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SusanR: Let's begin

SusanR: We are here for another great Resources session

SusanR: with special guest, Jennifer Wagner from Technospud and WOW2

DavidW cheers for TechnoSpud

JenW waves to all

SusanR: Jen returns again to give us an update to her online collaborative projects and related areas of interest.

EmilyW cheers for WOW2

JenW: so should I share??

SusanR: Can we start with brief intros

SusanR: and what brings you here this evening

AdeleH: I am here to learn.

CarolynC: I teach kindergarten in San Clemente, California.

VictoriaD wow2

JoleenF: I am a student teaching in Houston, TX!

CarolBa: 3rd grade Social Studies and Math, Philadelphia, all boys independent school. I'm here to learn!

CristinaV: I am a student teacher in Houston TX and I am here to learn

AdeleH: Hi Carolyn, I teach Kindergarten too,

CamilleL: In between choir rehearsals =).

MichelleVT: I'm doing student teaching in Houston, TX, 2nd grade

LienP: I am lien and I am a student teacher in Houston TX

StevenGst4: I'm a college student in Oregon.

JenW: Jennifer Wagner -- Technospud.com and WomenofWeb2.com -- former K - 8 technology teacher at a private school in SoCal --- loves hosting online projects FOR YOU!!!

LienP: teaching 2nd grade

SusanR: I am the moderator of K to 3+ Great Resources and K to 8 Occasional Teacher; former tech integrator and Occasional Teacher ..today I taught grade 4

MaureenB: I teach 4th but have gotten some greatt ideas here

HeatherHo: I am a college student in KY, beginning my student teaching in January

DavidWe: I'm one of the HelpDesk volunteers for Tapped In. I help teachers learn more about educational technology. I'm in northern New Jersey, near New York City

VictoriaD: I am Vicki Davis, I work with the technology curriculum for K3-12 as well as teach in the classroom 5, 8-12th. I'm hoping to learn for writing our technology plan. I'm a wow2 -er with Jen W.

CristinaV: I am in a 4th grade classroom

EmilyW: I am Emily, Tapped In Helpdesk and web designer

SusanR: WOW .. a diverse group

JenW: I think so

SusanR: Jen ..would you like to tell us about WOW2 ..

JenW: SURE -- I can always talk about WOW -- and then my upcoming projects??

CristinaV: What is WOW2

VictoriaD cheers WOW2

JenW: Women of Web 2.0 -- WOW

JenW: We started a new online presence ---

AdeleH: That is neat.

JenW: for women to share with other women ----

JenW: <http://www.womenofweb2.com> ---

CarolynC: is it mostly for teachers?

JenW: and (yes, we let men in too) --- we call them Friends of WOW

DavidWe thanks Jen for that

StevenGst4: thank you

JenW: Hmmm -- Carolyn --- tends towards educators rather than just teachers

SusanR: the Actions tab just above and to the right of the chat box

CristinaV: thanks

LienP: we should all click on detach

JenW: librarians, administrators, etc etc ---

JenW: but right now -- we are keeping it mostly in the education realm

CarolynC: SO tell us about the upcoming projects

JenW: Anyhow -- we -- 4 of us -- started a new online presence -- and I would love for you all to be a part

JenW: Carolyn -- LOL -- thank you for asking.

JenW: There are 2 BIG projects coming up in the next 2 months

SusanR: WOW2 is open to both men and women by the way. Am I correct, Jen?

JenW: OH -- Vicki wants me to remind you that MEN are welcome too

JenW: I thought I had said that -- Hmmmmm -- perhaps if I detach

JenW: yes, Susan -- you are correct

DavidWe appreciates the comment about "MEN"

JenW: Friends of WOW -- that is what we call our Men Friends

DavidWe laughs

DavidWe . o O (FoWOW)

JenW: OKAY -- the first project I would like to invite you to consider joining is "Holiday Card Exchange"

JenW: <http://www.technospudprojects.com/Projects/holidaycards/homepage.htm>

LienP: that sounds interesting

JenW: this just went live about 2 hours ago

JenW: It is ALL holiday of the December month

JenW: open for anyone and everyone

CristinaV: tell us about it

AdeleH: I think I saw something about that on a web site I visited last week.

