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SusanR: I am taking a few minutes to see what education world is offering up this month

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

SusanR: I am looking at web 2.0 and "Technology Trends Inching Toward Schools"

HollyH: Such as second life?

SusanR: It is the lifestyle column

SusanR: I have spent a great deal of time looking at the endless possibilities for PD in Second Life

EmilyW joined the room.

SusanR: welcome Emily

SusanR: Emily and I are members of SL

EmilyW: not anymore

SusanR: how active are you, Emily

EmilyW: well I guess I am, I removed it

SusanR: why

SusanR: may I ask

EmilyW: too slow and always freezes

HollyH: It does use a lot of space

SusanR: works efficiently on the Mac!!

EmilyW: I never used it that much anyway

HollyH: it works fine on my own Dell laptop. May need to utilize it when I try to

include in the classroom

SusanR: How do you plan to use SL, Holly

SusanR: in an elementary classroom?

HollyH: Yes, fourth grade.

SusanR: I am anxious to hear about your experiences

HollyH: Hope to introduce it soon. We have only been in school for 3 days.

SusanR: voice enabled now

SusanR: I gather it is not blocked

HollyH: Not so far. From where do you get your resources for Second Life?

HelenK joined the room.

BJB2: hi, Helen

HelenK: hello everyone, hope you have all been able to have a relaxing summer

SusanR: check out SL <http://sl-virtual-world-news.com/>

SusanR: Welcome Helen

SusanR . o O (discussing the use of Second Life in the classroom)

DavidW joined the room.

DavidW waves

SusanR: waiting for Camille as well

SusanR: How is your year, Helen?

SusanR: Have you been back to school?

HelenK: my program runs for 12 months but I have just had 10 days off and went camping

SherylM joined the room.

SherylM: Good evening all!

SusanR : nice weather in B C, Helen

SusanR : Welcome Sheryl

SusanR : we were just debating Andrew Keen's new book about web 2.0
<http://books.google.com/books?id=XIYuAAAACAAJ&dq=&prev=http://www.google.com/search%3Fq%3DAndrew%2520Keen&sa=X&oi=print&ct=result&cd=1>

SusanR : and it's effect on culture

HollyH: and what did u find?

CamilleL joined the room.

SusanR : what's your interpretation thus far

SusanR : ah welcome Camille

CamilleL: hello guys.

SusanR : well let's begin with some brief intros

SherylM : just heard him being interviewed

HollyH: That we are moving more and more away from the face-to-face and at the same time, it has great potential for education

SusanR : where you are from and what your interests are and what brings you here this evening

HelenK: I am from BC, Canada and am always on the lookout for resources to share with my students and colleagues

HollyH: gt, twice-exceptional

SusanR : I am SueR from Ottawa, Ontario..K to 8 Occasional Teacher, former Tech Integrator and moderator this evening

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

SusanR : hoping Camille will co-host on a regular basis

CamilleL: Camille from the Bronx New York, with the NYCDoE for 19 years.

BJB2 cheers for Camille

SherylM: I am from Kansas (I can say it out loud now, David :D. My main interests are children, books, science, math, and everything that strikes my fancy

CamilleL: thanks, Sue anytime you need me

SusanR . o O (as of late Background Performer in films ..LOL)

CamilleL: could you tell us more about that?

SusanR: I applied two years ago..as a result of a call for extras in a film called H2O

SusanR: and suddenly there seems to be a need for background performers

CamilleL: how exciting!

SusanR: a few films are being shot around the Ottawa area

DavidW wonders if Susan is teaching in the background

SusanR: anyways back to reality

SherylM smiles

CamilleL: yeah, we need more of that, David.

SusanR: I played a prof at our local university

SusanR: It was supposed to be Philadelphia

DavidW: cool

SusanR: other locations ..Boston

SusanR: etc

SusanR: The Theme is back to school..challenges, joys and the excitement of a new

SusanR: school year. Of course there will be the GREAT RESOURCES too!

