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BJ: While we wait for the discussion leader to log in, let's start with some housekeeping
NgocLamD: okay.. why don't you start BJ?
SusanR joined the room.
BJ: if you are new to Tapped In, it will help if you click on the ACTIONS menu in the top right of this chat window and highlight DETACH
BJ: we usually start all the discussions in Tapped In with introductions. I'm a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In and am in Pennsylvania
SusanR: Welcome everyone.
PatienceH: I am a preservice teacher and student at the University of Houston
NinaP: Hello Susan and BJ
KathyMP: My name is Kathy and I'm in Maryland
TaraR: My name is Tara and I am in Louisiana
NgocLamD: I'm a preservice teacher at University of Houston, in TX
MeridithE: I am a pre-service teacher at the University of Houston
DennisP: I am a high school teacher in Wichita Falls, TX
LauraLl: I am a preservice teacher at the University of Houston
JessicaE: I am a second grade teacher in California
NinaP: I am a preservice teacher and a PUMA student at the University of Houston
CynthiaCon: Hello I am a preservice teacher at the University of Houston
ReneseJ: I am a Kindergarten Teacher in New Orleans.
TaraR: I teach high school also
SharonES: I am a 3rd grade teacher in Maryland
JonF: Beau Freeman in Wichita Falls, TX
AdrianR: I am Adrian and I am a grad student in Wichita Falls, TX
KathyMP: oops sorry I teach 7th grade social studies
JonF: I am a grad student at Midwestern State
JohnDav: I am a Junior High teacher in Wichita Falls.
AndreaYH: I am a pre-service teacher in Houston, Tx
DennisP: I am also a grad student at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls
SandraAr: I am a pre-service teacher as well
BJ: Francisca, can you introduce yourself please?
FranciscaE: Hi
FranciscaE: I am a pre-service teacher as well
BJ: looks like this group goes from K-12!
BJ: I know many of you are required to participate in a Tapped In discussion....why did you choose this particular discussion? What were you hoping to learn?
DennisP: I am currently taking a technology integration course for my masters degree
TaraR: I teach technology and hope to obtain useful information to help in my classes.
NgocLamD: I hope to learn some strategies to integrate technology in the future classroom
SharonES: I am getting my masters in edu. technology

SusanR: I am a Helpdesk volunteer and presenter here at TI. I am a K to 8 Occasional Teacher from Canada.

NinaP: As a preservice teacher, I want to find out new ways to integrate technology in my classroom

DawnLM: I am a 4,5,6 grade science teacher doing my master's with an ed tech emphasis

ReneseJ: I was hoping to learn various techniques to incorporate technology across the curriculum with Kindergarteners.

JonF: I am in the same class with Dennis

AmyVB: Honestly, one reason I chose the discussion was the time it was offered. It fit my schedule where others did not. But, I am very interested in tech in my classroom.

PatienceH: Technology is a big part of our education program at UofH. I personally enjoy learning about different ways to incorporate tech. into my curriculum.

DennisP: I hope to learn how to better incorporate technology across different disciplines

JessicaE: I am taking a course for my masters and clear credential

SandraAr: I chose it to learn what other ways to incorporate technology. It is always interesting to see what others come up with.

LauraLl: I think it is important to incorporate technology in the classroom

KathyMP: I am working on my master in technology in education at Hopkins

AmyVB: I agree with Renese as well - I teach Kinder too.

AdrianR: directly relates to the class I'm taking at Midwestern State University

AndreaYH: I hope to learn more strategies to incorporate with technology

JonF: Technology is the future of education

JohnDav: I was hoping to hear about some good   1) WebSites 2) Tech Tips

FranciscaE: I think it is important to incorporate technology in the classroom

CynthiaCon: I hope to learn strategies on how to incorporate technology into my classroom.

BJ: I'm not sure that Technology per say is the future of education, Jon, but I think that it is going to be an important component in the classrooms of the near future.

AdrianR: hoping to pick up some tips that I can use in my field

NinaP: a lot of my methods professors forget to mention kindergarten!

JessicaE: technology is a valuable teaching tool

AmyVB: Technology may not be the future of education, but it is the FUTURE in general. So, we need to get well versed.

DawnLM: I believe that technology is a logical addition to the classroom, the kids know more than we do sometimes

MeridithE: I would love to get new ideas for technology to share with my PUMA cluster

JonF: exactly Jessica

NgocLamD: technology in the classroom might be another ways to motivate student's interest in your lecture

JonF: Technology can help maximize student involvement and learning

LisaGst11: My kids get really excited over the idea of tech in the classroom.

