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SusanR : Let's start with brief intros…where are you located, what do you teach or hope to teach and what brings you here tonight

AnhH: I'm from Houston attending UH I'm currently in a 2nd grade class

LaurenR : I'm Lauren, located in Houston, hoping to teach kinder-second grade and am in a kindergarten class right now

AnhH: about to go into 4th grade in 2 wks

JamesRS: Houston, UH, 3rd grade

PatriciaJ: I'm located in Houston and hope to teach 1 or 2nd grade

AnhH: ALIEF area =)

LorenaV: I am a teacher candidate for the University of Houston. I am currently in a 4th grade class

AmandaTra : Hello, my name is Amanda Tran. I'm from Houston, TX. I'm currently pursuing my BA in Interdisciplinary Studies. I'm student teaching at The Kolter School in HISD

RachelML: Houston, UH, I have Pre-K now and 3rd in a week

ChristinaJ: I am in Lafayette, Colorado and I am applying to Univ. of Colorado to get my elementary license

MartaM: I am from the University of Houston and I hope to teach 4th grade

SusanR : I am from Ottawa, Ontario where we are recovering from Obama's visit the other day. I am an Occasional Teacher and former grade 1/2 teacher

VanessaAl: I am from Houston, TX. and I would like to Kinder or 2nd grade.

KatieCa : I'm Katie, UH, student teaching in 3rd right now, hope to teach 1st or 2nd

SusanR : and tech integrator

AmandaTra : I'm currently in a 1st grade ESL class, and hoping to teach K-2

SandraTe : My name is Sandra...I teach a bilingual Kindergarten class in Houston

AnnaLK: I'm in Colorado, in an education class hoping to teach elementary school.

PatriciaRa: I'm from Houston and hope to teach in an EC-4, not sure about a specific grade yet

YuryS : I'm from Houston go to Univ. of Houston and hope to teach Pre-K or 2nd

HollyH joined the room.

SusanR : Welcome Holly

AnhH: So far I really enjoy teaching 2nd and 3rd

SusanR : where are you located, what do you teach or hope to teach and what brings you here tonight, Holly

HollyH: Texas, teach 4th grade reading social studies, always find something interesting from your discussions.

SusanR : thanks

SusanR : tonight's topic is GO - Graphic Organizers

SusanR : I did a Wordle with the topic .. http://www.wordle.net/gallery/wrdl/564698/Graphic_Organizers

HollyH: I use often.

SusanR : your students can use Wordle to brainstorm topics

LaurenR : cool

KatieCa : neat!

SandraTe : nice

AmandaTra : pretty cool!

SusanR : try creating your own http://www.wordle.net/

YuryS: nice

HollyH: have you used Scrbblar before?

VanessaAl: that's neat

LorenaV: cool

PatriciaJ: nice!

MartaM: this is so cool it reminds me an activity we did in language arts last semester

AnhH: awesome =)

RachelML: fun

SusanR: No I haven't but I am familiar with zefrank's toys and cool tools

JeffC: http://sn.im/suewordle

JeffC is a snipurl jockey.

SusanR: no registration necessary and students can work with the tool

YuryS: cool

AmandaTra: even better!

LaurenR: wow what a bunch of great tools

MartaM: love it

SandraTe: like it a lot...

VanessaAl: That's cool

HollyH: if you have never visited, check out http://langwitches.org . The author has a tremendous resource related to web 2.0 and any kind of application you may be interested in.

PatriciaRa: It is very simple to use

SusanR: older ones can analyze their writing.. see which words are frequently used…they can paste their creative writing assignments into wordle

KatieCa: good idea!

LorenaV: They would really enjoy doing that

YuryS: wow, which keeps them engaged

RachelML: that would be fun and easy for them

LaurenR: Ya totally

AmandaTra: they'll love it!

AnhH: cool

AnhH: I'll probably use it for Texas week

SandraTe: great to enrich your class though technology

AnhH: they can do Texas words or something

AmandaTra: Good idea, Anh

VanessaAl: I agree with keeping them engaged.

