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SusanR: okay let's start with brief intros

SusanR: so we can gear the discussion closer to your interests

AmyGst9: I'm a second grade teacher

BJB2: I teach communication and am on Tapped In helpdesk. I'm located in Pennsylvania

SusanES joined the room.

KellyJM: I am a student teacher from the University of Houston and hope to teach in 2nd grade or lower.

BJB2: just in time, Susan...we're doing introductions

SusanR: I am Susan R ..grade two teacher for the longer than I care to say, also tech integrator, substitute teacher and background performer in films

Stharp0Gst12: I am a High School teacher but we have very low level students (working at a 3rd/4th grade level

SusanR: The topic is math and technology integration.

BJB2 . o O (Sue signs autographs during the break)

SusanR blushes

SusanES: Sorry, working on homework! I am a School Network Technician. I have taught for the past 11 years, teaching kindergarten, fifth, third, and technology resource.

SusanR: and LOL

Stharp0Gst12: we have just received tons of new technology through the classroom for the future grant.

SusanR: so the agenda will include TeacherTube and Math; an in depth look at Math playground and Math in the Movies.

SusanR : and whatever piques your interest

Stharp0Gst12: Great!

SusanR : Have you used TeacherTube at all?

KellyJM: I haven't

Stharp0Gst12: Yes.

AmyGst9: we had to look at that for our grad class

Stharp0Gst12: I have also looked at it for graduate class

SusanES : I haven't.

SusanR : aha can you share what you gleaned from your grad class or experiences

AmyGst9: honestly, I'm glad I checked it out, but it isn't something I would use often

Stharp0Gst12: We have been exploring different educational websites and how we can use them effectively as an administrator.

SusanR : Here is an overview edutopia on possible uses

SusanR : <http://www.edutopia.org/teacher-tube>

SusanR : great for finding tutorials on various pieces of software and math concepts

SusanR : very useful is the tutorials that are being posted for various web-based apps

SusanES : This looks like it would have quite a few possibilities.

SusanR : indeed

Stharp0Gst12: There are so many resources available that I never knew about

KellyJM: I went to it but it's not opening all the way

SusanR : do read the comments

SusanR : from teachers

SusanR : on their experiences

SusanR: I watched a TeacherTube the other day..explaining the new math as it is taught today

SusanR: let's go over to Teachtube and do a search for a relevant topic

Stharp0Gst12: I love how everything can be so interactive for the students. It really keeps their attention

SusanR: <http://www.edutopia.org/node/3633>

SusanR: just quickly skim this edutopia article

AmyGst9: Does this apply to Chicago everyday math? that is something that is a proposal for our next series. I'm not sure if this site will have info involving this material

SusanES: That is so important to students today. It has to be interactive and relevant to their lives.

SusanR: we will go over there in a moment

SusanR: btw TeacherTube, like YouTube, is a resource site where you can host, tag and share instructional videos

SusanR: both for students, teachers and parents

SusanR: too

KellyJM: wow

AmyGst9: it really creates an open line of communication

SusanR: It has 11 channels covering different subject areas and has tutorials and student projects on it

Stharp0Gst12: Is everything free to the public? Including parents?

BJB2 . o O (check this out later...just for moms: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIY8STkhopc>)

SusanR: Free, yes

Stharp0Gst12: This is a fantastic resource

SusanR: love it Bj

KellyJM: It really is, there is such a variety of information

SusanES: Our biggest problem with using it at school is the firewall. I have had to download the videos at home and integrate them into my lessons at school.

SusanR: I am going to embed it in my blog.

AmyGst9: our district doesn't permit access to many of the above site

Stharp0Gst12: I have had the same problem. So much is blocked in my district

SusanR: If you have your own blog you can get around it

SusanR: by embedding the code in your blog

AmyGst9: we have surf control on employee usage

SusanR: I got around it in my school district..there are tricks

AmyGst9: share...

SusanES: That makes it hard for the students to research good material at school, but by taking a selection and burning them to CD or downloading them to a flash drive, I have been able to let the students choose from a variety of videos to insert into their work.

BJB2: another good place for videos is teacher domain <http://www.teachersdomain.org/tdhome.html>

BJB2 . o O (free also)

Stharp0Gst12: Thanks. I have never heard of it. I will have to take a look

SusanR: a good idea Susan

AmyGst9: That will be helpful.

SusanES: We are fortunate to have access to United Streaming. My son introduced me to alluc.org. It has all kinds of videos on it as well.

SusanR: I just bought a 160 GB flash drive at Price Club for 99\$

TravisL joined the room.

BJB2: welcome, Travis

SusanR: We are looking at TeacherTube, Travis

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

Stharp0Gst12: We also have United Streaming. It is great. You do need to subscribe to it.

