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JeffC: to get started... I'd like everyone to introduce themselves a bit... tell me a bit about yourselves, maybe what kind of thing(s) you like to do for fun, etc.

JeffC: I'm Jeff Cooper, living in Forest Grove Oregon, single dad with three kids and I see a lot of movies like Kung Fu Panda (uh... haven't seen it yet though). I do like to read bridge columns (don't play anymore though since I moved to Oregon).

AleydaC: Ok, my name is Aleyda. I enjoy reading a good book in a nice cloudy day, I also like playing softball. I am currently working on finishing up my education to be an educator, if that makes sense :)

KathyGal: HI - I am in Virginia - love the beach and sailing - I have been teaching in elementary school for 24 years - and my name is Kathy

AleydaC: wow 24 years, very commendable :)

JeffC: great! how about you Sarah?

SarahGarr: I'm at Technology Curriculum Integration Specialist with the Newport News Schools in VA. I'm currently enrolled in a Capstone course for the NETS T and as part of the class we need to check out Tapped In. I enjoy the beach and kayaking.

BJB2: I'm in south central Pennsylvania and am a retired communications teacher and helpdesk for Tapped In

JeffC: OK... so... for starters... I think that Sarah and Kathy should arrange for a day at the beach!

KathyGal: oh hey - you are here

SarahGarr: Yep, Kathy is also in my class

KathyGal: Jeff, that would be great - the two of us did have a 'meeting' at the pool the other day!

SarahGarr: Come on over to VA Beach!

JeffC: Now... normally I'd recommend detaching your chat... however, there are a

number of links in the top frame on the Whiteboard that we'll be exploring today... so... detach it if you want to (Actions menu-- Detach)... but if you do you'll need to toggle back and forth between windows.

JeffC: If you need to make the text larger you may click Actions-- Larger Text.

JeffC: Susan Roseman normally leads this group... but she's very busy at a Jazz Festival today.

JeffC: So... while she's listening to sax... let's look at the first link that she's put up on the Whiteboard... please click the Group Games link and let's explore it a bit.

JeffC: As you will see... this is a "portal site."

JeffC: That means that there are a number of links in different categories that will send you off into different places. Please pick one, let us know what you're looking at... and let's take 5 minutes or so exploring.

JeffC: Then... we'll meet back here, copy/paste the url of a site we liked, and report back to the group.

JeffC: questions/comments so far?

JeffC: ok... I'll take that as a no and everyone is exploring!

KathyGal: I like the Shoe ID game!

KathyGal: fun for a faculty group coming back from summer break

AleydaC: the Mafia game caught my attention <http://www.group-games.com/stationary-games/mafia-game.html>

BJB2: as the leader of the storytelling group, I like Whose Story Is It? <http://www.group-games.com/ice-breakers/whose-story-is-it.html>

SarahGarr: I like the two truths and a lie

BJB2: <http://www.group-games.com/ice-breakers/two-truths-and-a-lie.html>

SarahGarr: It sounds like a great way to get to know people and with the variation of the Two truths and a dream wish, you could do this even with groups of people you are somewhat familiar with.

AleydaC: telephone charades would be fun for a classroom full pre-teens <http://www.group-games.com/stationary-games/telephone-charades.html>

AleydaC: and it can be played in many different ways for different groups.

JeffC: a lot of these games sound like excellent ways for teachers to get their students to introduce themselves, have fun, and learn about each other. of course... you might need to be a little careful about some of them... it's possible to get too much information sometimes.

KathyGal: oh, you bet - we sometimes get waayyy too much info!! :^)

JeffC: I liked the "first impressions" game: <http://www.group-games.com/ice-breakers/first-impressions-game.html>

AleydaC: Is it just instinct to know when it's too much info, or is there a way to tell and stop it before?

JeffC: good question Aleyda... I think it is a judgment call that the teacher has to be quick to read how the stories are going.

KathyGal: you pretty much know - and stop them by giving them a good comment on something they have just said

BJB2: you can also set ground rules

JeffC: yup

AleydaC: oh ok, for example?

BJB2: no sex or drugs

JeffC: well... I'd probably suggest no sex or drugs as well... but would probably encourage rock and roll.

BJB2 nods solemnly to Jeff

DavidW joined the room.

DavidW waves

JeffC: but let's move on and shift gears a bit and look at the "Freebies" site... second link on the Whiteboard.

AleydaC: push something they know well and can relate to?

JeffC waves to David.

AleydaC: correct

BJB2: David, Sue left a list of sites on the whiteboard.

