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**BJB2**: what is your interest in e-Portfilios, Loida and Angelita?

**AngelitaG**: I want to know how to organize it

**LoidaC**: Well, I am a student teacher EC-4 and would like to learn more about them in general.

**BJB2** nods. What grade level do you teach, Angelita?

**AngelitaG**: Right now I student teaching and I am in Kindergarten.

**LoidaC**: I am in 1st

**BJB2**: cool..so you're both in early childhood!

**BJB2**: please tell me what you feel should be in your student's portfolios?

**MaryBen** joined the room.

**BJB2**: welcome, Mary

**MaryBen**: Hello

**MaryBen**: thanks

**BJB2**: and discussing portfolios in general

**LoidaC**: I think there should be a sample of their work, show their personality, their pride in their work and learning

**BJB2** nods to Loida. How would you show personality and pride?

**MaryBen**: I am a director of a teacher education program and we are having our students create portfolios as part of graduation requirements. We are trying to get them to show their personality and it is hard.

**LoidaC**: By allowing them to decorate and design the portfolio and add their uniqueness to their work

**BJB2**: what about reflective writing, Mary?

**LoidaC**: I am doing the same with my student teaching.

**BJB2**: do you have to show your personality in your personal portfolio, Loida?

**LoidaC**: not as a requirement

**LoidaC**: but I think it comes out naturally; by the way your portfolio and your work is designed

**MaryBen**: We are having them post pictures of themselves and some are putting family photos but also pictures of themselves working with children. That seems to help...

**BJB2**: nice idea. Perhaps photos would be good for your students too, Loida!

**BJB2** . o O ( the kids love to have their pictures taken )

**LoidaC**: That's a great idea!

**AngelitaG**: At what grade level should you start keeping an Eportfolio?

**BJB2**: there are so many different kinds of eportfolios, Angelita

**BJB2**: there are canned programs that the student can access once they are out of university

**AngelitaG**: What are the different kinds?

**BJB2** . o O ( probably have to pay )

**LoidaC**: The problem I'm anticipating in my placement school anyhow is students and parents not having internet access at home. How would they see their students' work?

**MaryBen**: I have seen powerpoints done by 1st graders that are pretty impressive...would first grade be too early?

**BJB2**: I don't think so, Mary. That would be wonderful.

**BJB2**: you could project the ppts during parent teacher conferences

**BJB2** . o O ( or the child can show the ppt to their parents )

**MaryBen**: does anyone have any samples that could be shown?

**BJB2** looks to see if there is anything in the group room we can see

**LoidaC**: No

**BJB2**: there are some ppts from NECC, but don't think they're early childhood

**BJB2**: cool ppts though...especially relevant for you, Mary

**MaryBen**: I am pretty new to this Tapped In program, but I am wondering if in "our room" we could have some addresses that we could share to look at some samples?  I know of some universities that are using e-ports so maybe we could get some sites to visit.

**MaryBen**: what is NECC?

**BJB2**: did you scroll down on the screen above the chat window and look at featured items?

**BJB2**: National Education Computing Conference...huge annual conference for educators

**MaryBen**: thanks

**BJB2**: Angelita and Loida, do you think the ppt suggestion would work with your students?

**MaryBen**: thanks...I was looking at the site about the chat room that you suggested and got lost:-) but now I am found....

