

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

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SusanR: I stumbled across an incredibly fast dictionary

ShayneTr: Hi!

SusanR: called definr

SusanR: <http://definr.com/>

BarbaraMu joined the room.

SusanR: An intimate evening

SusanR: Hi Barbara

BarbaraMu: Hi Sue

BarbaraMu: thank you

BJB2 wonders why the need for speed?!

SusanR: found it by sifting thro' my twitter contacts

SusanR grins

BarbaraMu: cool

SusanR: word of the day also gives you notable quotes

MaureenB joined the room.

SusanR: Welcome Maureen

SusanR: waiting for late arrivals

MaureenB waves

BJB2: Sue, are you familiar with <http://www.40daysofpeace.org/> ?

MaureenB: I like that seems kid friendly

SusanR: Very timely

SusanR: So tonight's topic is Online Literacy! Broad topic!!

SusanR: I believe we all know each other

SusanR: We will take an in depth look at Mathwire, Spell City and Word Builder and Roy the Zebra.

SusanR: Please jump in and share any related sites

SusanR: Mathwire was mentioned as a site worth clicking by Midge

SusanR: Mathwire.com is designed to provide activities and appropriate worksheets for teachers to use in their classrooms

SusanR: These activities are posted online in an effort to share quality activities and routines within the mathematics community.

SusanR: Teachers are welcome to download any of the activities for free use in their classrooms.

SusanR: one of the feature articles is: Writing in Math Class

MaureenB: love Spell City shared it with my 4th grade team and introduced it to the third grade

SusanR: since literacy is the topic of the day

SusanR: adore spell city

SusanR: Here is the link

SusanR: <http://www.mathwire.com/writing/writing1.html>

MaureenB: Writing in math is so important. They need to be able to show their thinking.

SusanR: Click on My Life in Math class ..the very last link

SusanR: could be adapted

SusanR: or students could blog

SusanR: kids could work in pairs or teams

SusanR: this is a feature rich site

SusanR: mathematical quilts are featured on the main page

MaureenB: That would be a great way to start next year

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

SusanR: Of course 100 Days of School..stimulates a lot of activities ..makes for a Fair or special day

SusanR: templates galore

SusanR: and if you want to incorporate into web 2.0 ..you can photograph some of the activities and post to your blog or use Bookr

SusanR: <http://www.pimpampum.net/bookr/?id=1878>

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

SusanR: trying to incorporate web 2.0

SusanR: Maureen, did I showcase Spelling City earlier in the month

MaureenB: I believe so can't remember anymore where the great sites come from

BJB2 chuckles

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

SusanR: Can be used for word study or thematic study

SusanR: In the teaching section, students hear the word and a sentence including the word before the word is spelled for them.

SusanR: In the game section, students can choose to play an online word search, hang mouse (like hang man), and word scramble with their spelling words.

SusanR: Teachers can save spelling lists on the site

SusanR: Students login with the class information to access that weeks spelling list.

SusanR: and it's FREE

MaureenB: I have my last 3 spelling units up there

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

ShayneTr: I wish you could use other languages, too. This is great.

SusanR: It uses a REAL human voice that says both the word and the word in a sentence

SusanR: not as open ended; but useful is Word Builder

SusanR: When you create a list, it does not appear on your homepage or on the Find Your List page. Your list is pending and needs to be approved by a SpellingCity moderator. This usually takes less than a day. After it is approved, it will appear on your homepage and on the search page.

MaureenB: I have the kids do a practice test for homework and play the games

MaureenB: they love it

SusanR: Not as open ended is Word Builder

SusanR: from Houghton Mifflin

SusanR: Students are told a word, in the context of a sentence, and then have to spell it. It is designed as a game, and there are literally hundreds, if not thousands, of opportunities to play.

SusanR: <http://www.eduplace.com/kids/sv/books/content/wordbuilder/>

MaureenB: I like <http://classtools.net/>

SusanR: yes, Maureen

MaureenB: you can create questions and than they are used in arcade type games

MaureenB: did you give me that one too :(

MaureenB: I think that was Terry Smith

SusanR: I have played with it ..<http://classtools.net/my/diamond98291.htm>

SusanR: and embedded it on a web site

MaureenB: <http://classtools.net/my/quiz61406.htm>

MaureenB: our geometry vocab

MaureenB: for the unit

SusanR: so easy to use your students can create the content

SusanR: last but not least is Roy the Zebra

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

MaureenB: yes I will show them how when I have a normal week when I am not out training for or scoring the state assessments

SusanR: If you have "Reading Buddies" older students can work with younger ones

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

BJB2 looks at the clock on the wall

BarbaraMu: I was waiting for Roy the Zebra!

BJB2: the next K to 3+ Resources discussion will be February 12

SusanR: Since it is a new year I want to leave you with this
<http://techlearning.com/story/showArticle.php?articleID=196604927&page=1>

SusanR: top 10 tech trends

ShayneTr: Thank you! You've given us some very useful tools!

MaureenB: great ideas as usual

SusanR: Thank you for sharing and participating

BJB2: Barbara is leading the School Counselors Corner next in the group room. This will be a continuation of the ADD discussion we had last time.

BJB2: Thanks, Sue

BarbaraMu: Thanks Sue

SusanR: Thanks Barb