

Title of Session: K-3+ Resources

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SusanR: What brings you to this session this evening, Lucy and Hortensia?

DavidWek reminds everyone that we typically begin discussions with brief introductions - who you are, where you are, why you are here

LucyK: I'm a first year teacher - work with primarily 3rd graders - a majority of which are ELL students.

HortensiaA: Well; I'm interested in resources for kindergarten up to K3

SusanR: perfect

LucyK: Oh - I'm in California

DavidWek: I'm David Weksler. I'm one of the HelpDesk volunteers and I lead a math education discussion. I'm in New Jersey, near New York City

LucyK: David - is the math education for all grade levels?

SusanR: I am a K to 8 Occasional Teacher from Ontario

LucyK: What is an "Occasional Teacher?"

SusanR: I spent most of my career in Grade 1 and 2

SusanR: OT Occasional Teacher...substitute

LucyK: . o O (aaahhhhh)

DavidWek likes OT

SusanR: I am in Ottawa, Ontario Canada where we are feeling the heat as well

SusanR: So it is an informal session.

LucyK: Will we be going through available resources in Tapped In?

SusanR: particular to K to 3+ ..and I can show you some of the group rooms

LucyK: Great - thank you

HortensiaA: ok

SusanR: First resource

SusanR: Have you heard of Starfall?

HortensiaA: no

LucyK: I have but don't believe I've accessed it before.

SusanR: Reading resource for emergent readers

LucyK: Is it a website or a software program?

SusanR: A free website to teach children to read. Perfect for kindergarten, first grade, and second grade. Contains exciting interactive books and phonics games.

SusanR: <http://www.starfall.com/>

HortensiaA: ok

LucyK: Cool - thanks

SusanR: mostly free resources

SusanR: printouts and games

LucyK: I think this may have been used in the computer lab at a school where I did my student teaching.

CamilleL: well liked by the preK teachers at my former school.

SusanR: and about to look at a related site which I just discovered

SusanR: similar to starfall.com

SusanR: similar to starfall is ...Guided Reading and Reading Games with Roy the Zebra.

SusanR: a nine-part reading series about a zebra that follows his dreams and makes friends thanks to his courage to seek out adventure.

CamilleL: who wrote that one, Susan?

SusanR: This interactive reading guide comes complete with teacher's resources including literary sheets, group discussions and activity guides,

LucyK: is that also a website?

SusanR: and is designed for use on a desktop, laptop computer or interactive storyboard.

LucyK . o O (oops .. typed too late)

SusanR nods a website

LucyK . o O (thank you)

CamilleL: produced by who, sue?

SusanR: In the story we first find Roy living in the worst zoo in the world, but thanks to his new friend George he escapes and together they set out to complete Roy's dream of re-uniting with his heard.

SusanR: www.roythezebra.com/

SusanR: explore the site..from the UK

LucyK: I love finding new websites to explore

LucyK: Susan - have you actually used this in a classroom?

SusanR: songs, worksheets, games..

HortensiaA: Me too, I could spend all day on it

SusanR: PLUG ..Tappedin Festival July 25.."Playing to Learn"

LucyK: What time is that session?

SusanR: No I have not. I just discovered it last week

LucyK nods to Susan

SusanR: How would you use it in your classroom setting?

LucyK: I would need to really review the website first ...

SusanR: Camille, what are your first impressions?

LucyK: but ideally this could be a center

CamilleL: I would have the children write their own stories and sing it to the same melody the zebra uses.

SusanR: Great ideas! I too would use it as a centre.

LucyK: It also looks like there is a "before" reading sheet that you could use with your students

SusanR: . o O (a wealth of material there)

LucyK: You could meet with them first and go over the sheet

LucyK: then have the read/listen to the story at their center and do the "after" activities to turn in?

LucyK: It looks like there are also literacy worksheets that could be printed out and worked on as well.

CamilleL: I would have the kiddies partner up at the center, just in case one doesn't read so well.

CamilleL: then have these two "share out" what they accomplished at the center afterwards.

HortensiaA: I can share with you some websites with free printable and online materials, maybe you already know them but ...

SusanR: Please jump in and share, Hortensia

SusanR: Please

HortensiaA: <http://www.englishraven.com/Main.html>

HortensiaA: I found this yesterday and think it's great

CamilleL: I can't get in -- anyone else having trouble with this link?

LucyK: I had no problem

SusanR: I sent it to the pasteboard and copied and pasted it into chat window

LucyK: Mine actually opened in another window and I didn't realize it

HortensiaA: I couldn't access those that Susan sent but opened a new window and copy paste the URL

CamilleL: oh, yeah, thanks, Lucy, so did mine =).