**BJB2** smiles. Glad to hear that!

**AngelitaG**: I don't know about kindergarten

**LoidaC**: I don't think that would work with my students. Their technology skills are limited.

**AngelitaG**: Mine too

**LoidaC**: Maybe by the end of the school year.

**BJB2** nods.

**BJB2**: so, how could we simplify a portfolio that the children can share with parents?

**BJB2**: what about a book?

**AngelitaG**: That sounds good

**LoidaC**: Good idea

**BJB2**: parents would like that too, I'll bet!

**AngelitaG**: But how would you organize that?

**BJB2**: "My 1st Grade Class"  Let me see if I can find something to show you

**BJB2**: you could have a page for "all about me"

**BJB2**: and then "my stories"

**BJB2**: the photos could be pasted into the book

**MaryBen**: what about a page entitled - things I learned this year?

**BJB2**: or this term/semester/marking period

**LoidaC**: I would divide it into sections by subjects, etc.

**BJB2**: it would really be more of a journal of their year.

**MaryBen**: that would allow kids to reflect and also help parents see the growth

**BJB2**: here's one example of a book
http://www.lib.msu.edu/drewes/Conservation/concertina/concert.html

**BJB2** . o O ( how to make a concertina book )

**BJB2**: this is fun...a paper bag book
http://www.arts.ufl.edu/art/rt_room/sparkers/artist_book/make_a_book.html

**AngelitaG**: I will take a look at those.  Thank you

**BJB2**: another good resource  http://www.makingbooks.com/projects.html

**LoidaC**: Me too

**LoidaC**: I have a question

**LoidaC**: How would you make the information on a e-portfolio available to parents/families without internet/computer access?

**AngelitaG**: Good question

**MaryBen**: what about using your community library as a resource?

**BJB2**: nice suggestion

**LoidaC**: that's a great idea, but how likely is it for parents to do that?

**BJB2**: depends on whether the parents take their children to the library

**LoidaC**: true

**BJB2**: does your school have computers in their library or have a computer lab?

**MaryBen**: could you work with the library and sponsor a parent/kids night?

**LoidaC**: yes

**LoidaC**: that would be a great idea!

**LoidaC**: The students could then present the portfolios to the parents

**BJB2** smiles...anything you can do to bring the parents into the school is good

**BJB2**: another way to integrate technology into the curriculum would be for the students to use a word processor to write the titles for their books

**LoidaC**: How much of an e-portfolio would you let the students create?

**BJB2**: depends a lot on how the eportfolio is going to be done. Are you thinking of a CD? putting the portfolio online?

**BJB2** . o O ( probably online is not a good idea unless it's password protected )

**LoidaC**: I was thinking online

**LoidaC**: true

**MaryBen**: can you create a webpage? can you protect those?

**AngelitaG**: I think for kindergartners lots of photos and using the scanner to scan their work is good.

**MaryBen**: that is good...also they could scan their own drawings

**AngelitaG**: That's a good idea!

**BJB2** agrees with Angelina. And for personality they can take photos of their friends.

**BJB2** . o O ( use a digital camera and print out the photos? )

**MaryBen**: what great ideas and ways to get kids excited about writing

**LoidaC**: My kids would love that!!

**BJB2**: I do apologize that Joseph didn't show up for the discussion, but I think you all had some wonderful ideas.

**BJB2**: yes, Jeff. Very cool collaboration

**BJB2**: thanks for your suggestions, Mary and Angelita

**BJB2**: perhaps when we talk about early childhood...

**AngelitaG**: Thank you for your help

**BJB2**: we should work more on integrating tech into the creation of a portfolio

**BJB2**: suggestions were made to have the children create a ppt...

**BJB2**: or a book

**LoidaC**: I think I'll go now. nice talking to you guys, thanks for your help.

**JeffC**: my daughter's class last year made a powerpoint.

**BJB2**: and include digital photos and scanned work

**JeffC**: but the district isn't even close yet to doing eportfolios.

**AngelitaG**: What grade was she in?

**BJB2**: your daughter is in what grade, Jeff?

**MaryBen**: good bye Loida...hope this helped you..

**BJB2**: was this discussion any help for you, Mary?

**AngelitaG**: It was for me, I will take a look at the websites that you suggested

**BJB2**: great, Angelita!

**MaryBen**: Yes, it gives me an idea of what teachers in classrooms are thinking about in terms of eports...I too will visit the websites and share them with my student teachers.

**MaryBen**: I am leaving too...thanks

**BJB2** waves bye. Thanks for your help