

Title of Session: K-3+ Resources

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SusanR: How are you infusing tech lately Maureen?

BJB2 sprinkles magic powder on Maureen's computer

SusanR: As you may (or may not have known) Google had a contest for students to create a new Google Doodle (the cute Google Graphics they use on special days)!!

MaureenB: Doing a research project in science using net books and videos with a PP presentation as the final product

SusanR: Jen Wagner would like to invite you now to VISIT the site and vote on the one (per grade level) you like the best.

SusanR: If you have a projector or a whiteboard, you might wish to invite your students to be a part too.

SusanR: <http://www.google.com/doodle4google/vote.html#>

SusanR: Hi Jeff

MaureenB: I could do that the teacher next door to me sent a few submissions

MaureenB: she has a friend at Google

SusanR: There are lesson resources

SusanR: <http://www.google.com/doodle4google/resources.html>

KarinB joined the room.

SusanR: Welcome Karin

KarinB: Hi Susan

SusanR: Should we start with brief intro while we wait for late arrivals

MaureenB: I like the one with sign language in the 4-8 section

MaureenB: I teach 4th grade in Putnam County NY

SusanR: I sub K to 5 in Ontario, ?

SusanR: Canada

SusanR: And Karin...your area of expertise

SusanR: before we begin can each of you share one great resource you used with your students this past week .before I jump in

KarinB: I taught 2nd grade in PA for 20 years.....now in CT subbing

MaureenB: Brain Pop

SusanR: aha we are two of a kind

KarinB: United Streaming

SusanR: so great resources Brain Pop and United Streaming

SusanR: I am always on the lookout for FREE resources...this next one I wish to share is ..ta da

SusanR: a Tech Integration Matrix

KarinB: I love United Streaming because it contains all the materials, prep, etc. for each video

MaureenB: and the district pays for both of those for the district

SusanR: yes this matrix does the same

SusanR: This resource blew me away.

MaureenB: so the link already :)

SusanR: Absolutely incredible! Make your class or classes rock with this tech integration matrix

SusanR: explore and give me your impressions

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SusanR: <http://fcit.usf.edu/matrix/index.html>

SusanR: Make sure to click on the links under each indicator. You'll find video examples, objectives, materials/technology list, standards, and what amounts to basically a lesson plan. Incredible resource!

SusanR . o O (as you can see each cell in the matrix will have a video (or several videos) which illustrate the integration of technology in classrooms where only a few computers are available and/or classrooms where every student has access to a laptop computer.)

MaureenB: It is a good resource

SusanR: Karin, Maureen??

SusanR: Would you find this useful

MaureenB: I wish the PDF had the links on it

JennyEB joined the room.

MaureenB . o O (Karin has gremlins in her computer too)

JennyEB: hello, what have I missed?

SusanR: Jenny, we are looking at this tech Integration Matrix

SusanR: <http://fcit.usf.edu/matrix/index.html>

SusanR: and wonders if it will fit our goals

MaureenB: it is certainly a place to start for teachers new to technology

MaureenB: I will share it with my student teacher tomorrow

SusanR . o O (note the attached videos)

SusanR: onwards to a cool tool that can be integrated in many ways

SusanR: Comix

SusanR: ..A rich, interactive site where learners can create their own comic strips by selecting characters with different moods and making them talk and think.

SusanR: Includes story ideas and prompts to help jump-start ideas.

KarinB: Sounds like fun

MaureenB: oh tell me about it

SusanR: Hold on

SusanR: An excellent device for teaching language, reading, writing, story-telling, and creative self-expression skills.

MaureenB: we are going to study graphic novels

MaureenB: and create our own

SusanR: also, for applying what you know about sequencing events, writing dialogue, and predicting what comes next.

SusanR: explore and come back

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

SusanR: no sign up or login necessary

MaureenB: was going to use Comic Life but this they could use at home

SusanR: easy to use

SusanR: I tested it out

SusanR: However I did a screen capture to save

KarinB: This is a wonderful to get students to write and they wouldn't even consider it as writing

SusanR: and suggest students print them out

MaureenB: is there no other way to save?