JessicaE: so do mine

BJ: I recently attended a workshop where the speaker explained that business needs to look at how they can be put out of business so they can be innovative and keep their strategies in tune with their clients' needs...

SandraAr: Technology is a great tool for visual learners as well

AdrianR: so long as the teacher has an idea of what they're doing

DawnLM: I only wish I had enough tech in the room to really be effective

LauraLl: Technology can be used for all types of learners

LisaGst11: It is very motivating ....maybe more so for the older kids (3rd grade on up.)

BJ: the same is true of education...if we don't look at how we can be put out of business, private providers will fill in the void and put public education out of business

MeridithE: I was recently in a kindergarten classroom and they loved using the computer

ReneseJ: I need some ideas for incorporating technology with my Kinders. I have no internet access in my classroom , and only have two computers.

AmyVB: My little kinders get VERY excited over the computers - no matter what we do with them. A lot of them, surprisingly do not use them at home. Whereas others would blow you away, so you want to keep them motivated.

NinaP: sometimes I think people underestimate kindergarten children

FranciscaE: I agree with Meredith younger children can use any type of technology

SusanR: I can't recall a class that is not interested in Technology/Computers. I have been in classes from K to 8 over the last few years

LisaGst11: Most kids love the computer, but how effective is your integration with really young children?

AndreaYH: me too, Nina

NgocLamD: use powerpoint and teach them with location words Renese

MeridithE: the kinders just soak all the information up and grasp it better than I do sometimes

AmyVB: I do not have internet access either Renese

MeridithE: one showed me how to do something in the Paint program the other day

JonF: good point, Susan.... it seems that many children know more about our computers than we do

TaraR: We have to use technology to keep their interest. We are competing with the media and playstations, you know.

JessicaE: kindergarteners at my school already know how to access programs like KIDPiX and save their work

ReneseJ: Wow Amy! You and I have a few things in common.

AmyVB: We do!

PatienceH: A few of the kinder classes I have seen have site words playing in a powerpoint presentation at certain times during the day - the kids love it.

NinaP: Well Lisa that is the main recently I taught my kinders how to use a digital camera and put it into Word, they learned about their different cultures and had a blast

ReneseJ: I will put you on my Buddies list if you don't mind.

SandraAr: **JessicaE**, my kids (pre-k) also love KidPix

BJ: very cool, Nina

LisaGst11: Awesome! Glad to hear it How long did it take to do that?

MeridithE: that is awesome Nina!

ReneseJ: Is it okay Amy?

AmyVB: Someone mentioned powerpoint. I do not have this hooked up so that my kids can view it - say on the tv. I know there is a cable to do this. What is it called so I can get one - and how do you do it? Basically.

NinaP: it was a two week lesson, we did it in short lessons since I am just a preservice teacher observing

NinaP: it was so much fun

KathyMP: the tv hook up is called TV-ator

AmyVB: Yes Renese. I still have to figure out what that is -

DawnLM: I have two computers one with internet one w/o. I only have my kids for 50 min., how do I use the two I have?

JonF: In some of the classes I have taken, powerpoints have detracted from my learning

AmyVB: Thank you Kathy. Where do you get it? Best Buy?

NgocLamD: Amy>> you don't have to hook it up to the TV >> just set it up at a workstation and let your kids play at the station

BJ: Dawn, what grade do you teach?

JonF: it was like watching someone show me slides of their vacation

AdrianR: how do you monitor that the students are using their time well

PatienceH: i'm not sure exactly, the district that I am in is automatically hooked up to the tv in the classroom. They just have to change the channel

LisaGst11: Jon do you have too many action things going on transition wise on your pp?

DennisP: the generic term for the computer to tv connection is a "scan converter"

DawnLM: I teach 4,5,6th science

SusanR: May I interrupt for a moment?

SusanR: Speaking of Kidpix..here are some K to 6 integration ideas
http://www.district41.org/Hooper/FETC.htm

AmyVB: My workstations will not show powerpoint - they are OLD. I have an emac at my desk - I like PC's - so I have to figure out how to use the mac presentation program.

SherryJu: Patience and I are in the same district, and the t.v. hooked up to the computer is very helpful for the classroom

AmyVB: Or...get powerpoint for mac

TaraR: My own child uses kidpix at home and has taught some of her teachers things about it which I think is pretty cool

BJ: Dawn, take a look at webquests...or jigsaw activities with the computers as a station

NinaP: I find that when teaching powerpoint, you have to make each lesson specific, as in make one lesson how to make a slide, make another how to insert pictures, so the lesson does not get out of hand and confusing

SharonES: anything hands on and interactive will keep their interest. you can use pictures instead of words on almost any program for kindergarten

KathyMP: Amy- umm I don't know if Best Buy has it, if not just do a search for it on Google. I can't remember it was a while ago I looked into it

SandraAr: Kidspiration is also a good program for kids

JessicaE: I love using that program!