AliciaHe: that's cool

JenW: really Adel -- let me know the link later

LienP: sounds like a social studies activity

SusanR: I suggest you get in early before this project closes!! Jen's projects are extremely popular!

JenW: Lien -- yes, it will be

JenW: When you register -

JenW: you will be put into a group of 25 other classrooms

JenW: You all will mail out 1 holiday card to each of the other 24 schools

JenW: and you will receive 24 holiday cards

AliciaHe: awwww that's nice

JenW: which you are then encouraged to map on your board

AdeleH: I like that idea.

JenW: your kids can MAKE their own cards

JenW: or purchase them -- however, I like the handmade ones

MichelleVT: That's an awesome idea!

JoleenF: AWESOME!

JenW: If you are a school that DOES not allow certain holiday stuff (my old school didn't allow commercial Christmas stuff) there will be groups for that

AdeleH: That is a great way to learn geography and also get some culture.

JenW: but hopefully -- everyone will just enjoy sharing cards

JenW: Grins -- make sense sort of???

CarolynC: what a great tool for second grade teachers working on the friendly letter!

JenW: Yes -- it does cover that standard

AliciaHe: I really like that idea

SusanR: I like the idea of "holiday cards" ... so encompasses Hanukkah etc

JenW: and it will bring out the "craftiness" in you

JenW: There will be links to creative card creations

AdeleH: I am for that.

JenW: and it is also a great way to get parents involved

CarolynC: I am so excited!

LienP: how long will an activity like this take?

JenW: and YOU GET MAIL -- which is always nice

DavidWe . o O (always)

JenW: Registration starts on November 4th -- cards MUST be mailed by December 4th

SusanR: Is there a closing date to the project, Jen

AliciaHe: that's a good length of time

KeyanaJ: wow how interesting

JenW: Pretty much by the 10th -- stragglers should be received

AdeleH: I like the time frame.

JenW: and then if people wish to share pictures -- etc --

JenW: time to make webpages

JenW: etc etc

JenW: And that is ONE project

AliciaHe: oh yeah that's a good idea

JenW: But the NEXT project is the one that I am simply having a BLAST with

AdeleH: Tell us more.

SusanR listens with anticipation.

JenW: It will be called "Some Project" -- A Project Based on Charlotte's Web

JenW: it will have tie - ins to the movie coming out in December

JenW: and it will deal A GREAT DEAL with adjectives

CristinaV: cool

SusanR: Charlottes Web ..a favourite novel study over the years

JenW: and your students WILL make a spider web (with yarn and glitter) that has their attribute in the center

JenW: there will be directions for this

CristinaV: where

MaureenB: we love to do that book again

KeyanaJ: wow

JenW: Like my web could say "Creative" or "Talkative" or "Giggly" etc

JenW: there is ONE restriction to this project though

AdeleH: Kindergarten could probably do a group thing.

JenW: You do need to have a web presence -- via page, wiki, or blog

JenW: to show off your class participation

CristinaV: Adele that's a good idea

JenW: Yes, Kindergarten could easily do this

JenW: with a little extra assistance

AdeleH: TKS

CarolynC: would our tapped in classroom work?

JenW: I would suggest perhaps making the webs in advance

JenW: and then having them just place the words on the top -- for K

AdeleH: Good idea

JenW: Carolyn -- as long as it can be seen -- and you can place photos

LienP: it would be mainly about them?

MichelleVT: yeah, that sounds good for Kinder

JenW: if not -- we can help with wiki's or blogs

JenW: The "web" is all about them

VictoriaD cheers for wikis

DavidWe: Lots of places on the web for free wikis or blogs for educators

AdeleH: OK what are Wikis

JenW: Grins -- Adele - you just asked a BIG question

KeyanaJ: same as blogs right

CristinaV: yes, what are wikis?