AnhH: thanks Amanda =)

AmandaTra: They can even use it as a Bio poem

SusanR: brainstorm a social studies topic ... whatever

PatriciaJ: yeah this are great resources

AmandaTra: using attributes or characteristics that describes them

SusanR: good idea Amanda

AnhH: ooh good one

LaurenR: ya they'd love that

LorenaV: It will be great for brainstorming a writing topic

YuryS: That would be interesting

AmandaTra: thanks :)

MartaM: what about for class room rules

AmandaTra : Oh yeah, Marta! That'd be a super neat way to illustrate the rules

SusanR : hmm..classroom rules, yes

JamesRS : it would allow the students some creativity

VanessaAl : That would be a great group assignment.

YuryS : Great way to get students working together

PatriciaRa : It works for bilingual too!

SusanR : if you want to embed your wordles in a blog take a look at this slideshow
http://www.slideshare.net/murcha/using-wordle-in-the-classroom-presentation

LorenaV : Yes! you could type words in Spanish

AmandaTra : it'll be great for high frequency words, spelling words, etc...

VanessaAl : I would say yes to Bilingual.

SandraTe : Langwitches focuses on ESL students...

SusanR : as you can see teachers love Wordle

LorenaV : I can see why

AnhH : ooh spelling words good idea

AnhH : it can be like a spelling station

RachelML : there is a lot you can do with it

AmandaTra : yes!

YuryS : wow

PatriciaJ : Wow, that's great. I had never heard of Wordle before

LaurenR : me neither!

KatieCa : Our ESL kids are working on how to use adjectives. This would be a great way for them to practice.

YuryS : me neither, but this can come in very handy

SandraTe : lots of tools that are easy to use!

VanessaAl: This is going in my Favorites.

LorenaV: Mine too

LaurenR : agreed

YuryS smiles

AmandaTra : me 3!

AnhH: yeah I already saved it haha

RachelML: for sure

SandraTe : yes

YuryS: Have to remember this one

AnhH: can't wait till I get back to my class Thursday

KatieCa : It would also be great for content vocabulary words, a new, more creative way to do a word wall.

YuryS: So true

LaurenR : or when they do book summaries

AnhH: can u imagine an actual word wall that looks like that

SusanR : Great let's move along and I stumbled upon another set of organizers

SusanR : Here is a collection of free graphic organizers to help your students communicate their comprehension of text.

LorenaV: It can also be an "All about me" assignment

AmandaTra : I'm all about free! :)

KatieCa : true!

AnhH: for real Amanda me too!!

SusanR : good for the beginning of the year assignment

RachelML: me too!

LaurenR : yeah!

YuryS: And captivate their attention

AnhH: or the dollar tree haha

AmandaTra : lol yes!

SusanR : Take a look at the Questioning Tower here as a great example

MartaM: you know that is right lol!

SandraTe : I just went there tonight, lol

AnhH: lol

SusanR : http://www.teacherprintables.net/free-printable-organizers.html

AnhH: I went there the other day to buy one thing and came out with 10!! =o

AmandaTra : oooh this is so neat!

AmandaTra : There's one for everything!

SusanR : Can I tear your enthusiasm away from Wordle?

AmandaTra : I needed this last week... hehe

LaurenR : yes!

AnhH: cool

RachelML: these are all nice too

YuryS: Wow it has everything you could need

JamesRS: allows students to get more in depth

SusanR : Take a look at the Questioning Tower for example!

AmandaTra : these are excellent templates! It'd save us a lot of time from creating our own

RachelML: I like the thumbs up, thumbs down for younger students

ChristinaJ: What is and where is the Questioning Tower?

PatriciaJ: Wow, this site is excellent, very useful

SandraTe: Now that I'm teaching...these would be great time savers!

AmandaTra: me too!

