

Title of Session: K-3+ Resources - Summertime Fun!

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MelissaPar: what grade do you teach?

SusanR: I teach K to 8; however grade 2/3 most of my career

SusanR: the topic tonight is summer fun

SusanR: we can modify the topic to suit your wishes

MelissaPar: I recently found out I will be teaching fourth this fall

SusanR: hmm

SusanR: your students might find wordnik helpful

SusanR: have you heard about the site?

MelissaPar: No, I haven't

SusanR: Wordnik may be the most robust online dictionary on the web.

SusanR: and search engine too

SusanR: great for students starting a topic or theme

SusanR: try it and enter biodiversity or any other term

SusanR: <http://www.wordnik.com/words/biodiversity>

SusanR: and see what transpires

BrittanyBe joined the room.

SusanR: Welcome Brittany

MelissaPar: WOW. A lot more information than a regular dictionary

SusanR: we are looking at Wordnik, Brittany

MelissaPar: I really like how they give so many examples of the word in a sentence

SusanR: Wordnik offers definitions from multiple sources, examples of the word used in literature, links to related words, image related to the word, pronunciation recordings, the etymology of words, and real-time uses of a word on Twitter.

SusanR: The variety of content formats on Wordnik means that there is something with which almost every student can connect.

MelissaPar: The pictures will be very helpful also

SusanR: It's an excellent online dictionary to share with students because presents definitions and content in a variety of ways.

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

SusanR: The aim of Wordnik is to show as much information as possible for every word in English.

SusanR: Much more fun than the standard online dictionaries. The additional information is particularly useful for learners of English.

MelissaPar: They are asking for contributions. Does that mean that anyone can add to this site?

SusanR: I believe if you register and you can add you own notes

MelissaPar: . o O (I will use site in my classroom)

SusanR: How would you use it, Melissa

MelissaPar: When we are working on projects, particularly science, I will use this to help with capturing the true meaning of words

SusanR: plus, there is a nice little feature which tells you how many times the word has been viewed and you can even click on an audio button to hear the word spoken (great for Spelling Bee practice).

BrittanyBe: I really like how there are pictures ... gives the students a real life connection

MelissaPar: Brittany, what grade do you teach?

BrittanyBe: I just finished student teaching in December and I finished the school year out as a long term substitute in 2nd grade for 2 months and 3rd grade for two months. I have not been told what grade I will be teaching for next year. All I know is 2nd, 3rd, or 4th

MelissaPar: Are we in the same ITEC 501class at UMW?

BrittanyBe: We must be :)

BrittanyBe: I really enjoy lower elementary, though

SusanR: you may want to add worksheet works to your arsenal

MelissaPar: I enjoy upper elementary. I am teaching fourth this fall.

MelissaPar: Susan,

BrittanyBe: I am unfamiliar with worksheet works?

SusanR: still in beta and forever evolving

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

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

SusanR: nice graphic organizers

MelissaPar: This site covers all subjects.

BrittanyBe: Wow. This is a great resource.

SusanR: I have to change computers

MelissaPar: Is this website free?

BrittanyBe: What's even better is that it is free

SusanR: yes it is.. so far

SusanR: nice word search .. even students can create their own

BrittanyBe: I once had my students create their own word search using their spelling words and they loved it. This is a great resource to have handy for these types of assignments.

SusanR: Something that's fun is Grooveshark. The topic is Summer Fun this month

MelissaPar: Is that another website?

SusanR: for yourself or students .. not sure it may be blocked .. free Internet Radio

SusanR : try Matt Dusk

SusanR : <http://listen.grooveshark.com/>

BrittanyBe: A lot of items popped up for Matt Dusk

SusanR : how would you use that site with students or would you

BrittanyBe: I think I would probably use the site

MelissaPar: I am not sure I would have students listen to music in class

SusanR : how Brittany?

BrittanyBe: Some students work better with sound in the background

BrittanyBe: I would use it to create playlists and listen to

MelissaPar: Maybe relaxing music during quiet work time

CamilleL joined the room.

CamilleL: Yeah! so sorry I'm late!

BjB : good job, Camille. Welcome!

