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DoloresG joined the room.

BJB2 hugs Dolores

BJB2: Long time no see!

DoloresG: Good evening! yeah, right!

BJB2: Sue should be here shortly

DoloresG: talked with my 4th grade teachers. I really do not know what I am going to be able to get going with them

SusanR joined the room.

DoloresG: Hi, Susan

SusanR: Hi Dolores

BJB2: just keep chipping away, Dolores

BJB2: I'll announce, Sue.

SusanR: What are you chipping away at, Dolores?

DoloresG: trying to get fourth grade teachers to work up something together and use Tapped In

KellyLM joined the room.

BJB2: good job, Kelly!

KellyLM: Hello

SusanR: Hi Kelly

DoloresG: Hi Kelly

KellyLM: Hello Susan and Dolores

PreciousC joined the room.

SusanR: and Welcome Precious

BJB2: good, Precious

DoloresG: Hello Precious

JoyK joined the room.

BJB2: good job, Joy

SusanR: Let us start with brief intros ..what brought you here and what area of education are you involved in

SusanR: Hi Joy, Precious. All we need is Peace LOL

KellyLM: I am a prek through third grade teacher, yet to find a job, so I started my masters degree. I was asked to do a discussion by my professor

DoloresG: computer teacher k-8 --trying to get 2nd and 4th grades going with TI

SusanR: Is there a Great resource you can share either for planning or use with students

JoyK: I am a former 6th-8th grade Language Arts Teacher. My professor requested that I join a group and this one sounds informative.

SusanR: This session is K to 3+Great Resources. And I thought I would revisit teachersfirst.com. I like the way it truly integrates technology especially web 2.0

BJB2: nice idea, Sue

SusanR: I have a great lesson plan which is appropriate for this time of year

SusanR: based on "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein

KellyLM: When I student taught in Kindergarten, my students loved the Giving Tree

SusanR: After reading and discussing the book The Giving Tree, students reflect and write about the gift they would most like to give.

SusanR: It is a personal favourite and can be extended beyond the holiday season

KellyLM: I am teaching Preschool right now and I think even they would enjoy doing

this activity

DoloresG: I love that book and you are right, it could be extended

SusanR: Read thro' it and give us your personal opinions how you would use it

SusanR: the lesson plan that is

SusanR: http://www.teachersfirst.com/lessons/givingtree.cfm

KellyLM: Next week, my theme is sharing and caring. I could use this with my 3 year olds, read the story, talk about how the tree gave his apples, branches, and trunk to his really good friend, and then ask them what they would like to share or give to their friend for being their friend. I am all about teaching them to share and this would be a really good way!

SusanR: I like the technology component

JeffC joined the room.

SusanR: Hi Jeff

JeffC waves and wonders what he's missing.

SusanR: The GivingTree, Jeff

JeffC nods

SusanR: http://www.teachersfirst.com/lessons/givingtree.cfm

JeffC: kids in school I subbed for today really wanted to do the rice site

JeffC: I showed them google earth instead during free time... LD students

JeffC: thanks

KellyLM: what is the rice site

SusanR: Free rice can be used across the curriculum and you will be "Giving"

SusanR: the premise is

SusanR: you give free rice to hungry people by playing a simple game that increases your knowledge.

DoloresG: I can't do preliminary writing work in the Lab, but if that were done in the

regular class, we could type the up and post the writing for "The giving Tree" response in TI and share with the other classes

JeffC: http://www.freerice.com/

SusanR: Anyone else wish to share before we share the free rice site

JeffC: you can certainly do that Dolores... get the kids involved even outside the computer lab... get the other teachers onboard and teach across curricula.

DoloresG: Jeff, you do not know how hard I am trying to get those teachers onboard

SusanR: Free Rice is a no brainer and can be used for most curriculum areas

SusanR: http://www.freerice.com/subjects.php?t=28834599360

SusanR: As a sub It is on my list

JeffC: Dolores... believe me... I do.

KellyLM: As a preschool teacher, free rice would not be for them, but it's nice

JeffC: you could have other kids work with your preschool kids Kelly... or answer the questions yourself for them... let them become part of it.

KellyLM: We don't even have internet in our classrooms

SusanR: assign them a computer buddy

JeffC: have the kids do it at home with their parents and siblings.

KellyLM: although we have computers, in private preschools internet is considered harmful and not used.

JeffC: and/or have "lab night"

SusanR: then use it for teacher planning

JoyK: After you choose a subject, are you supposed to download the freerice toolbar?

KellyLM: I could give my parents the website and if they wanted to they could.

JeffC: have the kids keep track of answers/or rice and report back.

SusanR: show them the amount of rice

JeffC: give kids who don't have/want to do the net homework other options

KellyLM: I will keep this in mind if I ever get a teaching job in a classroom, I just don't think this is the thing I would do with 3 year olds

SusanR . o O (back to teachersfirst)

JeffC: yup

SusanR: It is suggested that one use Bookemon orVoice thread with the Giving Tree

JeffC: yeah... I was wondering about that.

