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BJB2: Welcome to today's K to 3+ Resources Discussion, everyone!

BJB2: Susan, would you like to start with introductions?

SusanR: Thanks Bj

JennyEB: My introduction: 2nd grade teacher, Ripley, TN -- rural, north of Memphis

JenniferOl: I'm a 4th-grade teacher in San Diego, CA

KristenB: 2nd grade as well...Northern, IL

NicoleLE: student teacher, 3rd grade, Houston TX

SusanR: I am a substitute, was a grade 2 teacher for many years; and a tech integrator for a few..from Ontario Canada

NatalieA: student teacher, 1st grade, Katy, TX

KristenB: I wish I knew about this as a student teacher! =)

SusanR: ok that's everyone

SusanR: I have a grab bag of goodies tonight

JennyEB: Yay! Your goodies are always fantastic!

SusanR: Would anyone care to share a fabulous resource they used this week ..

SusanR: Well I will jump in with a portfolio of Literacy Strategies from a fellow colleague

SusanR: something to keep on file

SusanR: or you may wish to build your

SusanR: <http://www.jilks.com/portfolio/>

SusanR: own portfolio

JennyEB: www.teacherweb.com/FL/LaurelHillSchool/MrsVensko/h0.stm

JennyEB: Sorry, I had to look it up. Lots of nice resources - back to yours Susan

SusanR: Lovely Jenny

SusanR: and a collection of literacy strategies

SusanR: <http://www.jilks.com/portfolio/Literacy.html>

SusanR: The links will be in your transcript

SusanR: so do not linger too long with each one

JennyEB: The Jilks site looks very interesting -- will take some exploration time for sure!

JennyEB: NEXT?

SusanR: I was quite taken with Google Book Search

SusanR: I know, everybody knows everything about Google

SusanR: But just in case you haven't seen this service (still in beta)....

JennyEB: I've been enamored by Searchme.com -- you gave us that didn't you Susan?

SusanR: "Finding books is as easy as finding websites with Google Web Search."

SusanR: Use keywords, phrases, quotations; you get all the books whose contents match your search terms. You might also see a few snippets - sentences of your search term in context.

SusanR: I did a search for "Cloudy with Meatballs" ..for a weather unit

SusanR: and found lesson resources etc to boot..give it a try

SusanR: <http://books.google.com/>

SusanR: or type in any other book

JennyEB: I've become interested in collecting snippets from books to inspire my students' writing. Would Google book search be a good resource for that?

NicoleLE: I like the www.teacherweb.com site. I hope to be hired into a 2nd grade position and this page really looks like it might help me with some great organizational ideas'

SusanR: "Math Curse"

JennyEB: WHOA, question answered -- the page just loaded. This is too cool!

SusanR: nice reviews too

JenniferOl joined the room.

SusanR: Be sure to use quotes

SusanR:

<http://books.google.com/books?id=NsqMHQAACAAJ&dq=%22Math+Curse%22&ei=VoAOSLzXEYi2jgG3maGGBg>

SusanR: and note the advanced search

NicoleLE: Thanks so much for this one! I find math to be the most difficult subject for me to teach. I can do the math, I just struggle to explain it

NatalieA: All of these sites are great

MayraF: What grade are you in Nicole?

NicoleLE: third

NicoleLE: I find it difficult to make math "fun"

SusanR: <http://www.webmath.com/index3.html>

MayraF: I'm asking because--I might be in the wrong place right now but--I'm asking because I'm a student teaching 7th grade math, and after reading your comment about teaching math, well I feel kind of weird cuz that I guess comes more easy for me

MayraF: Well actually....I guess I may be able to link middle school to the earlier years in the methods elementary schools have to teach mathematics

MayraF: all the manipulatives and things

NicoleLE: it is weird. I'm great at language arts, social studies, and science, but math is harder for me

MayraF: Have you ever used any manipulatives?

MayraF: or websites ?

