

Title of Session: K-3+ Resources - Online Literacy Tools

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SusanR: Hi Maureen

SusanR: What is your favourite site of 2007 and why?

MaureenB: wow tough one

SusanR: loaded question

BJB2: . o O (say Tapped In, Maureen ;-)

BJB2: offers Maureen chocolate

SusanR: Which online resources did you use with students today to infuse tech?

BJB2: winks...just kidding

SusanR: Tapped In is always the correct answer>

MaureenB: that is a good idea and it is where I have gotten most of my good ideas last year ;-)

MaureenB: we did a podcast

SusanR: . o O (a quiet classroom of one today)

SusanR: Can we see it? Did you post it on your web site

MaureenB: no I have one more to do and than we will upload to IWeb

SusanR: ok

MaureenB: I could try before we finish to get it up in my office site

SusanR: Since we all know each other I will begin the session with a spelling resource I recently stumbled upon. It can be used for word study as well.

SusanR: Spelling City is a place where your students can practice their spelling words through teaching, games, and practice tests.

BarbaraMu joined the room.

SusanR: Here is what ilearntechnology has to say about Spelling City.

BJB2: hi, Barbara!

BarbaraMu: happy new year!

BJB2 smiles. Happy new year to you too!

SusanR: We are just about to look at Spelling City, Barbara

BarbaraMu: tho I would love to hear about spelling city!

SusanR: Here we go

SusanR: <http://ilearntechnology.com/?p=231>

SusanR: give it a try

SusanR: http://www.spellingcity.com/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

BJB2: I like the how to integrate information

SusanR: Start by entering 5 words or so

SusanR: She does that with all her links, BJB

SusanR: http://www.spellingcity.com/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

SusanR: enter 5 words and play with it for a few moments

BJB2: cost?

SusanR: Free

SusanR: I entered a few "tion" words and now I am trying the test.

SusanR: It rejected actualization and remediation

BJB2: very cool...I like that you can hear the word

SusanR: I am sure you will find this site useful for grade 4's

SusanR: It tests and create games as well

BarbaraMu: I love this site...I can see that when I am working with kids with special needs, that this is a great way to do homework and to prep them for their weekly test

BarbaraMu: might make homework more fun for parents in order to get kids to participate

SusanR: I used the word trepidation

SusanR: wasn't in their dictionary

SusanR: another site I quite like which I recently discovered is Bookr

SusanR: Bookr is a tool to create illustrated books from flickr photos

MaureenB: wow so cool

SusanR: So one must have a Flickr account

MaureenB: is it a paid site

SusanR: Free

SusanR: <http://www.pimpumpum.net/bookr/>

MaureenB: I do have a flickr account already

MaureenB: could have my class make a book for our reading buddies

SusanR: Put your user name in

SusanR: or tag and within minutes you will have a booklet

MaureenB: or have them make of a book showing how they did their science fair project

BJB2: oh, cool. May I share this site during the storytelling discussion, Sue?

MaureenB: I did say I got my best ideas from Tapped in :)

SusanR: A similar site is slideoo

SusanR: again a Flickr account is necessary

SusanR: and easy to embed in your site since they provide the code

SusanR: I have it on my blog

SusanR : scroll down to January 7

SusanR : <http://kinderworks.blogspot.com/>

SusanR : scrolls horizontally

SusanR : there is + arrow and - arrow ..to scroll ..I only loaded 3 pics

BarbaraMu : I like this for creating books for kids with autism or others who you might make social stories with....giving them lots of faces to teach social cues and emotions.

MaureenB : Great resources on your blog cute family too

SusanR : Thank you

SusanR : I am on a Flickr kick

SusanR : The first one is Spell with Flickr

BarbaraMu : Your blog site is wonderful Sue!

SusanR : Spell with Flickr is a fun little program that invites users to type in whatever they want to then matches it with letter photos

SusanR : Of course you get the code to embed in your site

SusanR : <http://metaatem.net/words/>

BarbaraMu : Is that how you did the happy new year?

MaureenB : I am going to wait for the transcript to visit the sites or I will keep leaving the rooms

SusanR : give it a whirl

SusanR : Send the chat to the pasteboard, Maureen and copy and paste the link into a new window

PattyG : Is Flickr easy enough for students to use?

SusanR : yes, definitely

MaureenB : good idea usually when I detach I don't have this problem

PattyG : Have you done projects with a class? Like what?

SusanR: they can upload their pics and tag them as a set

PattyG: Sounds interesting. I might have to try that with my 1st and 2nd graders.

SusanR: Here is a list of uses for Flickr in the Classroom

SusanR: <http://jakespeak.blogspot.com/2006/03/classroom-uses-of-flickr.html>

PattyG: Great! I'll check it out.

SusanR: I wonder if Patty will return

SusanR: Feel free to jump in and share a site if one comes to mind

SusanR: If students do projects..Flickr is a good place to search for images

SusanR: I did a search for images of Botswana ..and came up with a good selection

SusanR: The use of Flickr and Flickr related toys are only limited by your imagination

SusanR: <http://bighugelabs.com/flickr/>

BarbaraMu: ok- thanks

MaureenB: Well I have to say good night. I will try these sites and share any projects that my students develop.

BJB2: I can see what I'll be doing after I retire....getting accounts in flickr and all the other sites and spending all day playing with them!

SusanR: Scroll down to the Video about 9 year old Adora who talks about her experience as a writer <http://kinderworks.blogspot.com/>

SusanR: You will have great fun!!

SusanR: Playing Make a Flake with your grand kids

SusanR: Would you believe 3 kids under 9 fighting over this site

SusanR: <http://snowflakes.lookandfeel.com/>

SusanR: trying to take turns

BJB2 nods...no fine motor skills involved like with scissors

SusanR: How old are the students you counsel, Barbara?

BarbaraMu: 4 to 17

BarbaraMu: speaking of grandkids, I had my first on Dec. 24th

SusanR: Congratulations

BarbaraMu: thanks- a little boy who we adore. thanks for the sites Sue...I see lots of possibilities for them in and out of the classroom setting.

BarbaraMu: have a great week.

BarbaraMu: gnight