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BJ: Welcome, everyone, to today's K-3+ Resources discussion

BJ: The topic today is Seasons and Summits

SusanR: Should we start with intros and deal with some of the mechanics **BJ**

BJ nods to Sue

BJ: A reminder to all to go to the actions menu in the top right of this chat window and click on DETACH

AmberMM: Hello, I Teach in Carlsbad, CA

SusanR: I am Sue Roseman from Ontario, Canada; a K to 8 Occasional Teacher and facilitator of this session on Seasons

BJ: we usually start all the discussions with introduction. Please tell Susan what you teach and where you are located

FionaVM: Hi I'm a substitute teacher specializing in K-3

HopeW: Hi I teach fourth grade in San Diego

JenniferKo: Hello I am Jennifer. I am currently student teaching in Houston, TX. I am currently teaching 3rd grade

JamesH: Hi, I'm a fifth grade teacher in Orange County, CA. I taught first in the past.

DaveK: Fourth grade and site tech in San Diego County, CA

DavidWe: I'm David Weksler. I'm a HelpDesk volunteer in Tapped In and I lead a math education and technology discussion. I'm in New Jersey, near New York City

SusanR: Tonight's session centers on the Seasons, Weather and an exciting online project called Summits of Canada.. I do have a few virtual/cyber handouts which will be useful. They will be handed out at the end of the session. So do stay around.

SusanR: anyone else for quick intros

KarenPf: Hi everyone. I'm Karen visiting from California.

JtGst5: My name is Juana and I'm a SpEd teacher

SusanR: So lets start with the Summits of Canada..an online project which should last the entire school year.

SusanR: some info first

SusanR: and then we take a look at the site

SusanR: The CanaTREK, Summits Of Canada Expedition 2006 is the single largest expedition of discovery and adventure in Canada and it will make history by putting the first Canadian team on the summit of every province and territory.

SusanR: The expedition team will drive over 25,000 km's, canoe 400 km's, be airlifted onto 2 glaciers, land on the ice cap within 800 km's of the North Pole, snowshoe, bike, walk, trek and climb to tell Canadians and the world about Canada.

SusanR: In total, the expedition quest will take place over one year and the team will climb over 90,000 feet, three times the height of Mount Everest!

SusanR: With an emphasis on health, fitness and the environment

DavidWe wonders if Susan knows the children's book (old) "Paddle-to-the-Sea"?

SusanR: yes, I do David, that's an oldie

SusanR: we will share our adventure with individuals who would like to follow the adventure and with teachers and students who wish to expand their curriculum.

SusanR: The Summits Of Canada Expedition offers a unique educational opportunity for school children, teachers, and communities to follow along with the team and interactively take part in the adventure.

SusanR: This 'Made-in-Canada' opportunity encompasses both a regional and national focus. The Expedition will become a major educational tool for teachers to use with their students, and is becoming the single largest educational adventure initiative in the world.

SusanR: Classes can register..or they can follow along

SusanR: They have landed on one summit in Ontario

SusanR: Take a look at the site

SusanR: <http://www.summitsofcanada.ca/canatrek/expedition/expedition.html>

DavidWe: When did they set out, Susan?

SusanR: I think it can be appreciated by all ages and levels

DaveK: where does funding come from?

DavidWe: . o O (Royal Canadian Mounted Police?)

SusanR: I did come across the funding..see if you can find it

KarenPf: This is amazing!

JamesH: There is a link to a sponsor's page at the bottom of the home page.

JamesH: Lots of big names on the sponsor list.

DavidWe: What's the highest point in Canada? Is it in the Rockies?

JamesH: The Royal Canadian Geographic Society heads the list as the official sponsor.

SusanR: Fairweather Mountain (highest point in British Columbia)

DaveK: should've waited a sec for the funding part, sorry

DavidWe: smiles

DavidWe: Thanks, Susan

SusanR: opportunities for postcard writing for younger students

DavidWe: . o O (Mt. Mckinley (Denali) in Alaska (for the US))

SusanR: I just subscribed to the newsletter which keeps you posted with photos and experiences

AmberMM: Who do the post cards get read by

HopeW: Great lessons on the lessons page.

SusanR: the climbers

AmberMM: very cool

SusanR: The live forum from the top of Ontario is a technological breakthrough

SusanR: Small companies came to the table and offered gear, discounts and support to make this Expedition more successful every step of the way.

KarenPf: Do the climbers reply to the post cards??

SusanR: keeps their morale up; not sure about responding

SusanR: newsletter is excellent

SusanR: an excerpt from the first newsletter "All across Canada and from around the world they sent me emails telling me how excited they were about our plans and that we were making a difference in education. For that energy and support on behalf of our team, we are grateful for the thoughts and blessed by your support."