AmyVB: Thank you Kathy - the internet has everything doesn't it?

ReneseJ: Thanks! I will try Powerpoint with my class.

SharonES: kidspiration is great for kids younger than 3rd grade

DawnLM: My big problem is I only see each class twice a week so I'm in a time crunch

KathyMP: lol yup

AndreaYH: Wow, Susan that site is great!

MeridithE: I recently used Powerpoint for a game that I made for a math lesson and the kids were excited about it.

SandraAr: I agree Sharon

JonF: Tara that is great that your child's teacher took the time to learn from their students.... a lot of teachers won't

AmyVB: I think my class would love powerpoint, shoot they love the old overhead!

SusanR: I tend to arm myself with Kidpix ideas..for integration

NinaP: Thank you for the site Susan!

SandraAr: Some third graders I observed are already making ppt. presentations

NgocLamD: agree Meridith... my SBTE teacher loves it too

MeridithE: the kids were excited because it was something I made

LisaGst11: Sandra where did you observe that?

BJ: Dawn, can the kids work on assignments outside the classroom?

MeridithE: and they wanted to know how they could make their own game

SusanR: Yes, I understand even grade two students are using PowerPoint

SandraAr: During my internship

DawnLM: My own children have used ppt. 4-12 grades

SharonES: my 3rd grade have made a few powerpoints already this year

BJ . o O (maybe collaborate with the computer lab teacher?)

SandraAr: yes the third graders I observed have an awesome computer lab

LisaGst11: A lot of my kids don't have computers at home..so school is their only exposure.

SandraAr: that is why they are so savvy

AdrianR: are any teachers required by the school to try and use tech

AmyVB: **DawnLM** - is that Dawn from CLU? I think so!

SandraAr: they also have a great computer teacher

DawnLM: Yes, BJ, the kids do work some outside (some more than others), motivation is an issue

SharonES: powerpoint is a great way for kids to present stories that they have written

DawnLM: Yes Amy

TaraR: Most of my 9th graders are computer literate but they have their own tricks. I teach keyboarding and I have to re-teach method many times

AmyVB: Hi there.

BJ: I also recommend you participate in the Group Learning discussion next Tuesday, April 20

JessicaE: A computer lab can make such a difference

ReneseJ: **LisaGst11**. It is the same with my students. No computers at home.

SandraAr: It really does Jessica

JonF: Does everyone here have a computer lab at their schools

AmyVB: We do not have a computer lab - because of funding for a tech. I think that is a big issue at a lot of schools.

JonF: ?

JessicaE: I am at a tech magnet school- the things I see from these kids are amazing!

NinaP: It is hard for children in the classroom that I am in to use computers on a daily basis because they are an ESL class and their teacher focuses more on reading and phonics instruction

SandraAr: I do Jon

AndreaYH: yes

MeridithE: I bet the tech magnet school is awesome Jessica

AdrianR: Do any of the schools require you to use tech in the class

TaraR: I teach in a lab, keyboarding and accounting

MeridithE: I wish I could see some of that work!!

ReneseJ: No Jon. There is no lab at my school.

LisaGst11: I teach a reading intervention program that has a computer component, but I would like to expand to include some small group activities on my stand alone computer. Ideas?

KathyMP: I can't imagine my most of my student's not having access to a computer, I probably have about 5 out 80 that don't' have internet access at home

JonF: That is great Sandra

SandraAr: OH yes Adrian

KimWi joined the room.

SharonES: I can't imagine not having a lab. I would probably never get the chance to use tech. otherwise

JonF: Where do you teach Renese?

SandraAr: Technology is part of the state objectives in Texas

BJ: Dawn, another cool motivator is to create a group room for your students in the Tapped In K-12 Student Campus...then your kids can log in and collaborate on projects

AdrianR: are they requirements from the school or state

AmyVB: Hmm, I may be in the minority without a lab. Actually we have one for upper grades, but we are on a split campus, so I do not get to use them.

KathyMP: we have two labs plus one for the tech classes

DawnLM: We have a computer lab I could use with some of my classes but when it's being used I'm outta luck

JessicaE: We are not required, but many teachers do and we have most of the equipment we need...I would like more ideas to take full advantage of what is out there

AmyVB: We are a private school - so state standards do not necessarily apply for us.