JeffC: sounds good Aleyda

DavidW: Thanks, BJ

BJB2: Freebies is <http://www.thecanadianteacher.com/links/>

BJB2: Group Games was <http://www.group-games.com/games-by-type/>

SarahGarr: Jeff, another friend has called me, she is stuck in traffic trying to get home, wants to know if it will be too late for her to join, she should be there in 10 minutes.

JeffC: sure, no problem Sarah.

JeffC: now... this next site is Free Stuff for Canadian Teachers... but I imagine there is free stuff for Americans as well... and of course... there are a myriad of "free stuff" sites out there.

DavidW thought Jeff was the King of "free stuff"

JeffC: One thing I think I'd do with a site like this is warn students in advance to be very careful about "free."

JeffC is an expert on inexpensive stuff... like ebay... but I tend to be skeptical about "free."

JeffC: Although I'm a member of a yahogroup that advertises free stuff in my county, where people can post and others can come and pick it up. I just got a \$300 keyboard for my son that way.

DavidW smiles

KathyGal: am way off on tangents here - clicking, bookmarking.....

BJB2: Kathy, all the main urls will be in your transcript

JeffC: sounds good Kathy

KathyGal: sorry - but transcript?

BJB2: and you can come back to this room and look at the whiteboard again

KathyGal: oh - gotcha

BJB2: when you log out of Tapped In you are automatically emailed a transcript of the discussion

JeffC: after you logout a transcript of this session will automatically be emailed to you.

AleydaC: that's convenient

BillieH joined the room.

JeffC: Hi Billie... welcome

KathyGal: that is good -

BillieH: thanks

KathyGal: so we are emailed a transcript - how nice is that?

JeffC: right now we're looking at the second link in the whiteboard:
<http://www.thecanadianteacher.com/links/>

SarahGarr: Hey Billie! You made it through the traffic!

BillieH: finally

KathyGal: Jeff, Sarah, Billie and I are all in the same class in Newport News

JeffC: so if you find some cool free stuff... post a specific link back here.

JeffC: you can also look at the first link on Group Games.

SarahGarr: Love these free posters. <http://www.p-rposters.com/>

JeffC . o O (cool Sarah!)

AleydaC: I'm loving all the Math resources

KathyGal: yep - it is nice to see - we are lacking in that area at my school

JeffC: great Aleyda... btw... we have a Math Resources (and other Math groups) here at Tapped In.

AleydaC) thanks I saw that in the calendar it's great

KathyGal: we do use Rainforest math all the time!

AleydaC smiles

AleydaC: these calendars are cute <http://www.teachercreated.com/free/calendars.php>

AleydaC: aimed more for a history class though

JeffC: great

JeffC: how about other free sites everybody? anyone find one worth sharing?

SarahGarr: Wow this is a timely website for our district.
<http://www.intel.com/education/projects/wildride/> we are starting to use Intel Tools and moving our teachers into a 21st Century mode for teaching.

JeffC: cool

JeffC: one sec... I'll be right back.

JeffC left the room.

KathyGal: HI Billie

DavidW: What is 21st Century mode mean, Sarah?

BJB2: Jeff found more sites that Sue had added for us in the K to 3 Resource room....

BJB2: so, everyone either click on the ONLINE tab to the left of this chat, click one time on **JeffC** and the door icon at the bottom...

BJB2: or type /join **JeffC**

AleydaC left the room.

BJB2: Kathy? Billie?

KathyGal: yep

DavidW . o O (/join **JeffC**)

BillieH: Still looking...

BJB2: type /join **JeffC**

BillieH left the room.

KathyGal left the room.

BJB2 left the room.

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BillieH: OK, great

BJB2: all present and accounted for, Jeff

JeffC: it will only take you a week to look at all the sites on the first link... it's definitely a portal site by Stephen Downes... have a look.

KathyGal: cool site

JeffC: <http://snurl.com/freelearning>

JeffC: ZaidLearn: A Free Learning Tool for Every Learning Problem? [zaidlearn_blogspot_com]

JeffC: I created a redirect for it... just remember "freelearning" ... over 100 sites there... just posted <http://snurl.com/freelearning>

SarahGarr: Wow ZaidLearn is incredible!

JeffC: yup

AleydaC: there's so much to browse!! It's great!!

JeffC: and since we don't have a week... let's look at the second one... Sue's links on Leisure: <http://snurl.com/tileisure>

JeffC: srosemans bookmarks tagged with [del_icio_us]

BillieH: I can go off on a tangent here, finding blogs to read!!

JeffC: right... my recommendation is to bookmark these and have your *students* explore later... great for group work/fun!

