Title of Session: K to 3+ Resources-Character Ed
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SusanR: Tonight's session is Character Education

BJB2: Maybe you would like to start with intros, Susan?

BJB2 . o O (and a reminder to go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat and select DETACH?)

SusanR: I am from Ontario, Canada; a substitute teacher. grade 2/3 educator and tech integrator

SusanR: and Tapped In groupie for 9 years or so

BJB2: I'm a retired art and communication teacher located in Pennsylvania. I'm one of Sue's groupies!

SusanR: Jessica, can you tell us about yourself and what brought you here

SusanR . o O (I have glanced at your member info)

SusanR: I wonder if Jessica is lost in cyberspace!

JessicaF: I'm currently a student in Kingsville, TX

SusanR: childhood education?

JessicaF: am studying for Early Childhood

JessicaF: really want to teach kinder or first

SusanR: Is character ed part of your curriculum

JessicaF: not right now. I am in this session for a class that I am taking in Kingsville

SusanR: well I have some great resources for you

JessicaF: cool!

KarynLT joined the room.

BJB2: good job, Karyn. Welcome to the discussion!

SusanR: one is some youtube videos that you can use for discussions or class warm ups

KarynLT: thanks. now what?

BJB2: Susan is leading this group...the topic is character education

SusanR: Character Education is the topic

BJB2: she's going to be sharing some resources.

SusanR: perhaps some Classroom Management tips if we have time

SusanR: resources as well

BJB2: when she shows you a url, hold down the ctrl key when you click on the url

BJB2: this overrides pop up blockers

SusanR: part 2 will occur on the 4th Tuesday of the month as well

BJB2 . o O (October 27)

SusanR: would you use these youtube videos with your youngsters?

BJB2 . o O (October 28 for Karyn)

BJB2 waits for the url

KarynLT: thanks BJ

SusanR: here's a sample http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NX-4VR4dAI

SusanR: watch for a bit and return with your comments

SusanR: these videos can be embedded in a blog if youtube is blocked in your school district

JeffC: embedded youtube blogs will still be filtered though

JeffC: at least that's my experience in this district

SusanR: there is something called kickyoutube, Jeff

BJB2: use Zamzar to capture movies from YouTube that were appropriate for h.s. viewing

JeffC: yeah... and there are proxy servers too... ways around... best if you're going to have a video to upload it to http://www.teachertube.com if possible.

SusanR: There is http://www.squared5.com/

BJB2: go to Zamzar and copy the embedded code from any online movie

SusanR: MPEG Streamclip is a powerful free video converter, player, editor for Mac and Windows. It can play many movie files, not only MPEGs; it can convert MPEG files between muxed/demuxed formats for authoring; it can encode movies to many formats, including iPod; it can cut, trim and join movies. MPEG Streamclip can also download videos from YouTube and Google by entering the page URL.

BJB2: enter the code on the page that they provide along with your email

JeffC wonders how many teachers worldwide would take the time to get permission, download videos, reformat them, then repost elsewhere?

BJB2: they will then transform the film's designated file type to another one...that you choose.

SusanR: It's free encoding/decoding software which might be of interest to any of you who are using video

SusanR: Karyn, Jessica what do you think?

BJB2 . o O (this was discussed at the last ArtsConnectEd session)

JessicaF: I think it's really neat!

SusanR: perhaps the class could brainstorm positive character traits they would like to see in their classmates with wordle

SusanR: http://www.wordle.net/show/wrdl/1224058/Character_Education

BJB2 wonders if Karyn and Jessica are familiar with wordle?

KarynLT: no I don't know it

JessicaF: I am not familiar with it either

BJB2 hopes Sue will explain Wordle

JessicaF: what do I click on once I am there

SusanR: This will explain it

SusanR: It's many uses across the curriculum

BJB2: thanks, Sue

SusanR: http://skillsworkshop.blogspot.com/2008/07/using-wordle-in-classroom.html

SusanR: students and teachers adore it

KarynLT: leaving now. thanks for the ideas

BJB2 waves bye to Karyn

KarynLT left the room (signed off).

