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BJ: Welcome to the TechLeaders Roundtable discussion

JenW: Grins -- we will start today with introductions

BJ: if you are not familiar with discussions in Tapped In, please read the 10 Steps on the screen above this chat window

JenW: <-----Jennifer Wagner, TechCoordinator in Corona, CA. I also have a website for using tech at www.technospud.com and also lead seminars across the US

ShereeR: I am an artist / art educator in St. Petersburg Florida. I work exclusively with severely emotionally disturbed students K-12

BJ: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

GaindaS: Hi I am a in-service teacher at the University of Houston

MichaelWE: I am a preservice teacher (student teaching next in two months) at the University of Akron in Ohio

DoraV: I am a student teacher at the University of Houston.

JonL: I am a K-5 Media Specialist, working on my Master's in Educational Technologies at U of MO-Columbia.

DelfinoG: I'm also an in-service teacher at the University of Houston.

AlexisV: I am a pre service teacher as well.

JenW: several from Houston!!

JenW: Well -- welcome to The Tech Coordinator's Roundtable --

SusanR: I am a K to 8 Occasional Teacher, helpdesk volunteer and K to 3 discussion leader.

JenW: this month's discussion is going to be pretty open -- with a universal topic.

JenW: OH -- forgot one thing

JenW: I would like to ask a favor

JenW: If you have a question -- in the middle of the discussion -- could you type ??????

JenW: and if you have a comment -- could you type !!!!!

JenW: That way, we can keep the chat pretty easy to read

JenW: Hope that's okay with everyone!!

JenW: That way we won't interrupt each other

JenW: and please remember to read the 10 steps!! Thanks

JenW: OKAY -- welcome again -- sorry we are starting so late

JenW: Today's topic is INTEGRATION ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

BJ smiles happily...my favorite topic!

JenW: Most teachers are finding it hard to use technology ABOVE everything else they are already teaching

JenW: However, I think its pretty simple, if you stop and think before you leap

JenW: So -- lets start with something relatively simple

JenW: something we all (well I hope we all do) enjoy

JenW: something that would make your kids smile

JenW: M & M's

JenW: Stop and think about a bag of M & M's

JenW: and then think of history, science, math, art, language, pe, etc

JenW: and also think about computer skills

SusanR: o O (graphing m and ms)

JenW: OOooooo -- Susan rings in First!!

JenW: graphing is a great skill -- both on the computer and off

JenW: and graphing is so much more than bars or pies

JenW: you have compare and contrast, math skills, etc etc etc

JenW: any other ideas -- ???

ShereeR: I am not even sure I understand what the question is. M & Ms what???

MichaelWE: positive/negative addition/subtraction

GaindaS: where they come from

GaindaS: who makes them

JenW: Michael -- great idea

JenW: Gainda -- yes yes

GaindaS: what they are made of

JenW: and yes again

DelfinoG: How about drawing M & M's using the pointillism style?

JenW: Delfino -- excellent

ShereeR: Oh I see now.

JenW: How about technology skills??

GaindaS: categorizing

JenW: Gainda -- yes

JenW: or PE or Music???

GaindaS: writing a story using m&m

JenW: Gainda -- yes!! Either on paper or in Word

JenW: OKAY -- you guys are getting it.

JenW: You took a simple thing -- such as a bag of M & M's

JonL: Charts, graphs, in Excel. Data collection - how many of each color in a bag

DelfinoG: How about a multicultural lesson in Language Arts(different colors but they all taste great)?

MichaelWE: probability

JenW: and you were able to think of ways to integrate it into different areas of your curriculum

JenW: EXCELLENT

JenW: NOW -- lets turn a corner

JenW: Let's take a technology and see how you could integrate it into your curriculum

JenW: How about PowerPoint -- a presentation program which allows you to create slides

JenW: HOW could you use it in Math, Language, Art, Science, Etc??

SusanR: fractions

DelfinoG: PP is great since it is user friendly and allows the students to create slides as they wish.