JtGst5: I would think they get pretty lonely up there

JonathanL: I imagine so!

KarenPf: Morale, got it. Makes sense.

SusanR: The newsletter captures the experience with photos etc

SusanR: technologies being used includes--satellites, video conferencing technology, Global Positioning Systems computer generated mapping, and internet broadcasts, the technologies

JenniferKo: I agree that the post cards would have to help them a lot. I would think that the students would love to explore and participate in some of the activities offered here

KarenPf: My mind is racing with all of the great lessons that can come from this!

SusanR: lesson plans galore

SusanR: here are a few pics

SusanR: <http://www.summitsofcanada.ca/canatrek/graphics/photos/summit-Ontario/summit.jpg>

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JamesH: This is a great web site. Aside from the adventure, there is a wealth of info about Canada: history, inventions, a timeline, etc.

JtGst5: I just looked at the photos, they are great and date stamped also so your students can follow

SusanR: <http://www.summitsofcanada.ca/canatrek/graphics/photos/summit-Ontario/loadingcanoes2.jpg>

SusanR: and the newsletter is well worth the price of admission

SusanR: FREE

DavidWe: Did you say, "FREE", Susan?

SusanR: The team does include a teacher

SusanR: yes

DavidWe smiles

KarenPf: Can't beat free!

HopeW: You could use these awesome pictures for writing prompts.

SusanR: true

SusanR: writing prompts

JtGst5: There are no video up loads?

SusanR: not yet

JtGst5: I think the kids would enjoy seeing and hearing from the explorers themselves.

HopeW: You just gave me an idea JtG.

JenniferKo: I believe that this would be wonderful for not only writing, but geography as well. The students would love the pictures!! They are beautiful

DavidWe smiles

DaveK: Susan, are you part of the project yourself?

KarenPf: Audio would be a nice addition.

HopeW: I was wondering how I could tie this into my Social Studies standards. I could have students compare and contrast the summit explorers to Early European Explorers.

JenniferKo: Are they planning on having any video uploads soon?

AmberMM: So this will last the whole year, but they won't be done with the expedition by then..or will they

SusanR: No I am not; however I plan to follow it and use with students if I have the opportunity

SusanR: Now there are other online projects which should appeal to your students

JenniferKo: Hope, I believe that would be a wonderful idea for a lesson. You could easily tie that into the ss standards

SusanR: Jen Wagner will be updating these projects later this month

HopeW: Thanks Jennifer.

JenniferKo: You could even tie it in with Chris Columbus since Columbus day was Monday

KarenPf: This could cover many standards.... science= habitats+, LA= tons of writing project possibilities,... I love it!

HopeW: Math for sure.

SusanR: I am sure they can tie in with expectations and standards

SusanR: <http://www.technospudprojects.com/calendar.htm>

SusanR: some of these projects are closed already

SusanR: so do plan and hop on board

AmberMM: Math could be used in calculating slopes of their climbs...etc

KarenPf: Great idea!

JenniferKo: I like that idea

SusanR: this one is closed; however the ideas and resources can still be used in the classroom

SusanR: <http://www.technospudprojects.com/Projects/pumpkincount/homepage.htm>

KarenPf: I see word problems using slopes and/or travel time/distance...

AmberMM: ON the web site is there technical info about the climbs...where students could use data to calculate other things, like Rate

HopeW: There's an email buddy project on Techno Spud that I'll need to check into.

SusanR: The team is asking for direction as well and would love to hear requests from teachers

HopeW: The summit team?

MartinGst3: Enjoyed my short visit as a guest.

SusanR: yes the summit team I need to hear your thoughts about our Expedition, our forum, from the students and what they think. Tell me what we did right, what we did wrong, what we can do better, what we need to improve upon to make a better experience for the students. Share with me the students' comments; ask them to write down their thoughts and feelings about what happened. I need you and your students to help me improve upon what we did, and I will in turn discuss feedback with my team to make us better.

JtGst5: Karen you can access the audio link and hear from the explores right now, I just did! It's cool to hear a verbal account of their journey.

KarenPf: Is there a link to current projects that are still open?

JenniferKo: what types of requests

SusanR: another excerpt from the 1st newsletterTo my Expedition team--Jessica, Len, Melissa, Shawn and Will--who paddled two days carrying heavy gear beyond a typical trip, hiked in pouring rain, walked through hip-deep bogs, sat on the top of Ontario for four hours in torrential rains and stood shivering, I want to thank you from my heart for what you gave on this trip to the students. Special thanks also to Ashie, Colin, Kofi, Petr and Tilo who gave us a technology platform that supported the vision of our adventure and journey."

KarenPf: Oh, I didn't see that, Jt. Where is it?