MayraF: or actually linking mathematics to the real world

SusanR: Most students enjoy graphing and probability..students can play and explore here

NicoleLE: yes all the time, I just find it so boring, and I know that sounds bad, or maybe I just have difficulty coming up with the ideas

SusanR: <http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/CreateAGraph/>

MayraF: that gets students interested

JenniferOl: It can be hard as an adult because you already know the answers, but you have to figure out how to explain it so a student will be able to do it

MayraF: ok....I think that you--the teacher--needs to find something that's interesting to the teacher so that the teacher gives the lesson with interest

NicoleLE: I think that's probably it Jennifer. It's hard to think on an eight year old math level when I can do calculus you know?

NicoleLE: I think it will just be my weaker area at first, but I will get better

SusanR: Perhaps try having a math fair ..to put the fun back into math

SusanR: Mathwire has some innovative ideas tied across the curriculum

JenniferOl: Exactly! I taught 3rd for several years and found that using books related to the concepts helped students get interested

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

MayraF: I totally understand what you're saying.....same thing happened to me this semester during student teaching, because I would start explaining as if they were older students in higher maths....but I finally got the grip of it (I hope)

NicoleLE: thanks for all your support!

SusanR: try using manipulatives for exploration rather than lengthy explanations

SusanR: . o O (explanations in small doses)

NatalieA: or trying to do a hands on activity really helps

NicoleLE: yes I used pop cubes, corn pops, marshmallows, and cheerios to teach capacity and volume recently, the kids were very engaged

SusanR: try the search field in mathwire for some great ideas

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

MayraF: you see....every time that we as teachers integrate something different into the lesson, it seems to work

JenniferOl: See, Nicole, you did find a way to get them interested

NicoleLE thinks-so glad I came to this chat

SusanR: moving along to science ..did you know you can get a FREE 5 day trial to brainpop

NatalieA: neat!

SusanR: which I just did ... so if you have a project in science or math

JenniferOl: Yes I've tried it before. do you know how much it is after that?

SusanR: or similar to Brainpop is science clips..and it's free

MayraF: ohhhhhhhhh brainpop is a pretty good site to use.....you have these mini videos about a topic and then you could have the kids take a quiz on it

MayraF: I've used it with my 7th grade math students

JennyEB: Brainpop, Jr. has a free trial offer too, I think. I really like it for my 2nd graders

NicoleLE: I didn't realize you could use it with middle schoolers. I've used it for both 1st and third

SusanR: yes the free trial includes Spanish as well

JennyEB: Our county has a license

NatalieA: that is really great

SusanR: However this one is totally free
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/5_6/science_5_6.shtml

MayraF: Some school districts have bought a license for brainpop....you could check with a school district you end up working with because you won't have to pay anything to use it

JenniferOl: We have access to United Streaming in our district. I've used it for all content areas

MayraF: Thanks for sharing that information about the free websites

MayraF: that'll probably be helpful to use in the future

NatalieA: Yeah we use United Streaming all the time

JennyEB: the bbc wants me to use Internet explorer, phooey

CamilleL: Is the "Brainpop, Jr." on the same website as the Brainpop itself?

SusanR: Hi Camille

CamilleL: hi sorry I'm late.

JennyEB: <http://www.brainpopjr.com/>

CamilleL: thanks, Jenny

SusanR: Write them a note and they will extend the FREE trial as well

CamilleL: yeah, 5 days is too short.

JenniferOl: How long do they extend it for?

SusanR: not sure how long

JennyEB: no clue, we've got an extended freebie since we have brainpop]

JenniferOl: Ok I'll just have to check it out again My kids loved it last time I used it

SusanR: Some school districts are quite lucky ..with access to resources

CamilleL: we have united streaming. should I ask for brainpop as well?

JennyEB: they could only say no

SusanR: no harm in asking..they are both worthwhile

CamilleL: will do then.

MayraF: you might ask if they have purchased the license to use it at your school, which means you won't have to pay anything for it

SusanR: Check out these Readers theater Scripts for Science

SusanR: great for science fairs or end of the year projects

SusanR: <http://gvc03c32.virtualclassroom.org/>

JennyEB: you might also contact them directly (Brainpop), they'll often extend a trial

SusanR: students can work in groups to present

JennyEB: I AM a Readers' Theater DIVA!