MaureenB joined the room.

SusanR: Hi Maureen

SusanR: Camille would you like to reflect on your experiences thus far

CamilleL: I have tried all summer to find a new position for the fall semester.

CamilleL: I am very close to hooking up with one, should know more tomorrow.

DavidW . o O (good luck)

SusanR: Our fingers are crossed!!!

SherylM: mmhmm

CamilleL: oh, thanks, with the new DoE we all need more than that, David!

MaureenB . o O (good luck)

SusanR: Can you divulge the type of position, Camille

CamilleL: thanks, so much, guys. and what about you?

SusanR: along with the challenges and frustrations you encountered

CamilleL: oh, I'm looking for anything to do with literacy with a touch of ed technology too.

CamilleL: as far as the problems, it's the new reorganization of the DoE -- things are quite hectic right now.

CamilleL: so I have had to cut through the quagmire of bureaucracy to find and I think I see the light now.

LynneW joined the room.

SusanR: Welcome Lynne

LynneW waves hello

HelenK: it is always unsettling when there are major changes - lots of adjusting to do

SherylM waves back

SusanR: Lynne, would you care to introduce yourself to Camille

MaureenB: I never mind adjusting when there is a good reason, but hate adjusting for adjusting sake.

DavidW thinks Maureen is a philosopher

CamilleL: oh, I think I could handle changes too -- like a chameleon=).

SusanR: Let's get back to some GREAT RESOURCES

MaureenB: I was rolling over curriculum maps so I am either being philosophical or waxing poetic

SusanR . o O (starting with some print materials)

SusanR: for the K to 3 teacher I found a great resource that has over 700 rhymes, songs, poems, fingerplays and chants. Organization of materials is alphabetical & the index is fantastic. "The complete book of rhymes, songs, poems, fingerplays and chants" by Jackie Silberg

CamilleL: oh, I just might need that one, Sue!

SusanR . o O (keep it on file)

SusanR:

<http://webopac.gosford.nsw.gov.au/libero/WebOpac.cls?VERSION=2&ACTION=DISPLAY&RSN=49140&DATA=GCL&TOKEN=H9vGh2348f733&Z=1>

SherylM: I brought info about many, but I particularly want to share info about an author who loves kids and teachers: <http://www.janbrett.com/index.html>

SusanR: a personal favourite of mine

CamilleL: adore her work and you should write to her -- she answers with a big package.

SherylM: she is making a new book tour all over the US and you can win a lunch with her and 2 of your friends.

SusanR: used her material when I taught grade 1/2

CamilleL: I know, I entered. hope it's me =).

SherylM: I speak to her occasionally; my daughter adores her and was very happy to meet her. That is a short story all by itself...lol

HelenK: looks very interesting, too bad I can't enter

CamilleL: wow -- you actually know her --

MaureenB: just signed up to win :)

SherylM: you know she is very accessible, but we are just acquaintances

JillD joined the room.

HelenK: hi Jill

JillD: Hello

SusanR: my personal favourite is the interactive math site called "Rainforest Math"

SusanR: Welcome Jill

SusanR: just sharing our personal fav sites

CamilleL: oh, I just saw that one and sent it to my math teaching husband.

HelenK: you picked a great session to join Jill

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

JillD: I make a lot of web sites for elementary school integration

JillD: thank you

CamilleL: now that sounds exciting, Jill.

SusanR: can you share, Jill

JillD: I teach computers, so they are pretty much unit based....I'd take a topic, say dinosaurs, and then integrate them with technology

CamilleL: super!

JillD: sure....they are all linked on www.dembsky.net (dembsky is my last name)

SherylM: Helen, she will be coming to Olympia, but that is still quite a bit of a trip. Sometimes she does go to AK

CamilleL: who is? I lost you?

SherylM: Jan Brett, lol was checking out the maps of BC

SusanR: Sheryl, is that Jan Brett

HelenK: the link to the math dictionary from rainforests math is a great option - I direct students there quite often

SherylM: yes

CamilleL: I have to check out your website later, Jill, thanks!