SusanR: Here is an example

SusanR: although I find Bookr quite nice

JeffC: of course you know I'm partial to www.tikatok.com ...but there were others mentioned in Sandra's "WriteTalk" last month as well...

SusanR: http://www.bookemon.com/book_read_flip.php?style=popup&book_id=33084&size=1.4

SusanR: again younger students can work with a buddy

KellyLM: so far this seems like an interesting websites

JeffC: redirect of the above: http://snurl.com/teachersfirst

DoloresG: Wow! that looks very interesting. Is that site free?

JoyK: How do you go about creating an original book?

SusanR: bookr is similar

SusanR: http://www.pimpampum.net/bookr/

JeffC: several sites do it... as I mentioned www.tikatok.com is one... it's free and has templates to get your students started, or you can create from scratch.

SusanR: Let me go back to bookemom

SusanR: http://www.bookemon.com/

KellyLM: wow, this is really cool, they would make great gifts and classroom books to remember the years by

SusanR: I like Bookr since you can use the tagging feature ie enter "Christmas"

DoloresG: I notice that an e-mail is required. My students do not have that - Is there a way to get a whole class doing a book at bookemon through a teacher account?

SusanR . o O (checks)

JeffC: there is at tikatok Dolores

JeffC: I just registered at bookemon... but don't see a teacher route.

KellyLM: yea, I really like tikatok

JeffC: have your pre-schoolers make books for xmas presents Kelly!

JeffC: fingerpainting whatever... digitalize it and have the kids tell a story.

PreciousC: do you have any suggestions for Kindergartners?

KellyLM: I think we will start tomorrow. I love making books with kids, and getting one in an actual "book" is a great idea

PreciousC: that is an awesome idea!

KellyLM: Precious you could do the same thing for your kindergarteners

JoyK: A homeroom class could create one book that refeletcs upon its experiences at the end of the school year. The next year's class could read it at the beginning and use it as an example for their book.

KellyLM: I made books all of the time with my kindergarteners

KellyLM: that's a great idea Joy, I did that for my students, only had them write letters

SusanR: Kindergartens will read and reread books made by them. Let each contribute a page

SusanR: and collate

PreciousC: It would be cool to draw snow scenes using white chalk on red construction paper then laminate

PreciousC: thanks for the tips!

KellyLM: well, I know it's early, but I have to go now. Thank you for the wonderful

ideas, especially the book idea

DoloresG: Jeff, where did you find that the students could work under a teacher account?

KellyLM: good night!

SusanR: With the Giving Tree .. make an "Apple Cookbook". Let children invent recipes involving apples and then give the kids and opportunity to draw pictures of their recipes. Bind the books with ribbon and pretty paper. Take home to parents, or keep in classroom

KellyLM left the room (signed off).

JeffC: they can at tikatok Dolores, not bookemon

DoloresG: I am at tikatok but do not see where to do that

JoyK: Students can also use that idea (Susan) to learn sequencing as well.

SusanR: an easier one is http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/stapleless/

JoyK: The steps to prepare the recipe can be placed out of order.

JeffC: are you registered as an educator, Dolores?

DoloresG: No, I have not registered at the site at all - yet - so when I register, I will be to select an educator option?

JeffC: yes

DoloresG: thanks

JeffC: then you'll be able to set up a classroom, create student accounts, very similar to TI.

JeffC: you can also choose to have your books collaborative, or private.

PreciousC: Thanks everyone! Have a happy holiday!

DoloresG: that sound just great - I have a plan for the sixth grade class and this might work very well

JeffC: plus tikatok has cool story starters

PreciousC left the room (signed off).

SusanR: I encourage you to spend some time teachersfirst; their integration ideas are excellent

JeffC: now... this will be an important thing to do... talk about copyright... because kids will want to willy/nilly copy/paste pix for their stories.

DoloresG: they do a unit on ancient Rome and it would be great to do a book about that

JeffC: absolutely

JeffC: does teachersfirst have cool ideas for books about Rome?

SusanR: try the search feature

SusanR: http://www.teachersfirst.com/index.cfm

JeffC: gotta run

BJB2: Thanks, Sue. Have a safe and happy holiday!

BJB2: Thanks, Dolores and Joy, for your participation.

SusanR: grade level or keyword can be used and you can save your searches once you become a member

BJB2: and thanks for your input, Jeff.

BJB2: I like teachersfirst

JoyK: You're welcome. Thank you.

SusanR: thank you Jeff, great suggestions

JoyK: Thank you to everyone.

DoloresG: bye Jeff, thanks for your help

BJB2 waves goodnight.

SusanR: the key is to spend an evening with one site and totally investigate

DoloresG: bye bJB

BJB2 agrees with Sue