LaurenR: I like the character connections that'd be a great tool to use

KatieCa: the questioning tower is a great way to get students thinking about what they're reading

LorenaV: wow! I was looking for something to bring to my fourth grade class as an activity and this will be great!

VanessaAl: This is a great website. I like the Questioning Tower.

YuryS: These graphic organizers can be used in any grade, I know were using some already in Pre-k

SusanR: this is catchy LOL

SusanR: There are more here http://www.teacherprintables.net/

AmandaTra: writing paper!

YuryS: newsletters, calendars

AmandaTra: WOW!

AmandaTra: I love this stuff!

AnhH: WOW!!!!!!!!! =)

LaurenR: that's cool!

AnhH: me too

JamesRS: good resources that are budget friendly

AmandaTra: FREE!

MartaM: how cool is this. I love them!

KatieCa: border paper!!! I've looked for this so many times!

VanessaAl: I like that they are great and easy to use.

SandraTe: wow...and it's free!

RachelML: so much stuff to use

SandraTe: great for student teachers that are not getting paid

AnhH: lol

YuryS: Did we mention free? and Ready to print?

LaurenR: and easy for the kids to use too

ChristinaJ: wow... I agree this is a valuable resource. I'm always telling the kids I work with "know your resources!"

PatriciaJ: I'm going to share this with my SBTE. She'll love it!

LorenaV: Mine too!

LaurenR: yeah I'm sure that the teachers at our schools would like to know (if they don't already) what great resources are available for them

KatieCa: free award certificates...that will save money!

AmandaTra: all I need now is a laser jet printer!

AmandaTra: hehe

MartaM: I think the other teachers will like to know about this site as well.

SusanR: Please share

AmandaTra: Will do!

SandraTe: we will

LaurenR: of course!

MartaM: most definitely

SusanR: If you want to refine your student's use of concept mapping take a look at this blog entry

SusanR : http://pkab.wordpress.com/2008/02/01/tahapan-pembuatan-peta-konsep-2/

VanessaAl: I will share these great websites.

SusanR : Is there a particular Graphic Organizer or site that you keep coming back to?

JeffC : http://sn.im/petakonsep

LaurenR : there are a lot of different ways that you can specify your graphic organizers. that's nice

MartaM : I come back to the kwl chart

KatieCa : I like teachersprintables.net- lots of great stuff ready for the printer!

AmandaTra : One of my classes uses sticky notes - it's great because you can rearrange as many times as you want

YuryS : Since we're in Pre-K we are using the T-chart and the KWL the most

VanessaAl: I like them all I don't know which one I like more.

AnhH : my class too they call it a ran chart

SandraTe : I like the variety

LaurenR : yeah we use a KWL chart a lot too in kinder

RachelML : I also have pre-k, t chart is all so far

AmandaTra : We use a lot of Venn diagrams

PatriciaJ : I'm definitely coming back to all the sites and exploring them in more depth

SandraTe : we can expose them to several

PatriciaRa : venn diagrams

LorenaV : venn diagrams

KatieCa : project contract...I've never seen that before. Good way to hold the students accountable for their work.

SandraTe : I just used a venn diagram last week

JamesRS: it allows them to take ownership in their project

SandraTe : a large one made out of butcher paper for kinder

MartaM: I think we get comfortable with one method that we forget to use others

SusanR : Need a Concept Map blank form to use with your students? Select one of the fifteen blank form styles featured here.

SusanR : http://www.2learn.ca/construct/graphicorg/concept/conceptmapindex.html

YuryS: That is very important, to get familiarize with as many things as possible so we don't just use one in the class

LaurenR : how nice!

AmandaTra : neat!

AmandaTra : I've been making my own!

AmandaTra : ahhh

RachelML: wow, like the options

PatriciaJ: Awesome!

AnhH: yeah you can give the students more options

YuryS: This saves us a lot of time!

JeffC: http://sn.im/conceptmap

AnhH: that way they won't get bored

VanessaAl: I could use these with any grade level.

AmandaTra : it sure does!