TravisL: Thanks, are you watching anything in particular at teachertube?

KellyJM: They use United streaming at my school as well. It's a great resource.

SusanR : We are about to do a search in TeacherTube for a topic that is relevant to your needs

SusanR : I did a search for math story problems for students I may be teaching next week

AmyGst9: I'm very interested in learning more about everyday math... are there any posts related

AmyGst9: study island is great for word problems

DavidW: You know about the Everyday Math web site, Amy?

SusanR : Try entering everyday math in the search box, Amy

DavidW . o O (<http://everydaymath.uchicago.edu/>)

AmyGst9: we did... unfortunately it gives a great sales pitch and not much more

Stharp0Gst12: Study Island works great at our school. We use it for lower level High school students

TravisL: We also use study island at my school, and have had great success with it

AmyGst9: study island is a fantastic program for all grade levels

SusanR : Is there a URL for study island, Travis

TravisL: I can check real quick, give me a second

SusanR : meanwhile Rainforest Math is a personal favourite of mine

TravisL: <http://www.studyisland.com/>

SusanR : There are 800 interactive activities which can integrate with your formal math programs <http://www.rainforestmaths.com/>

SusanR : Thanks Travis

TravisL: no problem

Stharp0Gst22: Are there any specifics that you love?

SusanR: 7 years worth of activities

SusanR: I may devote more time to Rainforest Maths in the next session here at TI

AmyGst9: I just checked out rainforest math... I'd love to learn more about it. definitely provides some great info

SusanR: 2nd session this month I will devote the chat to Rainforest Maths

AmyGst9: wonderful!

SusanR: Let's take a look at Math Playground

Stharp0Gst22: There are so many great programs. It is hard to decide what would work best for my students.

Stharp0Gst22: I am glad that I am now aware of programs that I was not familiar with before tonight

JeffC: think hybrid s tharp

SusanR: Colleen, the developer of Math Playground promises to be a guest here

DavidW: different tools may work best for different students

Stharp0Gst22: that is true. I love that these sites gives options

AmyGst9: it's all about finding multiple pathways to learning... the more you learn about available options the greater chances of success for our children

SusanR: Math Playground takes a different approach

SusanR: interactive as well

SusanES: The same lady who does the Rainforest Math has a great interactive math dictionary at <http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/>

KellyJM: I think these programs are great because it is easier to reach all the different learning styles of your students

SusanR: yes the dictionary goes hand in hand with the interactive activities

Stharp0Gst22: and the students can all work at their own rate.

SusanR: I used the site to tutor students who were not achieving in Math

SusanR: with success

SusanES: we have been using it but not the Rainforest Math. I will have to share that with our Math Coach tomorrow. I'm afraid I have to leave. I have already learned so much I hate too. This has been a wonderful experience. Thank you.

KellyJM: this is also a great tool to challenge students that are high achieving

SusanR: Come back again. We meet the 4th Tuesday

SusanR: and now for Math Playground

SusanR: <http://www.mathplayground.com/index.html>

KellyJM: My students would love to play these math games, even during free time

SusanR: Colleen has her own blog to accompany the site

SusanR: She is also an active participant in SecondLife

TravisL: This was actually my first experience with Tapped In, and I am very impressed with the possibilities for improving my classroom. Thanks for letting me sit in for a while.

AmyGst9: there are some great interactive games on rainforest math and free

SusanR: Do come back for part 2

TravisL: Thanks, when is part 2

SusanR: 4th Tuesday of the month

TravisL: alright. Have a great night

DavidW . o O (23 October)

SusanR: check out the calendar and I will send out a reminder

Stharp0Gst22: The games are great. My students would love to use them during their Activity Period

AmyGst9: I've never participated on an online chat before, this was a great experience

DavidW: We'll encourage you to join Tapped In as a member, Amy (it's also FREE)

KellyJM: I agree I got a lot of good resources for my future classroom

KellyJM: Thanks

SusanR: This is the blog that accompanies the site

SusanR: This is the blog I mentioned

Stharp0Gst22: Thank you for everything. This was a great first chat. I will be sure to return soon.

SusanR: action math <http://www.actionmath.com/blog/MathPlayground.html>

SusanR: . o O (questions. comments. sharing possibilities)

KellyJM: no, questions. Thanks for all your time!

SusanR: we will save math in the movies and Rainforest Maths for the next sessions

SusanR: do visit the K to 3 resource room for additional resources

SusanR: and do take Jeff's fabulous tour

JeffC: Mine is Saturday morning at 11a.m. Pacific: tour and support of the K-12 Campus.

DavidW: good discussion, Susan

SusanR: Thank you

BJB2 waves goodnight. Thanks, Sue