

Title of Session: K to 3+ Resources - Communities

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BJB2 . o O (Sue had to go to a meeting, but she's left us some great stuff to look at.)

BJB2: how about we get started with introductions, please...

BJB2: tell me where you are located and what interests you in this discussion, Susan and Emily

EmilyW: I am located in DC and I am here because I haven't been to a Tapped In discussion in awhile and Sue always has great resources to share

SusanSi: I teach 4th grade math & science-I love cooperative learning

BJB2: great to have you both here!

BJB2: I'm in Pennsylvania and am a retired communication teacher. Sue asked me to fill in for her today

BJB2: what we're going to do is go to the K to 3+ Resource room where Sue has posted her resources

BJB2: above this chat on the web window is Featured Passageways. Do you see that below the Welcome note?

BJB2: how you doing, Susan?

SusanSi: yes

BJB2: please click on the door next to the K to 3+ Resource Room in Featured Passageways

Room: K-3Resources

BJB2 joined the room.

BJB2: good job, Susan!

BJB2 . o O (Emily is a little more experienced with navigating ;-))

BJB2: we'll need to see the web window as we look at resources...

BJB2: so, instead of detaching the chat, go to Actions in the top right of the chat and select larger text

BJB2: then scroll down on the note to the right of the welcome note to Building a Community

BJB2: do you see that, Susan and Emily?

EmilyW: I see it

BJB2: Susan?

BJB2: . o O (maybe my directions weren't clear)

SusanSi: yes! sorry, I had a phone call

BJB2: nods. Let's all look at the plsweb site and come back in a couple minutes to discuss

BJB2: wow! Sue really got us started off with a great resource!

BJB2: on a related topic, the tentative Keynote speaker for Tapped In Festival 2008 on July 23 is Jane Bluestein who wrote Creating Emotionally Safe Schools

BJB2: do you know about the Tapped In Festival, Susan?

SusanSi: yes-when is her session?

BJB2: the theme of this year's festival is Beyond Conflict: Building Peaceful Communities

BJB2: Jane will hopefully be the first session on the 23rd...5pm EDT

BJB2: . o O (just waiting for confirmation from her on the time)

BJB2: did either of you find anything useful in that first site?

BJB2: http://www.plsweb.com/resources/newsletters/eneews_archives/37/2004/09/07/

EmilyW: not really

SusanSi: yes-an activity much like what I've been thinking about!

BJB2: very cool, Susan

BJB2: I like the diversity

BJB2: . o O (celebrating diversity)

BJB2: ready for the education world site?

BJB2: http://www.education-world.com/a_curr/curr203.shtml

SusanSi: ready

EmilyW: ready

BJB2: I love the idea of a classroom community, but am not especially fond of the name Tinseltown!

EmilyW: this is interesting

BJB2: what do you find interesting, Emily?

EmilyW: well I am still reading it, I may have to read more of this later

BJB2: nods

BJB2: let's move to the next site Sue has given us: http://sitemaker.umich.edu/ckeng/domain_iv_building_a_classroom_community

BJB2: I think it's quite a different kind of community than the others we've seen

SusanSi: mine is taking forever to load

EmilyW: I finished reading it

BJB2: then let's move to the thinkfinity site: http://www.thinkfinity.org/SearchResults.aspx?subject=all&partner=all&resource_type=all&q=building%20classroom%20community&grade=all&WebSiteArea=educator

BJB2: click on View Details on Building Classroom Community

BJB2: would this be something you can use in your classroom, Susan?

SusanSi: sure-I've bookmarked it for later

BJB2: I love the readwritethink sites...the first one is a great starter for building community: http://readwritethink.org/lessons/lesson_view.asp?id=136

BJB2 . o O (creating classroom rules)

BJB2: do you already do anything like that, Susan, in your classroom?

SusanSi: yes, I have let the students help create the rules

BJB2: great!

BJB2: the next one I want to look at intrigues me: <http://www.planetfesto.org/>

BJB2: loud, but very cool!

BJB2: you could take the idea and make a classroom quilt on that theme

BJB2 . o O (as well as have students write posts to the site)

SusanSi: I like it...I'm thinking of how to incorporate it into a lesson

BJB2: looks like it could be a theme that could be explored during the entire year...math, science, social studies, art

BJB2: you could even work in humanities and peace ;-)

SusanSi) I love the internet

BJB2: Sue has one more site that I'd like to show you. I know I skipped a couple, but they will be here in this group room so you can come back and look later if you like.

BJB2: are you familiar with Classroom 2.0?

BJB2: <http://www.classroom20.com/group/communitybuilding20>

BJB2: this is a worthwhile group to join

BJB2 . o O (the problem is that there are so many worthwhile groups to join it can drive you bonkers just trying to remember passwords!)

SusanSi: thanks for all the resources! I'll be checking them out-gtg

BJB2 waves bye to Susan. Thanks for joining the discussion

EmilyW: bye