

**Title of Session:** K to 3+ Resources

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**SusanR:** Let's start with brief intro so we can gear the discussion to your needs

**HoyingL:** Hello all

**JuliannK:** I'm a pre-service teacher in my second year at college.

**BJB2:** also, a reminder if you are new to Tapped In to go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat and select Detach

**JennyEB:** 2nd grade 11 years in rural West Tennessee

**SusanR:** I am the facilitator and moderator and substitute teacher from Ontario, Canada

**HoyingL:** I'm just a sub

**MaureenB:** I teach 4th grade in NY

**JennyEB:** There's no JUST about it Hoying

**ElizabetUm:** I am sub as well

**HoyingL:** Call me Vivian

**SusanR:** So tonight's session will be great for subs as well

**HoyingL:** I'm still a sub, and I want to learn more about K-3+

**SusanR:** This site I gleaned from the CUE conference

**SusanR:** Computer User Educators .. I attended virtually

**SusanR:** many of their sessions are presented thro' uStream

**SusanR:** The site is called Spang Gang

**SusanR:** a little blurb about it.. before we take a look

**SusanR:** Desiree Spang has put together an incredible resource for students.

**SusanR**: All sites are standards based and curriculum linked to help students strengthen skills in all areas of the curriculum.

**SusanR**: Once your students experience this site they won't want to leave the computer.

**SusanR**: It's a busy site..

**SusanR**: It may overwhelm you at first

**SusanR**: The title of the session was called Who said Games can't teach

**SusanR**: take a look..get an overview

**SusanR**: and then we can dissect the site

**SusanR**: there is everything here for students, parents and teachers

**SusanR**: Be aware ..very colourful and busy  
...<http://homepage.mac.com/bobspang/Mrs.SpangsClass.htm>

**BJB2** checks to see if everyone got the webpage?

**HoyingL**: I don't know why but mine isn't loading up

**ElizabetUm**: I'm on-BJ help Viv Hoying

**JennyEB**: got it

**BJB2**: wow, Sue...we'll have to add that to the playing to learn group

**BJB2**: Viv, did you get the url?

**JuliannK**: I'm on

**SusanR**: yes, Bj

**HoyingL**: I got the URL but I can't click on it

**HoyingL**: I tried to hold CTRL and click or just click it but it didn't work

**BJB2**: go to the actions menu, Viv, and select Send to Pasteboard

**BJB2**: then highlight the url in the pasteboard, copy and paste to another browser window

**HoyingL:** I got it thank you

**SusanR:** Open another window and use google ...and enter spang gang

**ElizabetUm:** BJ you are amazing!

**BJB2** blushes. Thanks

**HoyingL:** Thanks so much BJ

**HoyingL:** Do I click on Ms.Spang's Class

**HoyingL:** from Google?

**SusanR:** what should be appealing is Grade Level Survivor For Kids

**SusanR:** get an overview of the site

**SusanR:** . o O ( you may want to start with the Pacer Pages ..on the left side )

**SusanR:** or Grade Level Survivor For Kids

**HoyingL:** Do you want me to click on Play Survivor (for kids)?

**SusanR:** you may zero in on a particular element of the site

**SusanR:** these are series of activities to work on skills

**ElizabetUm:** This is endless! All web access! I have to pass on this website to teachers who still use CDs to reinforce reading and math skills

**SusanR:** The Spang Gang website is a compilation of grade level, standards based, curriculum area links to some of the best games on the Internet. No more time consuming searches!

**HoyingL:** This is GREAT

**ElizabetUm:** All at your fingertips!

**JuliannK:** Hey, has anyone tried the website starfall.com

**SusanR:** The site is color coded by level

**SusanR:** ie orange

**SusanR:** Apparently it's being used for intervention students.

**HoyingL:** Juliann Where is the Starfall.com

**JennyEB:** I've already e-mailed it to my curriculum coordinators, 15 2nd grade teachers and half of the 1st grade. Holy cow!

**SusanR:** She set up survivor game to hit standards, but not hit kids over the head with the standard itself.

**JuliannK:** Just type it in the address bar and it should come up

**SusanR:** <http://www.starfall.com/>

**JuliannK:** yep

**HoyingL:** Thanks I got it

**SusanR:** Ms Spang has her own blog as well..

**SusanR:** <http://community.cue.org/profile/DesireeSpang>

**ElizabetUm:** Bye all, I have to run-Enjoy Viv. thanks all!

**SusanR:** Here is her take on the starfall site

**SusanR:** <http://homepage.mac.com/bobspang/1CalStandardAlignment.htm>

**ElizabetUm** left the room (signed off).

**SusanR:** Any comments?

**HoyingL:** All of this is really helpful

**HoyingL:** All the sites you just sent are just other ways to get to if we're not using Spang gang

**SusanR:** correct

**SusanR:** everything in one place

**JennyEB:** We're in the middle of a new 'model' and we're having to SCRAMBLE to set up new centers

**JennyEB:** This will really answer our prayers

**JennyEB:** Can't wait to look at her blog.

**SusanR** : Here is the parent letter

**SusanR** : <http://homepage.mac.com/bobspang/parent.htm>

**SusanR** : Take a look at the printouts on the main page as well

**SusanR** : this explains the colour guide used on the site

**SusanR** : <http://homepage.mac.com/bobspang/bwguide.htm>

**SusanR** : and the teacher tools

**SusanR** : <http://homepage.mac.com/bobspang/teachertools.htm>

**SusanR** : Again, you can isolate the sites you require

**HoyingL** : okay

**SusanR** : comments??

**JuliannK** : Nope

**JennyEB** : How do you isolate?

**SusanR** : find what you like and tag it in delicious

**SusanR** : set up a delicious account

**JennyEB** : got one, never use it, but I've got the idea

**SusanR** : ie <http://del.icio.us/sroseman/literacy>

**SusanR** : along the same lines but easier to navigate is this site

**HoyingL** : I don't have an icon for delicious but I do have an account I can tag it through the website

**HoyingL** : right?

**SusanR** : done by Adrian Bruce from down under

**SusanR** : <http://www.adrianbruce.com/>

**SusanR** : ie cut and paste this poetry lesson into Microsoft Word

**SusanR**: <http://www.adrianbruce.com/poetry/self-esteem-1.htm>

**SusanR**: This is an Australian site or New Zealand

**SusanR**: Adrian resides in Australia; however he does offer PD in New Zealand as well

**SusanR**: He also has a blog and teacher toolbox

**SusanR**: <http://adrianbruce.com/teacher-toolbox/>

**SusanR** . o O ( Lots to offer for the substitute teacher )

**SusanR**: any questions?

**SusanR**: any sites to share

**HoyingL**: The Adrian sites are other resource sites right?

**SusanR**: yes indeed

**HoyingL**: Great

**HoyingL**: Thanks I learned so much

**SusanR**: some excellent ideas for art <http://www.adrianbruce.com/art/index.htm>

**SusanR**: more of a teacher resource

**SusanR**: Can you each share one favourite site in the remaining 3 minutes

**JennyEB**: If your interested in centers: <http://teacherresourcesgalore.com/>

**JennyEB**: She's in Australia, I believe

**JennyEB**: Just be sure you have your cardstock ready. There's a lot to be had.

**BJB2**: The next K-3 Resources is on March 25

**JennyEB**: Topic?

**SusanR**: Apple Learning Exchange

**JennyEB**: Ooooooooooooooooooooo!

**HoyingL**: Oh interesting

**JennyEB:** Played with it a long time ago. Not since. I'll bet it's much better!

**JennyEB:** Thanks so much. I enjoyed learning about Spang's Gang! Good night all!