LaurenR : and you can customize it too

LaurenR : how nice!

KatieCa : great! I like how you can personalize it for whatever your class is learning

SandraTe : also remember that Kidspiration has a lot of blank templates

LorenaV: This would've saved me A LOT of time on my last lesson

VanessaAl: These do save a lot of time.

JamesRS: this way the students don't get tired of the same old format

ChristinaJ: Thanks for reminding me about Kidspiration... I've been trying to think of that name!

JamesRS: they can adapt to different styles

SusanR: This next one is more of a collaborative tool. It's called Dabbleboard

KatieCa: and the students can make their own on the computer...nice!

VanessaAl: I agree we have to mix it up. Keep it interesting.

YuryS: And learn in various ways

SandraTe: you're welcome

SusanR: http://www.dabbleboard.com/draw

SandraTe: it's very student friendly

LaurenR: how cool is this!

KatieCa: very neat!

VanessaAl: This is a cool website.

SusanR: This will give you an overview

SandraTe: cool site

SusanR: http://www.dabbleboard.com/

LaurenR: and this is free?

LorenaV: cool site

RachelML: how fun, free?

AmandaTra: this is so cool!

SusanR: It's an awesome online whiteboard tools that turns your random mouse scribbles

into perfect shapes

YuryS: This is nice!

SusanR: It's like having a virtual whiteboard.

AmandaTra: I like the thinking bubbles

LorenaV: They could create their own writing outline!

JamesRS: dabbleboard? so is that an online version of a smartboard

RachelML: yeah and you can insert images

RachelML: kids could use this to compare or make shapes

LaurenR: this is really cool I will definitely use this in the future

KatieCa: this is a great way to improve fine motor skills

SandraTe: smartboard also came to my mind

JamesRS: this is a great way to incorporate a video game image for them

SandraTe: similar

AmandaTra: Our school uses SmartBoards

JamesRS: kids love instant results

YuryS: this would be nice for the little ones trying to improve their motor skills and shapes

SusanR: So graphic organizers can be used in all phases of learning from brainstorming ideas to presenting findings. They can be used individually or in large groups.

VanessaAl: This would work great as well.

AmandaTra: they can illustrate a whole story...

SusanR: For example, some teachers like to create a class concept map as a large group to review at the end of a unit or develop a character map while reading a book aloud to the class.

PatriciaJ: this is a great change from paper and pencil. The kids will love it!

SandraTe : great computer center

LorenaV: teachnology integration

KatieCa : we have to keep up with the newest technology! so this is a great substitute for pencil and paper

VanessaAl: I agree this is a great way to get kids away from paper and pencils.

AmandaTra : You can also create a scavenger hunt and create a school map

LaurenR : http://www.bubbl.us/ is a website that the technology teacher at my school told me about that is a great tool to use in the classroom

SusanR : Oh here is the tutorial for dabbkleboard..before I forget

SusanR : https://mindmaps.wikispaces.com/Dabbleboard

JamesRS: see that is getting away from boring, getting away from the pencil and paper

YuryS: And going into something new and interesting

SusanR : You are forward thinkers

SandraTe : we should prepare our students for their future...which is full of technological advances

RachelML: Lauren, the bubbl is really neat

KatieCa : these tools will add a whole new interest that the kids today NEED, we have to keep surprising them with new and innovated tools!

LaurenR : thanks Rachel I thought so too

JamesRS: correct, because that is where they will be getting a lot of jobs, in technology

YuryS: And that is what gets their attention

AnhH: if we are surprised imagine how they will feel =)

JamesRS: technology is used in most, if not all fields, this will give them an interest and good preparation

SandraTe : innovations in learning engage even the most disruptive student

VanessaAl: Anything dealing with technology gets there attention.

LorenaV: They will love it, but we need good preparation to guide them thru the process

YuryS: Which we need to use to our advantage

LaurenR: and the more interaction they get with it the better they'll be able to use it to their advantage

HollyH: Susan, if I can ask, where would I find transcripts from past discussions here that I have not been able to be a part of?