SusanR: . o O (notice the panel prompts)

SusanR: email

SusanR: <http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/comix.php>

MaureenB: like how the expressions on the character change

KarinB: My students are always drawing cartoon characters and would love this site

SusanR: neat implementation!

SusanR: When you are ready Bill Zimmerman has a blog to accompany the site

SusanR: Bill writes: "The site offers fun animal and human characters with different moods, thought and talk balloons to fill in with words, and story prompts. It's a wonderful resource to spur children and adults to write, read and communicate their ideas and to practice English, Spanish and other languages. It is also being used in many school programs to used as a tool by educational therapists who work with deaf, learning disabled, and autistic people, as well as trauma victims, to help them understand concepts and communicate."

JennyEB: very cool, would be great for emo middle schoolers!

MaureenB: We are studying graphic novels with the eye to create their own

KarinB: Mr. Zimmerman is absolutely correct about using this site for ESL students

MaureenB: great tool for kids who can't draw and I like the idea of screen capture and putting it in another document

SusanR: Yes I put it in a word document and will upload to my blog

SusanR: or you can upload to <http://www.scribd.com/>

SusanR: <http://www.scribd.com/people/view/5075-sroseman>

MaureenB: this will definitely be useful for my unit

MaureenB: thank you so much

SusanR: before I forget here is Bill's Blog

SusanR: <http://www.billztreasurechest.com/blog/>

SusanR: a valuable resource for prompts and ideas

SusanR: This would be suitable for young students

SusanR: http://www.billztreasurechest.com/make_believe.html

SusanR: Have students suggest the prompts

SusanR: . o O (this is a treasure trove of ideas)

KarinB: It certainly is

KarinB: I think these are excellent resources to get children excited about writing

KarinB: Thank you so much for sharing your ideas and great websites

SusanR: And my last resource is Time for Kids

SusanR: The latest news from around the world for kids in grades K-6.

SusanR: Part of the TFK (Time Magazine for Kids) site, this page is a goldmine of high-interest materials in 15 categories, from "Animals" through "Holidays" to "World History."

SusanR: <http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/>

SusanR: Browse and examine.

SusanR: When you locate a "keeper" either print it immediately or save it for later printing.

SusanR: This is a great place to do some early preparation for next semester or build up a file of materials for those unexpected occasions.

SusanR: When does your year end

JennyEB: 8 days

SusanR: cool

JennyEB: tell me about scrbd

JennyEB: what do you use it for

SusanR: we end end of June

JennyEB: we start August 7

SusanR: I store some of my useful documents

JennyEB: ahhhh, just docs or more? haven't had a chance to look

SusanR: you can store documents for student, parents

SusanR: images as well

JennyEB: could I store this years photos?

JennyEB: movies?

JennyEB: free?

SusanR: . o O (checks)

SusanR: Free yes

SusanR: powerpoints; no movies

JennyEB: I have cds everywhere with photos from past classes

JennyEB: I'm afraid they'll be lost

JennyEB: before the kids are famous!

JennyEB: what did I miss about the technology matrix?

SusanR: <http://fcit.usf.edu/matrix/index.html>

SusanR: suggestions for implementation

JennyEB: thanks, good night

BJB2: Thanks, Sue.

BJB2 waves goodnight. Any topics for June?

SusanR: Thanks Bj

SusanR: leisure and pleasure

BJB2 . o O (we had the guy from makebeliefcomics as a guest speaker some time ago)

SusanR: Bill

BJB2: leisure and pleasure is good :-)

BJB2 nods. He'd probably come again if you ask

SusanR: good idea

BJB2: he really appreciates any publicity you can give

SusanR: He was on WOW

SusanR: two weeks ago

BJB2: cool.

BJB2 . o O (in TI first ;-)

BJB2 heads for bed. Talk to you soon.