SusanR: I recommend blogger.com for ease of use

AdeleH: OK will try

KeyanaJ: we use that for student teaching

AliciaHe: yes we do

JenW: Grins -- and I prefer wikis -- it is all your own preference

RebeccaSL: I've had fun with Geocities webpages (also easy to use)

JenW: Let me drop you an example of a wiki

SusanR: Perhaps Jen could return to do a session on wikis

KeyanaJ: what is a wikis website

JenW: <http://theincrediblejourney.wikispaces.com/>

SusanR: Welcome Lori

JenW: that is a wiki

AdeleH: Please that would really help. A wiki session

KeyanaJ: ok I see

JenW: Yes, it would be great

AliciaHe: I see it

JenW: OH ____ check this out

KeyanaJ: I'm looking forward to that

JenW: <http://onlineprojects4teachers.com/wordpress/?p=85>

CristinaV: I would love to join

JenW: that is my powerpoint on creating a wiki

JenW: at wikispaces --

AdeleH: Thanks! I will check it out

JenW: plus VICKI is hosting a session right now at the K12 Online Conference about WIKIS

JenW: Vicki -- could you drop the link

JenW: ANYWAY -- that is the one requirement

SusanR: I am using a wiki for my next K to 3+ Great Resources session

VictoriaD: <http://k12wiki.wikispaces.com> -- with a video about how they work.

SusanR: <http://kto3plusgreatresources.wikispaces.com/Poetry>

JenW: you MUST create an online presence for this project

DavidWe likes THAT requirement

JenW: Other than that --- I will provide worksheets, links, etc

JenW: standards, art ideas, etc

LienP: I really love the Charlotte's web idea...but how will it work for kinder

VictoriaD cheers for Jen

JenW: And that project begins registration on November 17th -- project dates December 1 - your last day of school in December

CarolynC: I am learning so much!

LienP: because the book is really difficult for them

LienP: or even 2nd grade

AliciaHe: it kind of is Lien

JenW: Because of the movie coming out -- there are GREAT online resources

AliciaHe: for kinder

LienP: ic

JenW: I have a link at Del.ici.ous all about Charlotte's Web

JenW: let me grab the link

SusanR: Use Charlottes' Web as a Read Aloud perhaps for the Kinders

LienP: I feel that it is hard to come up with creative hands on activities for language arts

LienP: to teach things like verbs, nouns, pronouns

LienP: subject verb things

JenW: http://del.icio.us/search/?fr=del_icio_us&p=technospud&type=all

AdeleH: Tks I will check it out

JenW: Hi Lien -- we are going to emphasize adjectives

LienP: great

JenW: there are a ZILLION in the book

JenW: and that is what Charlotte always puts in the web

AliciaHe: that would be great

JenW: describing words for Wilbur

CristinaV: that's true

JenW: Grins -- however, I just realized that about 2 months ago

KeyanaJ: I'm learning a lot too !!

JenW: SO -- those are the two BIGGIES that I have planned

CarolynC: I am forwarding this info to the second grade teachers at my school, because they use Charlotte's Web!

AdeleH: We use thinking maps at our school, but this would really be a great graphic !

JenW: and then -- if that is not enough --

JenW: I am creating a portal for teachers to meet up with other teachers to share ideas, wikis, blogs, etc

AliciaHe: good idea for my future classroom

JenW: but more on that == next month

EmilyW: great idea Jen

KeyanaJ: mine too

JenW: Adele -- always -- any ideas are appreciated

JenW: Most of my projects are K - 4 based -- so I always appreciate comments

AdeleH: Right now I am trying to digest what I am reading

JenW: Adele -- no worries -- you will get a chat transcript that you can go over later

RebeccaSL: They also work very well in older Special Needs classrooms

VictoriaD: Jen, about how many teachers do you have in each project?

RebeccaSL smiles

LienP: do you create these projects through collaboration with other teachers?

JenW: Well -- O.R.E.O. had over 350

AdeleH: Just started with Tapped In and I am getting use to the logging

JenW: Lien -- in a way -- but mostly my ideas are based on past projects

CarolynC: wow...are they from all over, or mostly concentrated in one area

MichelleVT: talk about learning from experience

VictoriaD: In the e-mail project is it just the classroom that sends e-mail or individual students?

JenW: The Pumpkin Seed project has 210 teachers

JenW: Carolyn -- check this map

SusanR: What happens if you get an overwhelming no. of classrooms registering, Jen

LienP: do you have any suggestions on websites that can help give ideas on how to teach language in creative ways

JenW: <http://www.technospudprojects.com/Projects/oreo06/viewresults.htm>

LienP: or just creative, fun, learning lessons in general

JenW: Susan -- then I close registration

JenW: I had to close O.R.E.O. at 500

AdeleH: So we have to register early

JenW: but then only 351 actually sent in results

CristinaV: What is OREO

AdeleH: I was wondering too

SusanR: So the idea is to get register and get involved early!

