

Title of Session: K to 3+ Great Resources - Holiday Cheer

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SusanR: We have three minutes .. check out the story of stuff and our consumer driven society

SusanR: David ..a member here shared this with us last night

SusanR: ..takes viewers on a provocative tour of our consumer-driven culture

SusanR: you may be able to use it with your youngsters

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

SusanR: Perhaps we can start with brief intros

AllenH: how do we do those actions like waving and stuff

DavidW: type :waves, Allen - start with the :

SusanR: where are you from, area of expertise and what brings you to TI

BJB2: I teach remedial communication and am located in Pennsylvania

AllenH: I am from Kingsville TX and I am here bc my teacher told us to come to this site for our final we need 4 hors and I only have 2 including this one :(

MarkEK: math, Greenville Pennsylvania

GeriV: I teach High School math and am in San Diego California

DavidW: I'm David Weksler. I'm one of the HelpDesk volunteers. I'm in New Jersey, close to New York City

RamonA: San Diego California, Geography

HeatherHe: Hi there!

JenniferNK: Texas, music education student

MarkEK: I am here to fulfill a grad class requirement and to learn from this group

HeatherHe: I teach math, middle school grade 6

SusanR: A diverse crowd with diverse needs and requirements

AllenH: well lets get started

JenniferNK: me too as Mark said

SusanR: We will share sites and resources which emphasize the giving, not the getting.

HeatherHe: I am looking forward to this. My degree is Elem Ed, and I might be able to use this someday.

SusanR: PART 1 of the Agenda

SusanR: is a detailed look at education world and what it has to offer in terms of "Holiday Cheer" and we will check out the buzz on teachers.net in your neck of the woods or state.

SusanR: that's part 2 of the agenda

SusanR: do jump in and share your comments and resources etc

AllenH: alright well what is this room all about

SusanR: Stay tuned, Allen

SusanR: first offering is FREERICE

MarkEK: what is FREERICE

SusanR: here's a short blurb on the site

SusanR: Through their advertising at FreeRice, these companies support both learning (free vocabulary for everyone) and reducing hunger (free rice for the hungry). Students help end world hunger.

SusanR: Hope you can share and use with students or staff

BJB2 finds the freerice site very addictive

SusanR: <http://www.freerice.com/index.php>

MarkEK: How can my students help

SusanR: play with the site and explore and then return with comments

RamonA: Okay

SusanR: does it work with the math curriculum???

AllenH: this site is about getting the correction of words to donate rice

KyleAS: I only see vocabulary.

MarkEK: I like it

JenniferNK: it's...interesting...

HeatherHe: That is really something

SusanR: It's not exactly on-message but it's addictive and it's for a good cause.

AllenH: are we really donating rice like for real?

JeffC: it's a way of giving external rewards to students for learning (difficult) vocabulary... in a sense... they will feel good about themselves because they will feel that they're helping to save the starving kids.

JeffC: so... it's a game in a sense, token economy in another...

AllenH: I like it

SusanR: FreeRice went online in early October and has now raised 1bn grains of rice

HeatherHe: Fantastic. I ask the same as Allen- is this for real?

BJB2: yes, Allen, the site is for real...as are the donations

JenniferNK: awesome

AllenH: I would use it if I had students getting ready to take the SATs

HeatherHe: Who donates? Who are the sponsors?

BJB2: donations are made through the United Nations

SusanR: some comments

..http://www.readwriteweb.com/archives/freerice_legit_or_not_its_fun.php

AllenH: I donated 60 so far

RamonA: FREE RICE COOL got lost for a minute but I'm back

SusanR: Would you use this with students?

AllenH: I would

JenniferNK: I guess it wouldn't hurt anything

RamonA: Yeah a good way to learn Vocab

AlexM: what a strange site

AllenH: esp if students are about to take the SAT

KyleAS: It would be challenging, but they might like it.

MarkEK: I will give the site to the English department

SusanR: we are about to explore another site along the same line

AllenH: ok

JenniferNK: nice

MarkEK: ready

SusanR: An environmental nonprofit that is trying to shift attitudes about the earth and promote personal action through building a virtual ribbon around the earth called planetfesto

HeatherHe: A ribbon?