JenW: **SusanR** -- yes!!

GaindaS: make a game

JonL: Math show the steps to solving a long division problem, one slide per step
AlexisV: an interactive game
JenW: Gainda -- very good. I created a Who Wants To Be A Millionaire Game in PP
MichaelWE: (math) step by step arrivals at an answer
DoraV: How about a presentation about Native Americans in Texas
JenW: How about Language Arts??
JonL: I made a Jeopardy game out of tech terms
JenW: Michael -- that sounds great
DelfinoG: Information slide show such as informing about a country with pictures and all.
GaindaS: they could make up their own book using clip art
Michael: ????
JenW: **JonL** -- Jeopardy is so much fun in PP
JenW: Step by step with answers at the end
JenW: How could you integrate Art into PP??
JenW: or Language Arts
JenW: Michael -- your question??
MichaelWE: a friend of mine created a PP with Jeopardy sound clips etc....is there a template somewhere online with Alex Trebek's voice and everything?
JonL: Use it to show "how to" to do a project
JenW: Hmmm -- I have the Who Wants 2 Be with Regis but not Alex
MichaelWE: he had it with all the sounds and everything
JenW: however, if you did a search at Google with Alex Trebeck midi's you might find it
JenW: or jeopardy sounds
JenW: Also -- Michael -- if you search jeopardy PowerPoint you might find one
JenW: already created online
JenW: Those were great ideas
JenW: NOW -- this is where I want your help
JenW: SOMEONE -- I don't care who -- THROW out a topic
JenW: and then lets brainstorm ideas of how to use different technologies to teach it
MandyGst21: I want to do a cross-curricular webquest about rockets
JenW: And Mandy steps up to the plate
JenW: right now -- lets step away from webquest -- but lets do ROCKETS
JenW: any ideas of technologies we could use
GaindaS: internet to research
AlexisV: what other software are available besides kidspiration for the younger grades
JenW: word, PowerPoint, excel, kid pix, etc??
JenW: Alexis -- kidspiration would be great for a rocket project
MandyGst21: I wish we had the money to buy Inspiration. I loved it on the demo.
JenW: EDMARK has some great free software -- I think one is on rockets
DelfinoG: Power Point will work also.
JenW: Delfino -- what could you do with PP??
AlexisV: do most schools provide kidspiration?
JenW: ---Alexis, I am unsure of most schools. I just know of my school -- and we do.
DelfinoG: An information slide show with clip art and pictures.
MandyGst21: Is EDMARK a website?

JenW: <http://www.riverdeep.net/edmark/>

JenW: check out free demos later

SusanR: Use a KWHL Chart

MichaelWE: ClarisWorks databases could compare/contrast rockets (history, size, workings, launches)

AlexisV: what is kwhl

JenW: -----ooooo -- what is KWHL??

GaindaS: you could also use media clips through like encyclopedia software to show pictures and things on rockets

GaindaS: I saw that in a second grade class

GaindaS: it was pretty cool

MichaelWE: what you know, what you want to know, what you learned?

MichaelWE: (KWL)

AlexisV: thank you...all I know is kwl

SusanR: great for starting a project

JenW: Susan -- what is the H??

SusanR: <http://www.squires.fayette.k12.ky.us/library/research/kwl.htm>

JenW: lets take a moment to click on the link **SusanR** just gave us

JenW: take only about 2 minutes -- and then meet me back here

SusanR: H is for How

JenW: THANK YOU!!!

MichaelWE: That was my guess, Susan, thanks for the template

SusanR: How can we find out what we want to learn?

AlexisV: thank you for the website

JenW: Susan -- that could be pretty broad

DoraV: thanks for the website

JenW: since I don't know about Rockets -- I would want to learn A LOT

JenW: I liked the suggestion of Claris Works --

JenW: and also the INTERNET

JenW: Plus bringing in Media Clips

JenW: any other suggestions of software you could use with ROCKETS??