JeffC: third link is if you want to listen to some music: <http://www.grooveshark.com/>

AleydaC: awesome!! Gotta love music :)

JeffC: next... if you want pictures... forget about google image search, check out taggalaxy: : <http://www.taggalaxy.de/>

BillieH: I was just checking that out! Awesome

JeffC: taggalaxy gives you a real visual of say... flowers...

JeffC: similar to the kartoo visual graphic style of search engine.

AleydaC: this is a great site!

KathyGal: sorry - trying not to ignore you! - just surfing!!

JeffC: YUP!

DavidW: cool site, Jeff

JeffC: everybody surf! and oh yeah... EAT!:

SarahGarr: Wow, the interface alone is so cool! And all those pictures!

JeffC: <http://www.cookingforengineers.com/>

JeffC: don't thank me for any of these... thank Sue Roseman when you get a chance!

JeffC: I'm just copy/pasting them so they'll be in your transcript (and not even doing a great job of *that*!)

BJB2: and join this group

JeffC: absolutely... this is really the best resource room at Tapped In.

JeffC: to join this group scroll down the top frame and click the little "i" in the green circle at the end of the Welcome box, then click the link to "join this group."

JeffC: then click the "Room View" button to bring you back to the Welcome screen... and... look at the next link: <http://snurl.com/yougrowgirl>

JeffC: You Grow Girl2122 - » Making More Mint [www_yougrowgirl_com]

JeffC: that site is for those that like to grow things... personally... I'm very good at growing weeds.

BJB2: it's a talent, Jeff!

BillieH: This site could be useful for students who need to edit pictures simply and easily
<http://www.picture2life.com/>

JeffC: the main site is: <http://www.yougrowgirl.com/>

JeffC: there's another one for that as well Billie... Adobe Photoshop now has a lite online version.

SarahGarr: That cooking for engineers was great! Must send it to my dad, the mechanical engineer!

BillieH: Will have to check that out!

JeffC: <http://www.adobe.com/products/photoshopexpress/>

BillieH: Thanks

JeffC: ok... a few more... and we're almost done (and... uh... just starting!)

KathyGal: HA I was just looking at the cooking one too

JeffC: <http://snurl.com/teachermagazine>

JeffC: there are a number of free magazines for teachers as well.

BillieH: I saw that one, I will have to send that to my teachers!

JeffC: <http://www.edutopia.org>

BillieH: love the edutopia site!!

KathyGal: we love edutopia!

BillieH: great resources there!

JeffC: <http://www.thejournal.com/>

JeffC: another excellent free educational magazine for teachers.

SarahGarr: Billie is one of the Edutopia movies! and so is my son Chris!

BillieH: I get the Journal magazine, but I don't think I have ever checked it out online

AleydaC smiles

JeffC: ok... Sue has a couple more still! and our time is running over!

JeffC: <http://imagination3.com/>

BillieH: Might be fun to use with an interactive whiteboard?

AleydaC: yes, I was just thinking that :)

JeffC: yup... that's a collaborative drawing whiteboard.

SarahGarr: Oh that one is dangerous you can spend a lot of time drawing on that site!

AleydaC smiles

KathyGal: love that one - I agree with you, Sarah!

SarahGarr: Yikes I have nine browser windows open! I'm surfing like crazy!

JeffC: and here's one that will drive you and your students completely insane (and we'll wrap up with it!)... please don't click if you don't want to go nuts!

BillieH: ME too!

SarahGarr: I need to go back and bookmark them!

JeffC: <http://blueballs2.ytmnd.com/>

AleydaC: wow!! this is crazy!!

JeffC: the blue balls factory coupled with pee wee Herman music will definitely drive you nuts.

JeffC: use it as punishment for your students!

KathyGal: HA!!

AleydaC: HA HA!!

BillieH: Reminds me of the Where's Waldo books!

JeffC: and since picture2life <http://www.picture2life.com/> was already shared... we're *DONE FOR TODAY*!

BillieH: Thanks for the great resources!!

JeffC: hopefully Sue has provided you with a few sites/resources/ideas to make your summer (and next school year) fun for everyone!

BJB2: Thanks, Jeff!

AleydaC: wow this was a very helpful first time visit :) thanks all

JeffC: remember to thank Sue!

SarahGarr: Thanks, this was awesome!

KathyGal: Thanks, Group - a great way to spend some time!!

BJB2 . o O (and thanks to Sue for all the resources)

KathyGal: ditto

BJB2: Sue usually leads this group on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month

BJB2 waves goodnight