AllenH: they should make something like these site for helping animals out

SusanR: <http://www.planetfesto.org/>

SusanR: again explore for a few moments and return with your feelings

JenniferNK: I like that idea Allen

AllenH: I mean animals suffer just as much as we do the only problem they have is they have no voice. We need to be more of their voice and not just help out people but help out everything on earth including mother earth

JenW joined the room.

SusanR : I agree entirely, Allen

JenniferNK: me too

BJB2 waves hi to Jen

JenW waves back and waves to room

MaureenB: beautiful site

KyleAS: Me too. The photos are great.

SusanR : The authors of the site have a blog ..so I will let the blog speak for itself

HeatherHe : Well, this is a great way for students to express themselves artistically.

SusanR :

<http://classroom20.ning.com/forum/topic/show?id=649749%3ATopic%3A49857>

SusanR : Oh hi, Jen

RamonA : I'll add to the ribbon

SusanR : We do have a special guest with us. Jen W or Jennifer Wagner of Technospud Projects

SusanR : Jen is our Online Collaborative project guru here

MarkEK: also check out

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/math.html#geometrygames>"><http://www.apples4theteacher.com/math.html#geometrygames>

HeatherHe : What is Technospuds?

SusanR : Can I hand the floor over to Jen for a few minutes

JenW: Susan-- grins -- what do you wish me to share??

SusanR : Jen, tell us about a recent project students can participate in

SusanR : ie the winter photos

RamonA : Apples 4 teacher thanks added it to my favs

JenW: ahhhh

JenW: let me grab the link

SusanR: YOU ARE IN FOR A TREAT!!

DavidW smiles

HeatherHe: I think I have heard of this- maybe?

JenniferNK: I haven't :(

AllenH: ok I just got back from that other site with the ribbon what have I missed

SusanR: Jen Enabling Teachers to Use Technology Effectively and Effortlessly

HeatherHe: Jen is going to show us something

JenW: Sorry

JenW: Had to grab the link

JenW: I live in So. California

MarkEK: I'm ready

JenW: hence not a lot of snow :)

JenW: so -- I have created a bubbleshare -- <http://www.bubbleshare.com/album/278061>

HeatherHe: We sure have it

JenW: and am asking for those of you WHO HAVE SNOW -- to post pictures

SusanR: . o O (we are being inundated with snow)

JenW: it has had over 780 views

JenniferNK: It's always hot here. ha

JenW: in about 24 hours

JenW: and a lot of teachers WITHOUT SNOW are saying THANK YOU for the pictures too

AllenH: for real

JenW: some kids have NEVER seen snow.

JenniferNK: I saw it only once before

JenW: So if you have pictures -- feel free to email them to me at technospud@gmail.com

AllenH: ok....what else are we to do in this chat

JenW: and I will add them to our "SNOW FLIKS" photo album

JenW: Thank you!!

HeatherHe: I will- thank you

JenniferNK: pretty

JenW: thank you

SusanR: Thank you Jen

MarkEK: One of the reasons I love PA- 4 seasons

JenW: thank you Susan

JenW: I need to head out -- computer needs to reboot

JenW: but THANK YOU

HeatherHe: Bye

JenniferNK: bye!

JenW left the room (signed off).

KyleAS: Thanks Jen

SusanR: anything else we should keep our eyes open for in the new year, Jen?

SusanR: this project site will keep you informed for future purposes

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

SusanR: so tuck it away and do keep your eye on technospud for upcoming collaborative projects

JenniferNK: ok

RamonA: 10 -4

HeatherHe: Great! I love having the resource.

SusanR: teachers.net is the next resource

JenniferNK: yay

SusanR: now I use teachers.net to find out the buzz in my neck of the woods

SusanR: which is Canada

AllenH: wow!

SusanR: I am referring to the chatboard

SusanR: so let's take a look at only that area

SusanR: for today

SusanR: pick you area of expertise or interest

SusanR: <http://teachers.net/mentors/>

SusanR: and see what the buzz is

TJGst8: when you say finding out the buzz.....what are examples of things you check out?

SusanR: I frequently check into Canadian Teachers

TJGst8: to see what they are doing in their classrooms?

AllenH: now this site is it for to help you out as a teacher in what to teach or do in class?

