

Title of Session: K to 3+ Resources

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SusanR: give this a try with your students..virtual snowflake

SusanR: <http://snowflakes.barkleyus.com/>

SusanR: Make-a-Flake is a Flash-based snowflake creation tool that allows you to design and cut detailed designs into a virtual paper. No mess, no melting, and lots of flakey fun!

BlairM: We are doing a Winter theme right now at our school so that is a helpful site to know

HannaW: I am too! Thanks for the resource

SusanR: <http://www.thevirtualvine.com/winter.html>

SusanR: Welcome all! I am your facilitator for this session. Please introduce yourselves

SusanR: where are you from and what do you teach

HannaW: I am from Texas, and I am currently student teaching for a kindergarten class.

BJB2: I'm in Pennsylvania and am on Tapped In helpdesk.

BlairM: I am from Houston and I am a student teacher in pre-k

SusanR: K to 3 has been my area of expertise and I am from Ottawa, Ontario

EmilyW: I am from DC and on TI helpdesk

JeffC: I'm in Forest Grove Oregon, on Helpdesk here, and about out the door to take my kid to soccer.

SusanR: Is there a resource or web site that you wish to share this week ..something that wowed you!!

SusanR: Have fun, Jeff

JamesWM joined the room.

SusanR: We are in the middle of hockey season here

SusanR: welcome James. We are about to start our Great Resources session

JamesWM: Thank you I thought I would listen for a few minutes

SusanR: so the first gem I have discovered is Build your Wild Self

SusanR: I think it can be used with kinder kids and beyond.

MirukaH joined the room.

SusanR: The site, created by the New York Zoos and Aquarium, lets students create a character called their “Wild Self”.

SusanR: just in time, Miruka

SusanR: Students can choose a character and then add crazy hair, arms, legs, etc. to make them wild. There are even fun sound effects for the different backgrounds they add!

SusanR: This would be a great site to use with students after reading a book like “Where the Wild Things Are”

BlairM: That sounds so cute! I bet my pre-k kids would love it!

BlairM: I could use it at the ir computer workstation

SusanR: Take a look and return with your comments!

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

SusanR: This is a great site for helping kids learn about animals and the different features (wings, fins, claws, horns) that allow them to survive in their respective habitats.

BlairM: I love how they have sound effects for the appendages

BlairM: It is very easy to maneuver

SusanR: As with any tool like this the students need a consider time to play and explore before asking them to complete an assignment

MirukaH: My kids will love this!

HannaW: This is a great resource to teach students about animals. It can also go well with the Caldecott awarded book called, What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?

BlairM: Great idea Hanna

HannaW: thanks =)

SusanR: wonderful idea

HollyMu joined the room.

BJB2: Hi, Holly. We're looking at <http://www.buildyourwildself.com/>

HollyMu: Thanks, BJ. My apologies.

SusanR: the possibilities for integration are endless

SusanR: Students could create and name a brand new creature and write up an informational guide about their new creature. This could even be turned into a class book on mutant animals or some other catchy topic.

SusanR: plus the site doesn't require a log in or registration

SusanR: any comments or suggestions for integration before we move on to the next site

BlairM: Nope, so far so good

SusanR: straight forward and loads of fun

SusanR: next is a worksheet creator

SusanR: A nice worksheet creator with lots of options to tailor to a specific skill.

SusanR: kids could print their own

SusanR: Use the search feature. I just created a calendar sheet as a warmup for students in January.

SusanR: There is a handy search field

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

SusanR: . o O (also Graphic Organizers)

SusanR: Here is the calendar one

SusanR: <http://www.worksheetworks.com/worksheet.pdf?gen481462805>

HollyMu: Wow. Just created an alphabetizing list . . . super super fast. Good grief! Impressive! Also glad you can view it before printing.

SusanR: speedy ..this is a keeper for me as a substitute teacher

HollyMu: Susan, I have clicked on your link above (ending 2805) but it only pulls up the worksheet I made.

BlairM: There are so many options

SusanR: scroll up, Holly..it gives you the answers as well

HollyMu: Yes, I saw that feature. I had originally missed it LOVING that feature!

HollyMu: Trying to get to the calendar worksheet you were discussing.

BarbaraMu joined the room.

