

Title of Session: K to 3+ Resources - Student Interactive Sites

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SusanR: I just stumbled upon this great little utility ... re ads on web pages ..tell me what you think

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

AmySD: I am not sure I know how to look stuff up be gentle I may be slow

SusanR: Take your time, Amy

BJB2: so many little sites like that, Sue...can drive you bonkers! By the time I find the place to go to to read something more easily, I could have read the thing a dozen times!

BJB2: but it is clever

SusanR: What is your involvement in education, Amy

MindyJC joined the room.

SusanR: What's your involvement in education, Amy

AmySD: High School History and Masters in admin

AmySD: and you?

SusanR: k to 3 + great resources to assist the classroom teacher and anything else that catches my eye

BJB2: welcome, Mindy

SusanR: web 2.0

MindyJC: thanks:)

AmySD: I think I may have some kids who could use k-3 materials

BJB2: Amy, I'm just a Tapped In groupie. I always lurk at the best discussions!

AmySD: Oh ... my spelling is around 3rd grade also (you probably knew that)

AmySD: I may be more versed in social issues than k-3

JeffC joined the room.

MindyJC: I thought it might be because I remember you said you were a history teacher going to admin

AmySD: This Tapped In is a small world

JeffC: right... I think Amy is going over to the dark side.

MindyJC: lol sure is

AmySD: or the employed side which ever way you want to look at it

AmySD: be careful I may be your principal soon

SusanR: an intimate world here at TI ..

JeffC: heck... because of NCLB I can't even get credentialed in the state of Oregon!

JeffC: and I'm unlikely to move to Ohio... so... nope... no chance!

MindyJC: at least you have a sense of humor unlike most principals

AmySD: as you can see I have humor about most things . I have ten years teaching experience and again am out a job because of lack of school funding. I had better have a sense of humor

SusanR: The topic is learner interactives or student interactive sites ..a broad topic

SusanR: lots of great resources for that topic

SusanR: has anyone discovered a great site that they would like to share

SusanR: something you infused into your workplace

MindyJC: not really...I am looking for ideas

BJB2: before we continue, a reminder to either go to Actions in the top right of this chat and select Larger Text or select DETACH

SusanR: resource, book, gadget, web tool etc

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

JeffC: that's my site of the month... kids from K-12 may create online books.

SusanR: yes, Jeff can you say a few words about it before we explore

JeffC: teacher creates accounts for their students, students may create their own (using the story starters provided by tikatok) and may also collaborate on the book with other students.

JeffC: the site is free, free to read other student books... \$ only comes into play if the student (or parent) wants a hard copy of the book.

JeffC: softcover is 15, hardcover 18.

AmySD: is the site only for k-3?

JeffC: no

JeffC: like I said, any one may use it... so really... I'd recommend it to all K-12 language arts teachers.

JeffC: I started my son's 3rd grade class on it... they're creating their own books, and will also create books on inventors that they're studying.

AmySD: I am getting ready to do family lineage w/ students this may be cool

JeffC: absolutely... it's easy to transfer a regular assignment (like a family tree) into a book... and with family trees, parents very well might want to pay for a hard copy.

AmySD: yeh...

JeffC: students may scan their own artwork and upload it to the book... or use community pix, etc.

JeffC: that's basically it from me

MindyJC: I am looking at the site now....very cool

JeffC hands the floor back to Susan unless there are any questions.

SusanR: Thank you Jeff

JeffC: yw

SusanR: I have a newsy item ... Endless school ..and a blog worth following

SusanR: <http://joannejacobs.com/2009/04/09/endless-school/>

JeffC: gotta love the comments... not to mention the bored stares from the students in attendance.

SusanR: I follow her blog whenever I can.. there are always some interesting posts such as this one on Twitter

SusanR: <http://joannejacobs.com/2009/01/31/if-shakespeare-had-tweeted/>

JeffC: it doesn't matter how much time students spend in school if they're all bored to death... which for the most part... they are.