JenniferNK: oh nice there is actually music teacher stuff in here

SusanR: often refers to topical themes and sites...can request assistance

AlexM: it looks like everything is here

SusanR: You can select your particular state as well

JeffC: you might want to subscribe to a list or two at teachers.net ...they have grade and subject level mailing lists.

SusanR : there is a drop down menu

AllenH: this site is really good for me for when I am done with school I can look to find jobs

JenniferNK: oh I see that now

SusanR : there is something for all educators

RamonA : Lots of info on teachers.net

TJGst8: I believe I have used the site to look into examples for lessons, but never to share ideas. Anybody find teachers.net helpful for that?

HeatherHe : I have never tried it for a lesson- sometimes you just want to teach a different way- this would help for sure- many minds working together

SusanR : Harry Wong's monthly topics are of interest to many educators

SusanR : <http://teachers.net/wong/>

TJGst8: I was actually just checking that out...I have heard it is interesting from others as well

JenniferNK: hmhhh

HeatherHe : I wish I knew that was there a couple of years ago when I began teaching

SusanR : Keep this as a handy reference point

JenniferNK: yes

HeatherHe : definitely

MarkEK: really enjoyed. thank you

SusanR : if you have a few minutes to browse or look for a lesson plan or check out the "buzz" in your area of the country

SusanR : in a sense of giving ..take a look at education world

SusanR : the feature lesson plan

SusanR : <http://www.education-world.com/>

RamonA: I'm a floating teacher I'll keep Wong's site in mind

SusanR: excellent, Ramon

SusanR: The theme is "Giving" here

SusanR: http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/

SusanR: and of course additional resources

SusanR: any comments

AllenH bored

HeatherHe: Thank you Susan.

KyleAS: I like the handmade holiday gift section. It would be great for my students because they don't have a lot.

SusanR: well try cutting out some virtual flakes, Allen ..it may relieve the boredom
<http://snowflakes.lookandfeel.com/>

AllenH: haha thanks

KyleAS: LOL

SusanR: make a flake..holiday cheer for all ages

AllenH happy

SusanR: can save your flakes

SusanR: Flaky sit ..LOL

SusanR: and of course additional resources site

JenniferNK: wow I made one cool flake. lol

AllenH: I LIKE THIS SITE!!!

SusanR: send flakes to relatives and friends

AllenH: it would be good for middle school grade learning the computer

RamonA: Virtual Snow flakes...lol

DavidW: interesting to look at the patterns, symmetry - try to create unique ones

SusanR: and of course that activity should stimulate your taste buds so enjoy some Hanukkah treats

SusanR: http://www.foodnetwork.com/food/et_hd_hanukkah/

AllenH: I love watching the food network channel now we are talking

SusanR: aha food to learn

RamonA: YUM

SusanR: I wanted to show you what I gleaned from the chatboard at teachers.net

SusanR: re Xmas concerts

SusanR: <http://canada.teachers.net/chatboard/topic11032/12.09.07.14.42.05.html>

SusanR: and related posts

SusanR: getting hungry ..can cover math and other related curriculum area

SusanR: <http://www.harperchildrens.com/hch/seasonal/holidays/hanukkah/recipe.asp>

KyleAS: I really like honesty.

BJB2 looks at the clock on the wall

SusanR: and to end the session with 6 lesson plans based on

GeriV: thank you

SusanR: Snowflake Bentley, a Caldecott Medal-winning book about Wilson Bentley

SusanR: http://www.readwritethink.org/lessons/lesson_view.asp?id=774

SusanR: That's all folks ..enjoy !!

BJB2: Thanks, Sue! Tons of great resources

BJB2: happy holidays, everyone

RamonA: THANKS

KyleAS: Thanks.

MaureenB: u2 BJ

BJB2 smiles. Thanks, Maureen

DavidW: Good discussion, Susan

AllenH: wow is the chat over

SusanR: email me @sue.roseman@gmail.com if you have any concerns

BJB2: goodnight, Allen ;-)

SusanR: and do attend a tips and tricks session here

AllenH: I was caught up in the snowflake

MaureenB: I was playing on the inactive math games. I am hoping my SmartBoard was installed this afternoon

JenniferNK: I was too

AllenH: goodnight! everyone

DavidW waves

JenniferNK waves