SusanR: <http://www.worksheetworks.com/worksheet.pdf?gen481462805>

BJB2: get an error

BarbaraMu: me too

HollyMu: I don't know what I'm doing wrong. I center clicked on your link to open the link in a new tab, but it still only pulls up the worksheet I created.

MirukaH: The same thing is happening to me.

SusanR: hmm ..do a search on Calendars..and it should come up

BJB2: If you are seeing this message even though you just now created a worksheet and haven't downloaded it yet, it could be that your browser's cookie settings are preventing us from linking your computer to the document. Please try activating the cookie feature on your browser and then create a new worksheet.

SusanR: <http://tinyurl.com/angf22>

BJB2: good try, Sue ;-)

SusanR: Welcome Barbara. We are looking at a worksheet maker

HollyMu: I'll try that, BJ. I did do a search for calendar and found several options that way.

BJB2: <http://www.worksheetworks.com/>

SusanR : here is the calendar word problem sheet, Holly

SusanR : <http://www.worksheetworks.com/math/word-problems/calendar-word-problems.html>

SusanR : There is a treasure trove here. Let's hope they keep it FREE.

HollyMu : Got that. Thanks Susan!

EmilyW : I like the puzzles

HollyMu : Okay . . . another awesome site! :)

SusanR : okay moving on

BarbaraMu : thanks Sue for the welcome and the site

SusanR : Schooltube was suggested by BJ

SusanR : SchoolTube.com is a website dedicated to student video and media sharing for entertainment and classroom use. Students and Teachers can share video and ...

SusanR : similar to Youtube but for educators

HollyMu : Not heard of that one before. I have gone to teachertube

BlairM : Yeah I've been to that site before

SusanR : <http://www.schooltube.com/> ..just for fun I did a search for kindergarten and came up with interesting results

SusanR . o O (Thanks to BJ for sharing)

SusanR : again I love the search feature and you can embed them on your wiki or web site

SusanR : Here is the link in case you missed <http://www.schooltube.com/>

SusanR : and of course the sharing

BlairM : I like how you can see other teachers presenting their lessons

HannaW : school tube has many songs that you can teach to our students about various topics, which is great for kindergarten!

SusanR: worth exploring

SusanR: the last link is TIZMOS a visual web page ..which will include tonight's great resources ..you can use with students

SusanR: In a nutshell, Tizmos is a personalized homepage that enables you to visualize thumbnails of the sites you always visit in the same place, and dispense with visiting them out one by one to see if they have been updated.

BlairM: Now that is cool!

SusanR: Each site that you add to your homepage is entitled "Tizmo", and you can manage these easily online as Tizmos can be dropped, edited and deleted in no time at all. Moreover, you can add tags for browsing convenience. ?

SusanR: so if you were doing "weather" ..it would only pull up your weather sites

HollyMu: This sounds like "speed dial"

SusanR: Hanna <http://www.tizmos.com/sroseman>

HannaW: my computer froze, thank you so much!

BlairM: Wow! Thanks Susan!

BlairM: I will have to take time and explore all of the sites on your tizmos

SusanR: TIZMOS can be used with Kinders as well..the thumbnails can be small medium or large

HollyMu: This is really great!

SusanR: the setup is minutes

BarbaraMu: fun site!

SusanR: don't forget to tag your sites for easy retrieval

HannaW: my school will be celebrating the 100th day of school very soon, so the 100th day project is a great resource to use!

SusanR: Tizmos ..simple and elegant

BlairM: sort of like delicious.com but with thumbnails

SusanR: yes

SusanR : more about Tizmos <http://www.makeuseof.com/dir/tizmos/>

BJB2 looks at the clock on the wall

BarbaraMu: thanks for the additional information on them...very cool

HollyMu loved participating in this group!

BarbaraMu: oops- my time to exit. thanks so much Sue. great resources

BJB2: Thanks, Sue. Inspirational as always. The next discussion topic will be Online Graphic Organizers

SusanR : Next month online graphic organizers

MirukaH: So much great information

BlairM: Thanks Susan

SusanR : Thanks all!!

BJB2: And Barbara is leading the School Counselor's discussion next

HollyMu: Thank you Susan! It was wonderful!!!

BJB2 . o O (watch for the announcement if you want to go there)

HannaW: Thank you very much Susan. You have been so helpful!