SusanR: This site is a keeper!

HelenK: WOW Jill! I will definitely share your site with my colleagues. What great resources you have gathered.

SusanR: It can serve your needs for the entire year!!

JillD: sure Camille...let me know if you use any of it!

JillD: Thanks Helen...I just did the Amazon Animal one

CamilleL: I certainly will let you know, Jill.

SusanR: Yes, Jill, I added it to my BackToSchool delicious account

JillD: My email is on all of them, so email if you have any questions!

SusanR: if you don't mind

CamilleL: And I added it to my Favorites List.

JillD: of course not, Susan, I create them to be used!

HollyH: lessonseek.com searches across many lesson plan sites at once.

CamilleL: oh, thank goodness. I'll send you a few of mine, Jill.

SusanR: <http://del.icio.us/sroseman/backtoschool>

HelenK: thanks Holly, I will definitely check that out

JillD: I'd appreciate it Camille

JillD: Okay....I'm new, here for 3 minutes, and already have a bunch of great new links to use!

MaureenB: great geometry sites on the demsky site

JillD: My fourth and fifth graders use them for review before state testing

SherylM: Susan, I have added you to my del.icio.us network.

CamilleL: oh, nice, a fun way to learn -- doesn't hurt at all.

SherylM: Yours is much more organized than mine

SusanR: I am delighted, Sheryl

CamilleL: oh, this is such nice positive energy -- keep it going, Sue.

SusanR: I do hope you tag and use delicious

HelenK: I always find something useful at the kinderart site
<http://www.kinderart.com/painting/sand.shtml>

SusanR: I am trying, Camille

SusanR: I visited a school today which was having asbestos removed; it was not a positive experience

SherylM: I have been recommending Leni Dolan's project, Postcard Geography. She is a member of Tapped In: <http://pcg.cyberbee.com/>

SusanR: since I spent 5 years there

CamilleL: yuck, been there, done that.

SusanR: on to some positive stuff

CamilleL: oh, I heard about that too, Sheryl -- we need to do more with Geography.

SherylM: yes, we used asbestos in our labs all the time. lol what does that mean? scary

JillD: It was nice meeting everyone, and hope our paths meet again! Thank you for some great sites to explore, too!

MaureenB: went to a summer institute with NY Geographic Alliance

SherylM: Leni has a blog also. <http://postcard-geography.blogspot.com/>

MaureenB: traveled and learned about the Erie Canal

CamilleL: wow, you guys are so resourceful!

HelenK: if you want a good visual of the worlds and how CO2 emissions are affecting us, the BreathingEarth site has some interesting information <http://www.breathingearth.net/>

SherylM: It is a very, very simple project. You send in your name and the number of students you are working with and then you follow her instructions and start. there is more on her website. You can sign up anytime before 9-24-07

SusanR: speaking of collaboration...Jen Wagner of Technospud will be a special guest here within the next month or so

SusanR: Are you aware of her Dr. Seuss project

CamilleL: now she has some good projects!

CamilleL: yes, but haven't had an opp to use it yet.

HollyH: Thanks for the info. Have a good night.

SusanR: let me dig up the link

SherylM: David, what about that google website you told us about the other day?

DavidW: Which one, Sheryl?

DavidW: data analysis/statistics?

SherylM: MMMHMMM

SherylM: map something

SherylM: no, Gapminder?

DavidW nods

DavidW: Not sure about the level, but the graphics are good

SusanR: Gapminder?

DavidW: interesting presentation of statistics

DavidW: <http://tools.google.com/gapminder>

SherylM: yes,

MaureenB: <http://www.gapminder.org/>

DavidW: there's a fair amount of complexity in the data

SherylM: it would be interesting for upper level of K-3, they are very visual

SherylM: yes, but it is simply displayed

CamilleL: I would like to get to know more about digital storytelling.

SusanR . o O (a possible topic for an upcoming session, Camille)

CamilleL: just seems like the next step for my interests.