SusanR : hello Camille

CamilleL: Hello! Hello!

SusanR : <http://listen.grooveshark.com/> for you Camille

SusanR : Free internet radio

CamilleL: Do I need certain software to hear this?

SusanR : no

SusanR : you can embed songs on your blog

CamilleL: oh, how cool is that!

MelissaPar: My son is crazy about this site

CamilleL: how old is he?

SusanR : I am listening to Matt Dusk

MelissaPar: My son is 16

CamilleL: oh, dear, I don't even recognize the name

SusanR : Canadian

CamilleL: oh

CamilleL: why does you son like it so much?

MelissaPar: He doesn't have to spend his money on an itunes card to hear music he likes

CamilleL: good move!

SusanR : <http://all4techintegration.blogspot.com/2008/12/blog-post.html>

CamilleL: I tell you these teens are just brilliant

CamilleL: having trouble opening this one, Sue

SusanR : this next site is a newsy site ..live with Leo Laporte

BrittanyBe: I am also having trouble opening this one

SusanR : from that site uses of digitalcamera in the classroom

http://1.bp.blogspot.com/_h3p9Mppj25U/ST1sniADcBI/AAAAAAAAAE8/wss7s9PsCWs/s1600-h/DocCamera.jpg

CamilleL: oooh, I would just love to try that digital camera idea, but need parental permissions.

SusanR : send out the permission slips early in the year

CamilleL: o.k. will do so

CamilleL: what's on the all4techintegration site?

BrittanyBe: digital cameras could also be used to take pictures of scenes in a story, help students write scripts, have them narrate using a microphone, make a CD and send home at the end of the year

CamilleL: how cute is that! takes in the drama and the presentation aspect which they will need for interviews:)

SusanR : exactly, Camille. They are so versatile

SusanR : Have you used Vocaroo?

JeffC joined the room.

SusanR : Hi Jeff

CamilleL : no never heard of vacaroo

BrittanyBe : I have never heard of Vacaroo

SusanR : Vocaroo is a free service that allows users to create audio recordings without the need to install any software.

CamilleL : what! that's fabulous!

SusanR : All you need to provide is a microphone

CamilleL : and a cd to put it on, eh?

SusanR : <http://vocaroo.com/>

CamilleL : does it also include video as well?

SusanR : you can

SusanR : let students reflect on their learning; read a poem etc

CamilleL : I'd like to see them, though, too!

MelissaPar : Where are they located? I see they use pounds for money

BrittanyBe : That would come in handy for students to practice their fluency and expression. Let them read and then listen and hear how they sounded

SusanR : precisely, Brittany

SusanR : can be embedded in your class blog

CamilleL : do you know of one that has both audio and video

SusanR : yes eyejot

CamilleL : oh good I will look into it. thank you!

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

JeffC is looking at the site of the moment, <http://sn.im/freelearning> ...lots of cool links, but no Tapped In! the link to the 25 professional development sites there doesn't work (for me at least).

CamilleL: oh, my gosh -- how professional looking -- could use this for my resume!

SusanR : absolutely, Camille

CamilleL: you're an angel! I really need that now!

BjB looks at the clock on the wall

CamilleL: oh, pooh! sorry I missed you guys earlier!

SusanR : please send me an eyejot. Or a Vocaroo. I can be reached at sue.roseman@gmail.com

CamilleL: o.k. I will try to do so, Sue!

SusanR : Tell us what you would like to see on the agenda for the new school year

CamilleL: must include more project based learning activities.

BjB : The next K-3 Discussion will be on July 14. The topic is Images for Education and whiteboards

BjB : mark your calendars!

CamilleL: oooh, I could use that too!

SusanR : yes, I hope to bring back resources from NECC as well

BrittanyBe: That sounds interesting

MelissaPar: Great!

CamilleL: have fun guys! keep in touch while you're there!

BjB : Thanks, Sue! See you Sunday :-)

SusanR : I will check my mailbox for your Vocaroo or eyejot

BrittanyBe: Thank you!

MelissaPar: Thank you!

SusanR: yes, Bj

BjB waves goodnight