JenW: It is a project which has used the Oreo cookie for the last 8 years

CristinaV: how?

JenW: We have to call it O.R.E.O. -- Our Really Exciting Online Project -- (o.r.e.o.) to not

JenW: violate copyright

JenW: Grins -- Cristina -- you really want to see???

JenW: <http://www.technospudprojects.com/archives.htm>

CristinaV: yes

JenW: that is the archives of all Technospud Projects

JenW: the O.R.E.O. project is on the top

JenW: this year we stacked the cookie

CristinaV: thanks

AdeleH: So any projects that have been done are stored there?

KeyanaJ: wow wonderful

JenW: last year we compared measurement of regular and mini

KeyanaJ: I never knew about this stuff

JenW: the year before we compared double stuff and regular stuff

JoleenF: Neat!

CristinaV: sounds fun

SusanR . o O (notices the Curious George project and takes note)

AdeleH: This is new to me too,.

MichelleVT: yeah, this is so interesting

JenW: Well then Keyana -- I would love for you to join up

JenW: and everyone else

KeyanaJ: can we give the kids oreo cooking in school?

AliciaHe: is this great info

JenW: AND -- I will tell you a secret -- IF you promise NOT to post it anywhere

JenW: Promise?????

DavidWe vows

AliciaHe: yes

CristinaV: What a great way to get the kids focused

AdeleH: yes

KeyanaJ: vow

JenW: Grins -- if a project says it is closed -- but if you write me an email -- I will always let you in

JenW: ALWAYS

JenW: but shhhhh -- don't tell

AliciaHe: COOL

CristinaV: yes

RebeccaSL: LOL

CarolynC: you are too kind!

AdeleH: GREAT

JenW: anyone who is willing to see CLOSED -- but asks -- I will let in

JenW: shows bravery

KeyanaJ: ok,lol, cool, I'm student teaching now but in the future I will keep in my files

JenW: LOL -- and wishing to truly be a part

JenW: Keyana -- share with your teacher

JenW: and thanks

JenW: ANYHOW -- we do not promote the eating of the oreo --

JenW: want to know how we get around that

JenW: ???

AdeleH: You are giving me lots to think about. Thanks

KeyanaJ: I will do that with the entire first grade team

AliciaHe: how?

CristinaV: it's very tempting

JenW: We use the cookie to make sculptures

JenW: here are some pictures

JoleenF: I am going to share this info with my teachers as well

JenW: <http://www.technospudprojects.com/Projects/oreo06/sculptures2.htm>

KeyanaJ: I was wondering about the eating part

JenW: and because they are sculpting -- they tend to not care about eating

JenW: HONEST

AdeleH: I have to share with my first and second grade teachers

AliciaHe: the big snow man is too cute

JenW: Adele -- thank you -- that has blessed my day

KeyanaJ: wow that's different

CristinaV: really that works

JenW: LOL -- sometimes I am amazed at the crazy ideas in my head -- that seem to work

AliciaHe: great idea

JenW: ANYHOW -- that is what is coming up with Technospud for the end of this year

JenW: And in the spring --

JenW: we will have 3 more projects

SusanR feels the excitement

JenW bows

SusanR: about the upcoming projects

AdeleH: How do you have time to plan so far ahead.

JenW: We have a yearly St. Patrick's day project -- K - 3 only

JenW: Adele -- LOL, single, no kids, just a cat

JenW smiles

KeyanaJ: lol

JenW: we have a GREAT EGG ROLL

DavidWe smiles

AdeleH: Bless you.

AliciaHe: lol

JenW: which will be a TEAM project his year so you have to get another class to participate with you

JenW: here is a link to that

CarolynC: is the mission of the projects to get classes online and interacting?!

JenW: http://www.technospudprojects.com/Projects/eggroll06/er06_results.htm

JenW: Carolyn -- exactly

JenW: collaboration

JenW: and also introduction to new Web 2.0 tools

JenW: wikis, blogs, email (for some), flickr & bubbleshare

JenW: etc etc

AdeleH: I wish I could remember the link I was on with the group projects.