SusanR: there is even a guess the wordle challenge for most grade levels

SusanR: http://guessthewordle.pbworks.com/

SusanR: take the time to play with the site and you will see the possibilities

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

JessicaF: what grades does wordle work best for?

BJB2: I like how you can use wordle with so many topics...like you demoed for character ed, Sue

SusanR: all

BJB2: Wordle works with all grades, Jessica! The teacher can have the little ones brainstorm words and type them in on a smartboard

SusanR: or it can be used with smartboards for brainstorming a topic

SusanR: teacher generated or student generated

JessicaF: I have a 4 year old who is really wanting to start to read. Would this be good for her?

SusanR: you can type in basic words

BJB2: type in the text from one of her favorite storybooks, Jessica

JessicaF: she is sounding out letters and can read words like tad, cat, dad

SusanR: they can be arranged horizontally on the wordle

BJB2: the words that appear the most frequently will be larger

SusanR: type a word more than once and it becomes the focus by becoming larger

BJB2: or type in the names of her friends to create a design...or family members

BJB2 thinks Jessica can think of lots of ways to use wordle!

SusanR: spelling words

JessicaF: I hope so

SusanR: rhyming words

JessicaF: I am going to give it a try!

SusanR: short vowel words etc

SusanR: you may enjoy decorating a room with these mini posters from fablevision

SusanR: http://www.fablevision.com/northstar/miniposters/index.html

SusanR . o O (never too early to start with character education and values)

SusanR: with wordle you can create a poster for outside your class door

JessicaF: I LOVE these new websites! Thanks!!

JessicaF: I will definitely use these in my classroom. The posters are neat!

BJB2 . o O (The North Star is a lovely book, Jessica)

SusanR: Peter Reynolds has a lovely site filled with educational materials that can be used at home and with your students

SusanR: http://www.fablevision.com/northstar/

SusanR: I have used the North Star clip art for my class worksheets

BJB2 . o O (Peter started out as a Pepperdine student using Tapped In :-))

BJB2: did you have anything else to share tonight, Sue?

BJB2 . o O (or are you giving Jessica time to look at the site?)

SusanR: Peter Reynolds has a blog as well http://fablevisionlearning.com/blog/

BJB2: he's very approachable and will answer emails from your class

SusanR: He has put out an animation package as well

BridgetV joined the room.

SusanR: Make character ed part of your literacy program with these great book

SusanR: http://instech.tusd.k12.az.us/counseling/elcurriculum.asp

SusanR: Welcome Bridget

BridgetV: thank you

SusanR: Character Education across the Curriculum is the topic

BridgetV: am I too late for this session

SusanR: 9 minutes or so left

BridgetV: ok I'll come back at another time.

JessicaF: Thank you so much for this information. I can't wait to use it on my child and my future students.

BridgetV: how do I sign out of here

BJB2: Bridget, Sue has shared several sites...let me enter the urls in the transcript for you...

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BJB2: http://skillsworkshop.blogspot.com/2008/07/using-wordle-in-classroom.html

SusanR: and some great mini posters to use with students for discussion
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BJB2: did I get them all, Sue?

SusanR: and if you want to carry the concept further across the curriculum

SusanR: http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/04/gk2/climbmountain.html

SusanR: and last but not least some timely topics http://www.teachersfirst.com/hot.cfm

BJB2 likes the resources at TeachersFirst

JessicaF: thanks. These will keep me pretty busy.

BJB2: Thanks, Sue...great resources as always!

SusanR: posters can be created with glogster

JessicaF: bye

BJB2: next K-3 Resources discussion is Oct. 27

SusanR: what topics would you like to see discussed in the upcoming months. I welcome your suggestions

BJB2: holidays? calendars?

BJB2: why don't you post that request to the discussion group, Sue?

SusanR: a good idea

SusanR: I think I will

BJB2 waves goodnight

SusanR: Thanks, Bj

BJB2: Bridget, did you want to logout or move to another room?

SusanR: great support

BJB2 blushes. Thanks, Sue