR:** Fun with words

**SusanR:** btw I will hand out my track and show notes so don't leave

**JeffC:** great site Susan

**SusanR:** a good resource for say a homonym list etc

**SusanR:** and for the youngsters the PBS site  
<http://pbskids.org/lions/games/wordplay.html>

**BrookeM:** cute

**SusanR:** I stumbled upon these at teachers.net

**SusanR:** [http://www.blocks4reading.com/fourblocks/working\\_with\\_words.htm](http://www.blocks4reading.com/fourblocks/working_with_words.htm)

**SusanR:** sorry wrong link <http://www.teachers.net/lessons/posts/3292.html>

**BrookeM:** that is a good site.. I have used it

**SusanR:** on word walls

**SusanR:** and word wall chants

**BrookeM:** I did like word walls

**SusanR:** <http://www.teachers.net/lessons/posts/3267.html>

**BrookeM:** haha read # 13

**BrookeM:** imagine doing that on parent open house

**SusanR:** Try it out Brooke and report back

**BrookeM:** Lets go spelling now! Everyone is learning how!

**BrookeM:** Don't worry I will

**DavidWe . o O ( "Spelling Safari"?)**

**DavidWe** smiles

**SusanR:** what about holding your nose

**BrookeM:** #53

**BrookeM:** David

**BrookeM:** how about boxing

**BrookeM:** or fishing for letters

**WaidaGst3** joined the room.

**SusanR:** Hi Waida

**WaidaGst3:** Hello

**SusanR:** welcome we are just about to look at some word study resources from teachers.net..<http://teachers.net/4blocks/goodies.html>

**WaidaGst3:** ok, great

**SusanR:** Waida, would you introduce yourself please..what brought you here

**SusanR:** your involvement in education???

**WaidaGst3:** I am a kindergarten teacher in FL, I am an avid surfer and I am not even sure how I got here. I constantly follow trails online and they usually lead me to the most amazing places.

**SusanR:** surfing right along...

**SusanR:** do any of you recall Adrian Bruce..I believe he is a member of TI

**WaidaGst3:** how can I make the chat window larger? I am losing some of the conversation on the far right

**SusanR:** he has gladly posted and shared some resources which you could use or modify

**BJ:** Waida, go to ACTIONS in the top right of the chat window and click on DETACH

**SusanR:** Thanks Bj

**SusanR:** Click on the blue link, Waida

**SusanR:** <http://www.adrianbruce.com/reading/games.htm>

**WaidaGst3:** Thank you for that, it's perfect for my students

**BrookeM:** fun

**SusanR:** Adrian is from down under I believe

**JeffC:** Waida... you might want to consider registering here (it's free) and joining The K to 3 Resource Room (Susan R's group).

**BrookeM:** IT is a great room to be in!!!

**SusanR:** good idea

**WaidaGst3:** I actually am but I could not remember my user name and or password.

**SusanR:** I suggest you register after the session and join the K to 3 Resource Room..I will be on hand there

**SusanR:** I have my show notes and a virtual handout of sites mentioned here.

**SusanR:** so don't worry about bookmarking..or whatever

**SusanR:** surfing right along..and along the same line is Words and Pictures from the UK

**SusanR:** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/index.shtml>

**SusanR:** I have used these with students of all ages..even grade 7/8

**SusanR:** <http://www.eduplace.com/kids/hmsv/smg/index.html>

**SusanR:** comments... anyone see anything that they would immediately use in their classroom setting

**SheriB** joined the room.

**BrookeM:** spelling ideas

**SusanR:** or can you share a favorite resource

**SusanR:** Welcome Sheri

**SheriB:** thanks I just realized the time ----- sorry so late ----what are we talking about right now?

**SusanR:** Balanced Literacy and the 4 Block model of learning, Sheri

**SusanR:** Sheri..you may find this helpful for parents

**SusanR:** a glossary of reading terms

**SheriB:** thanks - I absolutely love this aspect of the 4 blocks program... the kids love all the activities..

**SusanR:**

[http://www.educationoasis.com/curriculum/Reading/glossary\\_reading\\_terms.htm](http://www.educationoasis.com/curriculum/Reading/glossary_reading_terms.htm)

**SusanR:** stay around, Sheri

**SusanR:** We will be meeting in the K to 3+ Resource Room to browse through the Balanced Literacy folder

**SheriB:** I'm trying to get my staff to implement them more consistently

**SheriB:** ok...thanks Susan....

**SusanR:** and I do have a virtual handout or track of 15 Great resources, Sheri

**SusanR:** on the topic

**SheriB:** sounds good - thanks for sharing

**SusanR:** a varied compilation here <http://www.kenton.k12.ky.us/tr/4block.html>

**SusanR:** We are almost at the top of the hour

**SheriB:** I have got to remember to get down here earlier next time .....o(

**SusanR:** and now for the handout

**SusanR:** Please do, Sheri.

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

**SusanR:** btw are these links opening up for you in another window?

**BrookeM:** some are and some aren't

**SusanR:** because they aren't for me for some reason

**SusanR:** I have to copy and paste

**BrookeM:** me too

**DavidWe** . o O ( they typically should, but sometimes they open in a "currently" open window )

**SheriB:** thanks Susan.....I always enjoy the events on this resource....

**JeffC:** Firefox opens a new window... then all subsequent clicks go to that window.

**DavidWe:** Hold down the Control key and click (Windows) or the Command key and click (Mac)

**David**We noticed that behavior at some point

**SusanR:** show notes are at xanga

**SusanR:** <http://www.xanga.com/roseman>

**SusanR:** that's all folks..we are at the top of the hour

**BrookeM:** Thanks Susan!