AlexisV: I wish I did

JenW: What about Publisher -- a newsletter on Rockets

JenW: or Kid Pix -- a picture about rockets

SarathS: there's some sites on webquests on the net re rockets

JenW: Yes, WebQuests are always there for use

ShereeR: How making an iMovie about Rockets

JenW: Sheree -- YES!!!

JenW: or for your older students -- FLASH

AlexisV: Are imovies something teacher created?

JenW: or even creating webpages

ShereeR: My K-2 kids wrote a screenplay called "Rocket Dance Party" and we made a set and shot a movie

JenW: Alexis -- either the teacher or students can create with iMovie

JenW: Sheree -- that's great!!

JenW: I am teaching a class on Using Technology without ever touching a computer!!!

SusanR: What about creating paper rockets
JenW: people forget about video/cameras/etc
AlexisV: do you utilize a camcording device for imovie
JenW: **SusanR** -- is on a roll!! Great idea
ShereeR: Yes, I use a digital video camera
JenW: How about Inspriation/KidSpiration or Time Liner to create a time line for rocketry
JenW: hmmm -- rocket history??
MichaelWE: You can use just pictures for imovie if you want, camcorders can be hooked up
AlexisV: good idea
JenW: You guys are great!!
JenW: and you all know about PUZZLEMAKER????
AlexisV: oh, I forgot...I was just introduced to that. It looks like a lot of fun
JenW: <http://puzzlemaker.school.discovery.com/>
JenW: make your own puzzles to use either online or off
GaindaS: puzzlemakers is great, it has a lot of ideas for teachers
JenW: and there is a virtual flash card maker
JenW: at
JenW: <http://www.virtualflashcards.com/vfcindex.htm>
JenW: and how about a POSTER using Print Shop??
JenW: also -- you could bring in Movies -- and do a comparison on rockets or spaceships used in movies
MichaelWE: tons of resources for Challenger--could perhaps get audio?
JenW: my students LOVE movie comparisons
DoraV: How about a concept web on rockets using kidspiration
AlexisV: that would be great
JenW: There is a movie called "Hail Columbia" that is about the first space shuttle flight
JenW: OKAY -- that was FANTASTIC
JenW: I think I have your brain juices flowing
JenW: LET"S TRY ANOTHER TOPIC
JenW: Anyone have an IDEA???
JenW: grins -- try a hard one
DelfinoG: How about teaching history from another perspectives and not the perspective we've been use to listening to.
SusanR: Looking at Art:: elements of design
GaindaS: I like that
GaindaS: for example Thanksgiving
DelfinoG: YES!!!!
JenW: Grins -- we have 3 great ideas
AlexisV: exactly
JenW: Lets Try Thanksgiving -- but remember that you can incorporate ART and HISTORY
JenW: using TECHNOLOGY
JenW: any ideas?????
GaindaS: using webquest to view various sites about Thanksgiving

BJ: arts connected to make an art collection of paintings about Thanksgiving?

JenW: Personally, I would like to start with Rockwell's Thanksgiving Picture

DelfinoG: Jen, which one is that?

JenW: Gainda -- I think you Like WebQuests!!

GaindaS: oh pictures are a good idea, have the kids write about on the comp what they think is happening

JenW: Delfino -- let me find a picture

SusanR: research: early settlers and Thanksgiving

DoraV: How about informational PowerPoint slides on settlers

MichaelWE: displays of all sorts of media depicting Thanksgiving celebration across the world--databases again for comparison of cultural versions of Thanksgiving

ShereeR: Well, I think the kids can explore via the internet different cultures and holidays which are based on being thankful.

JenW: Sheree -- that is a great idea

ShereeR: Michael, great minds think alike!

JenW: and MICHAEL -- Database work!! COOL

JenW: How about a Jeopardy Game with PowerPoint on cultures and Thanksgiving??

JenW: or a VENN diagram in Inspiration versus NOW AND THEN??

AlexisV: good idea Sheree.