AmandaTra: These resources are like educational game consoles hehe

RachelML: lol yeah

KatieCa: think of how engaged the students will be

SusanR: of course I love playing with graphic organizers!!

AmandaTra: sure got my attention!

AnhH: I can't wait to print all this stuff haha

LaurenR: I know I'm going to save all these websites so I can find them easily

SusanR: This next set are Microsoft Word files which can be modified ..change the fonts..add some graphics etc

AmandaTra: Great, I love adding my own personal touch

PatriciaJ: I'm sure the kids will love it because they don't get to do this kind of stuff often

LorenaV: It will be great when they get to publish their stories

AmandaTra: Yes, if only I had the energy to drive to the citelab and put my printouts to use

YuryS: Yeah because they will feel proud of their work

SusanR: these are downloadables or templates in which you can add your own personal touch. See the blue and red links http://www.nvo.com/ecnewletter/graphicorganizers/

SusanR: scroll down

VanessaAl: All of these great tools and ideas will be very useful.

LaurenR: oh how cool

LaurenR: what's this smartdraw?

AmandaTra: Oh wow... I'm loving these templates

JeffC: http://sn.im/golinks

KatieCa: so many great resources, I don't even know where to start!

RachelML: I know and you can make them your own

LorenaV: This is great

YuryS: very useful

SandraTe: no more searching blankly for templates

AmandaTra: I like the flash card one. Gives a different twist into defining vocab

JamesRS: that frayer model is new to me, but has a lot of buzz around it

VanessaAl: That's cool the Frayer Model template is here. My SBTE was just showing me this one the other day.

AmandaTra: never heard of it

YuryS: Yeah my SBTE and I did one last week

SusanR: let your students run wild with this set of class tools..this was a HUGE hit last session http://classtools.net/

PatriciaRa: The "Y" chart is neat too

LorenaV: This is what the school wants Frayer model and here it is!

YuryS: And it's pretty interesting how it breaks things up for the students to see

ChristinaJ: Susan - I'd second **HollyH**'s request to know if transcripts from previous discussions are available. This is an amazing list of resources!

RachelML: never heard of it...

JeffC: http://www.tappedin.org/transcripts

LaurenR : me neither

SusanR : They should be archived for all to peruse

YuryS : Well I had not heard of it until last week

ChristinaJ : Thanks Jeff!

AmandaTra : flashcard generator! ohhh my 1st graders will be ecstatic

YuryS : And that's because the administrations showed it to my teacher and she showed it to me

JeffC : go to General Ed for the K-3+ group

LorenaV : Frayer model is getting a lot of attention at Berry

HollyH : Thank you.

AmandaTra : the hamburger!

AmandaTra : I've seen that in a class before - a hand made one.

VanessaAl : I haven't actually created one yet. I was just shown an example.

JeffC recommends that all of you join (and visit) the K to 3+ Resources room here... lots there as well!

SandraTe : great diagrams that are fun to look at

SusanR : any last minute contributions

LaurenR : how cool

AmandaTra : random name picker - interesting

LorenaV : Thanks Jeff

AmandaTra : it's like playing the lottery

YuryS : I know

KatieCa : Thank you Susan!

JamesRS : Great leadership

AmandaTra : Thank you, Susan!

LaurenR : thanks!

PatriciaJ : I'm glad I took this session because it gave me a lot of useful info

RachelML : thank you for the resources!

SandraTe : google search illuminations...great math site with interactive games and center ideas

AmandaTra : I think I hit the template jack pot tonight!

AmandaTra smiles

AnhH : AWESOME DISCUSSION!

PatriciaRa : great session!

YuryS : Thanks, all of this has been very helpful!

VanessaAl : Thank you Susan for a great session!

JamesRS : good ideas

RachelML : learned lots

SandraTe : great resources...worth while to be here

BJB2 : Thanks, everyone, for your participation :-)