JenW: Adele - there are several

JenW: I started with Global School House for the first 2 years

JenW: but then I grew big enough that I could publicize them on my own -

SusanR: I love the worksheets and information sheets attached to each project, Jen

JenW: (hope that didn't sound boastful)

AdeleH: That was it Global School House. Thanks!

JenW: It's a great site

RebeccaSL: What is bubbleshare?

JenW: Bubbleshare is an online photo sharing website

AdeleH: I was blown away with the information there and the projects for all grades.

LienP: I use photobucket for my photo sharing

JenW: you can upload photos for free to share (or not) as you wish

MaureenB thinks some time you have to blow your own horn

JenW: Yes, photobucket is good as well

AliciaHe: that's a good site

JenW: I tend to like the strings -- but YES, we do have to toot at times

MaureenB: louder the better

SusanR: <http://www.bubbleshare.com/> great for showcasing any of your online projects

JenW: Thanks Susan

JenW: want to drop in PhotoBucket as well

JenW: SOOOOO -- any questions?? comments??? critiques

AliciaHe: this is great stuff

AliciaHe: and info

JenW: Thanks Alicia -- it keeps my busy

CristinaV: Lots of useful info

LienP: thanks for the links

LienP: I am so excited

CarolynC: bubbleshare looks super fun!

AdeleH: Thanks, you are such a great resource.

JenW: no problem -- I love to share ideas with teachers

JenW: they will ALWAYS be simplistic

KeyanaJ: I too am overwhelmed, I just had to bookmark everything and go back later, when is you next session

JenW: but cover a multitude of standards

CristinaV: Thanks

CamilleL: thanks for all the resources, Jen.

JenW: Kenya -- I think I will be visiting ever so often

JoleenF: Thanks for all of the great ideas and info. I am excited to share this with my other teachers, and use it in the future!

SusanR: and if I can recommend Stained Glass Collage to showcase those projects as well...

JenW: but you can always email me at jlw@technospud.com

CristinaV: When is your next session

AdeleH: Yes. When?

JenW: Grins -- I am just a guest today -- by the graciousness of Susan

SusanR: Jen, can you join us for another session?

JenW: LOL -- you know I can always type for an hour Susan

KeyanaJ: thanks Susan you have great ideas too

CarolynC: Thanks for coming!

SusanR: there are soo many resources and questions

AdeleH: Please?

JenW: this is a great group -- I would like to see you again

LienP: I'm going to email these links to my student teacher classmates

AdeleH: Thank you for sharing you wealth of knowledge with us beginners.

AliciaHe: that's a good idea lien

CarolynC: you'll be the most popular!

AliciaHe: let's share

JenW: and thank you Adele

JeffC: Is this project <http://www.theoreoproject.com/main.htm> related to yours Jen?

HeatherHo: Thanks for all the great stuff!

CristinaV: Just let us know when

CristinaV: just let us know when

HeatherHo: I'm so excited!

LienP: no thank you...my kids will have so much fun with these activities

JenW: LOL -- NO

JenW: No -- to Jeff

SusanR: any last minute comments/questions for Jen or myself

JeffC didn't think so... but it looks interesting.

JenW: looks scary

RebeccaSL: Thank you so much Jen for all you do. My kids are really enjoying all the projects we've done this year

CarolynC: No...thanks for all of the new things to find out more about...I'll be doing my homework!

JenW: its been a good year so far

AdeleH: I can't wait to check out the links you shared.

JenW waves and says THANK YOU to all

SusanR: I will be in touch Jen..for a future session

MichelleVT: Thank you so much for all the great resources!

JenW: are we done???

AdeleH: Yes

JenW: that went quick?? no questions???

DavidWe: When's the next K-3 session, Susan?

VictoriaD great job everyone! Very impressive!

SusanR: 10 minutes left

JenW: LOL -- I can fill 10 minutes

DavidWe imagines we can come up with some questions

CristinaV: I feel like I learned so much. I am eager to use these ideas in my classroom

AliciaHe: it is great to do something out of the ordinary with children

SusanR hands the floor over to Jen for the last few minutes

JenW: Yes, Alicia -- I am all for HANDS on learning

KeyanaJ: with is safer, wiki or blog

JenW: Keyana -- they both are safe

AdeleH: Do you have any ideas for Kindergarten teachers.