BJ: Don't forget ArtSConnected where you can make your own art collection online

GaindaS: I like the Venn diagram

ShereeR: Make a Hyperstudio slide show about the topic.

MichaelWE: scanning students' own pictures of their Thanksgivings to make a class presentation for parents

BJ: o O (there is a monthly ArtsConnected tutorial led by Kevan Nitzberg)

JenW: Gainda -- Inspiration/KidSpiration has many different views you can use

JenW: Michael -- SCANNING!! Cool

JenW: and Sheree -- let's never forget Hyperstudio!!

ShereeR: How about making a "hand" turkey from pictures of the kids scanned hands!!!
LOL

GaindaS: kids could put on a play and video tape it and then maybe make a video on "the real thanksgiving"

JenW: Grins -- I was just thinking about that **ShereeR**

JenW: but you could scan it and then add to it in KidPix or Paint Shop Pro

JenW: or Microsoft Paint

ShereeR: I have done that before. I think it is cliché, but the little kids think it is amazing!

JenW: Gainda -- I have visions of the Old Brady Bunch Thanksgiving

MichaelWE: yes video recreation of the first Thanksgiving, and imovie to edit it and add captions, credits, effects, and music!

ShereeR: Oh but you have to be able to add real feathers too!

SusanR: They could create their own Reader's Theatre script about the first Thanksgiving or Thanksgiving around the globe

AlexisV: I can't wait to utilize imovies

JenW: YES!!!

JenW: IMovies is pretty cool

AlexisV: Is imovie user friendly?

JenW: but you can also use MovieMaker as well

JenW: oops -- MovieWorks

ShereeR: oh gosh, iMovie is totally intuitive and user friendly.

JenW: wow -- any other ideas???

AlexisV: I bet the students would love to take advantage of imovies and/or movieworks

DoraV: I would love to use MovieWorks in my classroom, but I'm not familiar with it.

GaindaS: I have never heard of imovies

JenW: Dora -- you can write edresources.com on school stationery and they will send you a copy that you can preview for a month before you buy

DelfinoG: ??????

JenW: go ahead Delfino

AlexisV: is it costly?

AlexisV: imovies

DoraV: That's great, thanks!

DelfinoG: I am responsible for providing info on Thanksgiving and want to use other perspectives than just textbooks, any suggestions?

JenW: I am unsure of cost on iMovie

JenW: Delfino -- well, there is the INTERNET

JenW: there is MUSIC that is seasonal

JenW: there is ART that is seasonal

MichaelWE: I'm sure you could find stuff all over the net about the "true" Thanksgiving and from Native American sites

JenW: there is literature that is seasonal

ShereeR: Del, I would do an internet search to find the various perceptions regarding Thanksgiving.

SusanR tiptoes out of the room quietly...must leave..great discussion..neat ideas

JenW: bye **SusanR**

ShereeR: Well, I don't know about the "true" but it would be their version. I think "TRUE" is somewhere in the middle.

AlexisV: bye

JenW: Sheree -- I was just thinking the same thing

SusanR: Thanks Jen!

SusanR left the room (signed off).

JenW: What a WONDERFUL discussion today!

SarathS: tks Jen

BJ: Thanks, Jen. That was exciting

AlexisV: thank you for all of the suggestions and ideas

JenW: I don't want to make you late for your next class if you were staying for GLM

JenW: BUT -- before you go

ShereeR: Yes, it took me a while to wake up, but I finally came alive. LOL

JenW: I want to let you know the next topic for December

DoraV: Thank you for all the suggestions!

DelfinoG: A HUGE thank you Jen.

JenW: DECEMBER'S TOPIC -- TECHNOLOGY RESOLUTIONS FOR 2004

JenW: what would you like to do more in 2004

ShereeR: Oh that is a good one!

JenW: thanks -- this was a nice class today

ShereeR: Thank you Jen. It was great AGAIN!!

GaindaS: bye

JenW: WOW -- this went fast today!

GaindaS: this was a great discussion, I gained a lot of lesson ideas, thanks everyone