DavidWek: There are usually a couple of ways of doing that...but allowing pop-ups from tappedin.org makes it simpler

SusanR . o O (there is always a work around)

HortensiaA: ok

SusanR: I discovered a new kid friendly search engine

CamilleL: Wow looks like it's chock full of goodies -- will take hours to explore!

HortensiaA: yes!!!! haha

LucyK: I can't tell how many hours I have lost exploring new websites ...

HortensiaA: here's another

HortensiaA: <http://www.busyteacherscafe.com/>

CamilleL: never say lost -- but found, Lucy, eh?

SusanR: I filed that one in my delicious account!

LucyK . o O (laughs out loud)

CamilleL: oh, now that's adorable, Hortensia!

SusanR: As a substitute I am going to thoroughly enjoy pouring over that site

LucyK: These are great resources Hortensia - thanks so much for sharing

CamilleL: Sue, do they know about checking out your K-3 resource site for you incredible list of goodies?

HortensiaA: Let me tell you that I'm just a mom, but my daughter is a Kindergarten teacher and I love searching for new resources for her kids

CamilleL: wow, what a nice momma to have.

HortensiaA: haha her friends tell her so

SusanR: Before I bring you up to the K to 3+ Resource Room here is a great kid friendly search engine

HortensiaA: ok

SusanR: Quintura for Kids is a visual and intuitive search engine

SusanR: <http://kids.quintura.com/>

SusanR: try entering a topic such as "weather"

SusanR: or any theme

CamilleL: oh, my goodness -- this would save countless hours of searching the net, sue!

SusanR: and notice>>>>

LucyK: and this are all "kid friendly" so to speak?

CamilleL: that's what I mean, not only finding them, but finding appropriate ones too -- wow!

SusanR: categorizes the search and suggests topics

HortensiaA: wow! it's great

CamilleL: this would be super for finding info for webquests, right, Sue?

SusanR: right on

LucyK: . o O (oohhh . . . webquests)

CamilleL: it took me days just to find something on "frogs" once.

SusanR: adult version <http://www.quintura.com/>

LucyK: I know what you mean Camille, it took me forever to find an appropriate website on oceans and ocean life for my students to look at and use for research

DavidWek: email me the next time you are looking for "frogs", Camille. I can help

CamilleL: and why is that David, something to do with New Jersey?

DavidWek: of course - we have swamps

LucyK: Susan -- is there anything for 3rd graders that is similar to Starfall?

SusanR: Let's head up to the K to 3+ Resource Room

SusanR : perhaps there is something there

SusanR : just a minute for grade 3

LucyK: okay

CamilleL: third is my favorite grade!

SusanR : I recommend Jen Wagner's SaluteToSeuss

LucyK: website?

SusanR : collaborative project, Lucy

LucyK: aaahh

SusanR : Calling all K6 teachers. Jen Wagner will be hosting a project saluting Dr. Seuss starting in August.

SusanR : Each classroom will be taking on a CHARACTER in a Dr. Seuss book (not an actual book) and sharing information about this character

LucyK: coool -- Susan -- I definitely want to hear more about this

SusanR : If you wish to take on a collaborative project for the year I recommend this one

SusanR : <http://salutetoseuss.wikispaces.com/>

LucyK: Susan - another great website to look at later :0

SusanR : Do file that one away

LucyK: We actually have a Dr. Seuss Day we do at my school every year - loads of fun

SusanR : We will have her as a special guest here. She does put a cap on numbers so do peruse and decide quickly to participate

CamilleL: doesn't she have her own website, Sue?

SusanR : yes she does

DavidWek . o O (technospud!!)

SusanR : Technospud Projects.com

DavidWek: I met Jen in Atlanta, Susan

SusanR: click on the link in the wiki

CamilleL: oh, I was thinking of the WoW group.

HortensiaA: mmm sorry, I have to leave but here's one more site with lots of printables

HortensiaA: <http://www.wartoft.nu/software/>

SusanR: oh David you are so lucky

DavidWek: . o O (at the Women of the Web discussion)

DavidWek: Thanks for joining us, Hortensia

CamilleL: that's it, is she connected with that, David.

SusanR: I saw the Flickr pics, David

LucyK: Gosh this has been great everyone -- I wish I didn't have to leave to go to another meeting.

HortensiaA: thanks, hope to see you all soon

LucyK: Thank you so much for sharing all of these resources

CamilleL: thanks, Lucy, nice "talking to you".

LucyK: Talk to you all soon

LucyK: Thanks Camille!

CamilleL: thanks, Hortensia, too for the sites.

SusanR: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/wfryer/tags/wow2>

SusanR: Thanks Hortensia

LucyK: Thanks again Susan -- hope to see more of you in the future -- appreciate all the info!

HortensiaA: you're welcome

SusanR: and thank you Lucy