SusanR: I was in two classrooms ... one where they were bored to death and the other where they were totally engaged

AmySD: I use almost exclusively project based learning but technology is limited due to lack of computers and funds

AmySD: project based learning rocks kids' learning experience

SusanR: this was project based ..they assumed the roles of the character in a novel and were interviewed

JeffC: good for you Amy

MindyJC: I took a class on project based learning and loved it!

JeffC: there's a great project based learning checklist at <http://www.4teachers.org> if you want to have a look (lots of other great tools there as well).

SusanR: the next resource is a new search engine with a difference

SusanR: try a search on a topic of interest to you

SusanR: called Worio

SusanR: a discovery engine that works alongside keyword search to expose you to stuff you've been missing using search alone.

SusanR: <http://www.worio.com/search/>

AmySD: that is useful!

LaurenHa joined the room.

BJB2: Welcome, Lauren

SusanR: we are conducting a search on WORIO .. on a topic of interest

AmySD: found a really cool cold war museum

AmySD: this search engine will be useful broader

LaurenHa: Hi there

SusanR: the next site can work with a theme ..

SusanR: Build Your Wild Self

SusanR: see what it reminds you of and how can you infuse it into your classroom setting

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

MindyJC: love it! Great for the younger ones

AmySD: my kids will like it

SusanR: I know teachers that are using it with their middle school students

AmySD: it might be a stretch for hs

MindyJC: I'm sure...I'm having fun with it!

SusanR: goes nicely with Maurice Sendak's book Where the Wild things are

SusanR: and the upcoming movie

SusanR: kids could write a sequel

LaurenHa: yes, and there's a lot to go with Where the Wild Things are for classroom learning

SusanR: <http://www.traileraddict.com/trailer/where-the-wild-things-are/trailer>

SusanR: I went to the Quicktime site with my students

SusanR: some resources to accompany Maurice Sendak

SusanR: <http://www.fantasyjr.com/where-the-wild-things-are-lesson-plans-and-movie-news/>

SusanR . o O (wonders if they are lost in cyberspace)

LaurenHa: haha, no I'm here, I really love that book, but I'm not too sure about the movie

SusanR: well it fills in the gap between page 6 and 10

MindyJC: sorry...I was lost.....

LaurenHa: which is great, but it always worries me when they turn picture books into full length films

SusanR: I agree, Lauren

SusanR: It does spoil the innocence of the book

SusanR: however it can be used as an inspiration for an author study etc

SusanR: Here is an interesting tool that can be used to improve students' writing :

LaurenHa: yeah, Tommi DePaola is a good author study too

SusanR: Here is a task I am borrowing from Nik Peachey that shows you how you can develop a simple sentence like 'I made tea.' into a detailed text. Give students enough time to reflect on and discuss the changes; do not rush quickly through the text

SusanR: Go to the website: <http://www.telescopictext.com/>. You will see the sentence with shaded words.

SusanR: Click on a shaded and see that part of the sentence expand. Read the new sentence and then choose another part to click on.

SusanR: Students can see how a simple sentence can be made more detailed.

MindyJC: wow this is great

LaurenHa: I love it! It's a great way to show students how to expand their sentences

SusanR: They can create your own detailed sentences from one of these:

SusanR: simple but to the point

SusanR: Wordle is another one of those eloquent tools

SusanR: that has a myriad of uses

SusanR : create your own detailed sentences from one of these:

SusanR : <http://www.wordle.net/>

SusanR : this one is interactive ..can be used by teachers and students if you wish

SusanR : great for end of the year

SusanR : <http://www.myawardmaker.com/templates/education/1/education.html>

LaurenHa : I've seen something like award maker before, it's great for the kids

BJB2 looks at the clock on the wall

BJB2 : a reminder that Barb Muller Ackerman is leading a school Counselor's discussion next

BJB2 : Thanks, Sue.

MindyJC : I am glad I entered this room...I learned a lot of great resources

MindyJC : thanks!!!

LaurenHa : yeah, thanks so much

BJB2 : The next k-3 Resources discussion will be on May 12

MindyJC : great!!

SusanR : Hope to see you then