SusanR: subscribing to the newsletter is invaluable

SusanR: That's in the newsletter, Karen

SusanR: You can register yourself without including your students if you wish

KarenPf: The audio link, I mean.

HopeW: Where do you go exactly to subscribe?

JtGst5: It's on the website under the summit scrapbook

SusanR: one moment I believe I have the link

JenniferKo: wow! I think it would be wonderful for the students to be exposed to this.

KarenPf: Thanks Jt! I'll check it out now.

SusanR: registration is here

<http://www.summitsofcanada.ca/canatrek/aboutus/register.html>

KarenPf: Geez... You mean the link that reads AUDIO CLIPS? lol

DavidWe smiles

JenniferKo: you said that the newsletter is free, correct

SusanR: yes, Jennifer

HopeW: thanks Susan

JtGst5: You got it

SusanR: moving on

HopeW: It comes to your email, correct?

SusanR: yes

SusanR: Note: to access the Live Virtual Forum, you will need to Register with Summits Of Canada. Once registered, you will receive an email notification & invitation from CanaTREK for each conference/forum along with the required access codes.

SusanR: so it's once a month

JenniferKo: ok

SusanR: moving along

SusanR: In this next Xpeditions student activity, students explore the changing of the seasons.

SusanR: possible for older students

SusanR: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/activities/07/season.html>

SusanR: note there are lesson plans for younger students on the site

JamesH . o O (must be nice to live where one can notice the seasons changing)

JonathanL: Amen.

JenniferKo: There is a large variety of lesson plans and activities here!

SusanR: Ontario and Quebec are celebrating Fall <http://www.xanga.com/sroseman>

DavidWe: Any leaves changing color, Susan?

SusanR: yep

DavidWe smiles

KarenPf: I love the virtual solar system!

AmberMM: I just was looking at that, very cool

JenniferKo: where is that at? I missed it (virtual solar system)

AmberMM: It is a link on the left of the original screen..under Interactive features...it is by national geographic

KarenPf: National Geo

JtGst5: there are lesson in geography for older students.

DavidWe . o O (anyone have THAT URL handy?)

KarenPf: At the left under interactive features

HopeW: thanks

JenniferKo: found it, thanks

SusanR: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/activities/07/season.html>

DavidWe: Thanks, Susan

SusanR: If you search MarcoPolo you will come up with some great resources as well

SusanR: just key in 'seasons' in the field and zero in on the grade level

SusanR: or suBJect area

JamesH: I enjoyed the Fall in Quebec slide show. Makes me want to head north.

SusanR:

http://www.marcopolosearch.org/mpsearch/Search_Results.asp?orgn_id=2&log_type=1&hdnFilter=&hdnPerPage=15&txtSearchFor=seasons&selUsing=all

SusanR: #11 is Seasonal Haiku: Writing Poems to Celebrate Any Season

SusanR: any questions before I hand out the cyber handout

JenniferKo: no

AmberMM: no, this has been so interesting

HopeW: I've never gotten a cyber handout before how exciting.

JamesH: No questions, thanks.

SusanR: and do come back for part two with Jen Wagner of Technospud and WOW (Women of the Web)

SusanR: one moment please

BJ: the next K-3 Resources is October 24

SusanR: <http://trackstar.4teachers.org/trackstar/ts/viewTrack.do?number=194126>

BJ: Thanks, Sue. Great resources as always

SusanR: also peruse this one <http://www.emints.org/ethemes/resources/S00001373.shtml>

AmberMM: Thank you

SusanR: any other questions I will be relaxing in the K to 3+ Resource Room

HopeW: thank you

DavidWe: Great topic this evening, Susan

JamesH: Thank you. Very interesting info.

JenniferKo: thank you! You have been very helpful.

KarenPf: Thanks so much! This was great!

SusanR: Come on up to Canada and experience our fall, James!

DaveK: Thanks Susan!

JamesH: I'd like that. I've been to Vancouver Island back in the 80's. I really enjoyed that trip.

JtGst5: thanks Susan How Do I get the hand outs?

DaveK: Susan, could you answer some questions about TrackStar?

DaveK: totally off topic I know...

SusanR: The handout is on Weather

SusanR: <http://trackstar.4teachers.org/trackstar/ts/viewTrack.do?number=194126>

SusanR: I could give you my delicious handout if you wish

SusanR: http://del.icio.us/sroseman/Tappedin_Seasons

DaveK: sure, I'm familiar with 4teachers, but I'm not sure what Trackstar is for

KarenPf: Click on the "view in text" button for the links on the hand-out.

SusanR: great for planning and collecting resources for students and for online PD

BJ: I have some tracks in the ArtsSites group room, Dave

BJ: and Sue has quite a few in the K-3 Resources group

KarenPf: Wonderful resources!

BJ waves goodnight