SusanR: although check the archives and the festival for transcripts of sessions on Digital Storytelling

MaureenB . o O (as always great ideas and sites)

CamilleL: on tapped in, you mean?

MaureenB waves good nite

SusanR: Midge Frazel just did a session on scraplog

SusanR: yes, here on TI

DavidW waves to Maureen

SherylM: <http://www.groups.edna.edu.au/course/view.php?id=107>

CamilleL: o.k. will do so.

SherylM: This came from the TI Festival 2007

DavidW: some really wonderful middle school student videos, Camille:

DavidW: http://mabryonline.org/archives/2007/04/2007_film_festi.html

DavidW: scroll to the bottom of that page

CamilleL: oh wow, that was fast Sheryl -- how'd you do that so quickly -- amazing. thanks!

CamilleL: o.k. will do, David.

CamilleL: oh this looks cool. I'm saving that for later.

SusanR: <http://www.scrapblog.com/> can be used for Digital Storytelling ..just one of many web 2.0 apps out there

SherylM: <http://www.scrapblog.com> is what M. Frazel was talking about

SherylM: bl

SusanR: yep

SusanR: <http://www.scrapblog.com/myScrapblog/myScrapblog.aspx?gycid=e1c521ba-2099-4843-b13f-bdeeb24ccd6e>

SusanR: I played with it

CamilleL: who's Midge?

SusanR: very easy

SherylM: me too

SusanR: Midge Frazel

SherylM: it was easy

CamilleL: she have her own site?

DavidW . o O (<http://www.midgefrazel.net/>)

SusanR: <http://www.midgefrazel.net/index.html>

SherylM: Here is what seems like a cool digital storytelling website. Haven't used it, yet.
<http://voicethread.com/view.php?b=409>

DavidW thinks there are MANY great tools...figuring out the content is important

SusanR: Midge has a monthly session and a group room devoted to her web 2.0 sessions

CamilleL: wow, you're getting way ahead of me now, guys.

BJB2 reminds everyone that there is a monthly The Art of Storytelling group that meets in Tapped In

SusanR: implementation and effective integration are the key factors

BJB2 . o O (September 12)

CamilleL: really BJ -- gotta go to that one.

SusanR: for classroom use

CamilleL: boy do I have a story =)

SherylM: Hate to leave, but my daughter's friend needs to go home

SherylM waves gbye!

DavidW waves to Sheryl

SusanR: so before we wind up..upcoming topics ..some suggestions

SusanR: 1) Digital Storytelling

CamilleL: could you elaborate more on your statement "implementation and effective integration"

SusanR: don't use the tool for the sake of using it

CamilleL: oh, gottcha.

DavidW . o O (use the simplest tool possible to do what you want to do)

SusanR: exactly, David

CamilleL: like a pencil =).

DavidW agrees

SusanR: sometimes a paper and pencil task is more efficient

CamilleL: no, really, I know what you mean. send them to the computers for a real purpose.

DavidW: There's just a huge proliferation of web-based tools at the moment - easy to get lost in the fun of playing with all this "free" stuff - takes up a lot of time

CamilleL: I know, tie it to the curriculum, eh?

SusanR: extend, enhance the curriculum ..pick one or two tools..

CamilleL: gottcha.

SusanR: like the read write think interactive tools

SusanR: The INTERACTIVE BOOK COVER CREATOR:

SusanR : just one example <http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/bookcover/>

BJB2 looks at the clock on the wall

SusanR : that's all folks!

HelenK : another great session Susan, thanks. Have to run, see you next month.

BJB2 : a reminder that the next K-3 Resources is September 11

CamilleL : oh, that was a nice respite.

BJB2 : Thanks, Sue and Camille

SusanR : and subscribe to this newsletter

SusanR : everydayteaching@realmworkscommunications.com

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

CamilleL : welcome. anytime.

BJB2 waves goodnight

DavidW hugs BJ

SusanR : night all