JennyEB: I did a presentation and used this site to wow a high school chem teacher

JennyEB: she loved it

CamilleL: what a lovely site on science, sue -- can't wait to explore it.

SusanR: integrates with language arts

CamilleL: oh, that's perfect, then!

JenniferOl: I'm always looking for ways to integrate content with LA

NicoleLE: great site, really!

NatalieA: I was really amazed at that teacher's website...most teachers in my area just post a message at the beginning of the year and never keep up with it

NicoleLE: there is another site you all might really like, it's a third grade teacher's web page-she does amazing things with his students-
<http://hill.troy.k12.mi.us/staff/bnewingham/myweb3/>

JennyEB: YOU HIT MY FAVORITE

JennyEB: She inspired me to do some music videos with my kiddos

CamilleL: how cool is that -- three teachers (and classrooms) working together across the globe!

JennyEB: They were fabulous!

JennyEB: YOU ALL NEED TO GET SOME TIME TO WATCH HER MOVIES

JennyEB: ABSOLUTELY AMAZING

MayraF: WOW! That's really neat....networking with teacher and students around the world....that's awesome

JennyEB: We made a video of "Dance Tonight" (Paul McCartney) during the first 3 days of school

JennyEB: Then we changed it to "Learn Today" and did one about what we do everyday

MayraF: It's so amazing what technology allows us to do nowadays

JennyEB: I was so surprised at how easy

JennyEB: it was to get them to work the first 3 days

JenniferOl: It seems like that teacher has great access to tech

JennyEB: I STILL HAD THEIR ATTENTION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

JennyEB: She's NOT using that much

NicoleLE: I think she has a masters or a doctorate in technology also

MayraF: and this is with what grade again? and what subject?

JennyEB: A video camera

JennyEB: and some software

NicoleLE: third

NicoleLE: self-contained I think?

JennyEB: I promise IT'S NOT THAT HARD!!!!!!

JenniferOl: I'm referring to the laptops her kids have access to

MayraF: this is something that we could do as a project or something (I'm thinking about 7th graders)

JenniferOl: We have had a computer lab filled with new computers that we haven't been able to use for 2 yrs

CamilleL: you know, we could even do it within our own school!

SusanR: Kerpoof will allow you to do movies quite easily

SusanR: <http://www.kerpoof.com/create>

SusanR: as well create in numerous ways

NicoleLE: hey thanks, how helpful!

MayraF: Yes...thanks for providing all these websites that we can use in our classroom

SusanR: you may wish to subscribe to their newsletter

JenniferOI: That looks great my kids would be really into creating their own movies

JennyEB: I know what I'LL be doing the rest of the night!

CamilleL: what a totally useful site, and it's free -- wow!

BJB2 suggests www.nextvista.org

MayraF: You might get them into groups and let them be the producers of their own movie....how cool can that be

SusanR: indeed

BJB2: Next Vista leads discussions once a month in Tapped In

CamilleL: and they have global ones to contact on that site, BJB!

BJB2 checks the clock on the wall

SusanR: Last fun link to end the evening is Picasso Head

SusanR: an ideal, fun tool to use when exploring Picasso in the classroom.

SusanR: <http://www.mrpicassohead.com/create.html>

SusanR: Can I please put in a plug for Barbara's School Counselors discussion

BJB2 listens

SusanR: It follows this one!

SusanR: her topic is counseling and books...bibliotherapy and literacy

BJB2: Thanks, Sue. Great discussion!

MayraF: Well guys....It was a pleasure getting to know new ideas from all of you...I hope my suggestions were of your help as well

SusanR: I recommend Barbara's session highly!

BJB2 heads for School Counselors

SusanR: Thank for sharing..

NicoleLE: thank you!

CamilleL: ditto!

JenniferOl: Thanks, Susan, for all the great links.

NatalieA: Thank you guys for all the great info