KeyanaJ: ok

JenW: as long as you put on the tools to protect your kids

JenW: blogmeister has controls -- and is free

KeyanaJ: good to know

JenW: wikispaces has controls -- and it is free -- as is PB Wiki

KeyanaJ: can I have the students add posts

JenW: Adele - I heard of a great experiment yesterday

LienP: it is hard to be and think hands on when you're in a learning environment that does not invite it

JenW: I am going to do it with a 1st grade class -- want to hear it

SusanR: Why not blog your kinder activities for parents, Adele

AdeleH: Tell me more

KeyanaJ: sure

JenW: You need to have a milk carton -- the paper kind

JenW: and fill it with water and freeze it

KeyanaJ: ok, I like that

AdeleH: ok

JenW: and either thin paint -- or use food colors -- and you will need either spoons or eye droppers

JenW: and rock salt

CristinaV: bien!

JenW: take the ice OUT of the paper carton -- put on a cookie sheet

JenW: put rock salt on the ice and let them drop colors onto the ice

JenW: it will fill in the crevices, and cracks

AdeleH: ok

JenW: you can teach vocabulary

AdeleH: the colors will blend

JenW: mixing colors

JenW: crevices, cracks - oooooo, another word, can't remember it

JenW: something to do with erosion

JenW: but it ends up being a beautiful science experiment

AdeleH: great idea and easy to do. the mess stays in a pan and all can see and learn

JenW: I saw it on TV yesterday

JenW: it would make good videotape too

AdeleH: Don't watch much tv.

JenW: ahhh -- wished I could say that

JenW: Since I am freelancing at home -- I watch (or listen to) way too much

JenW: BUT that is how I got the idea for the DC duck project last year

JenW: grins -- if you have time --

JenW: check this out later

AdeleH: Thank you for your wonderful ideas and sharing your knowledge with us. I have to check back in to see what is going on here.

JenW: <http://www.technospudprojects.com/Projects/dcducks/information.htm>

JenW: Adele -- thank you for your time today

SusanR: Have you thought about doing anything on "How to Eat Fried Worms, Jen

JenW: LOL -- not yet

JenW: the book kinda grossed me out --

JenW: we are doing a travel buddy project this year based on "The Incredible Journey"

SusanR understands

JenW: we recycled the beanie babies from the Shoeless and Bark project

JenW smiles

JenW: I think next year I am going to do a project on "A Wrinkle In Time" -- I loved that book

SusanR: Can we count on you to return to do another session in November or December, Jen?

AdeleH: Don't know about that project

JenW: Shoeless and Bark -- ahhhh one of my favoritest

AdeleH: Tell me more.

JenW: <http://www.technospudprojects.com/Projects/snb2005/index.htm>

JenW: It celebrated the 200th anniversary of Lewis and Clarks expedition

AdeleH: Have to check it out

JenW: boxes traveled around the US and Canada

JenW: please do -- it was a keeper

JenW: here is the link to all my archives Adele

JenW: <http://www.technospudprojects.com/archives.htm>

JenW: WOW -- that hour went fast

DavidWe smiles

AdeleH: Thank you. I can't wait. You are awesome.

JenW: Thanks Susan -- it was fun

DavidWe: Good discussion, Jen and Susan

JenW blushes

SusanR: Thanks Jen. You are a goldmine of online collaborative resources.

JenW: good night

KeyanaJ: thanks Susan and Jen for all you hard work

SusanR: Pleas come back soon

JenW: and good luck with student teaching Keyana

SusanR: <http://del.icio.us/sroseman/Hallowe'en> .. a treat to explore

AdeleH: Thanks Susan and Jen, Everyone that shared

CristinaV: Thanks everyone for all the great ideas

KeyanaJ: thank you

MichelleVT: oh we will

JenW: I need to learn how to use del-ici-ious

JenW: I forget about it all the time

SusanR: I will hang around for last minute clarification and questions.

JeffC: Del.icio.us has one major flaw.

JenW: and it would be?????

SusanR listens to Jeff

AliciaHe: bye

JeffC: Everything about public bookmarking there is great... but when you upload your own bookmarks to that site... all bookmarks default to *private*.

JeffC: In order to make them public you have to do them *one at a time*. I've written to their support people and they say they do that because of the spammers.