MeridithE: I would like more ideas for my future classroom and for my teaching portfolio

BJ: are you all familiar with the Tapped In K-12 Student Campus?

ReneseJ: Jon, I teach at an inner city school in New Orleans.

SherryJu: Does anyone have a Distance learning lab in the district?

NinaP: I observe at a fine arts magnet school, they have a fabulous lab and great teacher but the focus at the school is not tech.

CynthiaCon: The school were I am observing at has a broadcasting studio in which the students are in charge of along with a computer lab

JohnDav: If you us inspiration or kidspiration, you can have students design their own Coat-of-Arms...save as a jpeg in their user file...they can then import it to all subsequent documents where their name would usually go. It is cool and kids take ownership .Does anyone know of something else useful?

TaraR: We have distance learning

KathyMP: We have a distance learning lab at the high schools

DennisP: my school has distance learning

JonF: Renese, is there no way that your school could apply for grants to set up a lab?

DawnLM: That would be fun! Not all have access but we can work on that No BJ, I haven't heard about it

AmyVB: We have been talking about breaking the lab up and putting some in each classroom. For me I would like that because I would finally get newer computers that my students could use

LisaGst11: Kidspiration sounds like a worthwhile tool.

SherryJu: Is it effective ? do the kids enjoy the distance learning lab experience?

LauraLl: The teachers at the school I observe have so much access to technology

AndreaYH: I think Kidspiration is a great tool

TaraR: Our kids did not because they were not learning

KathyMP: I think its the only way they would have the chance to take less popular classes

JonF: Distance Learning is good if you have the discipline to do the work

AmyVB: Jon- If we applied for grants, we could possibly get computers - but what do we do about not having a tech?

ReneseJ: Well, Jon, fortunately we are in the process of doing a grant for next school year.

LauraLl: The principal there is a technology grad student

SusanR: The following link is a basic resource for ideas on successfully integrating Tech in the classroom or lab...

SusanR: http://www.internet4classrooms.com/

JonF: well good luck, Renese

LisaGst11: Amy you're the tech person

AmyVB: Thanks. I have assumed that Lisa!

SandraAr: wow, Susan, you have lots of links

AdrianR: thanks susan

AmyVB: Yes - Susan has them handy so quick!

AndreaYH: Susan that link did not work for me.

TaraR: We all need links

BJ: Susan leads the K-3+ Resources discussion

SherryJu: yes. thanks Susan-please send all these links! i need all the help

SusanR: It's a great resource to keep on file Andrea and Amy.

JonF: I can only imagine how much more I would have enjoyed school if I had other means of learning

AmyVB: I see, thank you Sandra

ReneseJ: Thanks Jon! If you have any ideas or suggestion that would be pertinent to add, please feel free to email me.

BJ: next K-3 Resources is Tuesday, April 13

SusanR: Our tech integrators use it as a reference point.

AndreaYH: Thank You

LauraLl: thanks Susan

JonF: will do, Renese

SusanR: Thanks for the plug BJ. Balanced Literacy is the Topic

FranciscaE: thank you Susan

AmyVB: I had computers when I was in school - they were dinosaurs now, but I recall being very excited about the computers when we went on them. It was once a week and I looked forward to it

SandraAr: I was the same Amy...we had those big floppy disks

JessicaE: Me too

AndreaYH: yes, using computers was always fun to me too

AmyVB: See - we all remember. That's one reason we REALLY need to do it in our classrooms.

JonF: I remember those

SandraAr: all we played was Oregon Trail and Wheel of Fortune

JessicaE smiles

DennisP: I think we sometimes assume students like using computers just because we did

AdrianR: yep

JonF: I had trouble carrying my disk in my backpack

AndreaYH: that may be the case Dennis

ReneseJ: Kids are so smart in this day in time. They have many resources that can be used in an educational facility.

AmyVB: Maybe Dennis, but they will be soooo useful to them

DawnLM: We had no computers when I was in school and places that had them used IBM cards, our kids are so lucky

NinaP: truthfully? in the classroom that I am in, the digital camera and Word project is the only technology they have done in their classroom besides a Lion King activity game

DennisP: my experience is that students don't like computer class unless they get to do something new

SandraAr: I agree Dennis

TaraR: Not all kids like computers even though they can use them. Many of mine do not think they will need the skills I teach but they are wrong

DennisP: most of my students have a computer at home and want to just chat or download music at school too

LisaGst11: I don't think that games on the computer is the way to go. We want these students to think and learn how to discern and create...also work collaboratively

AndreaYH: I agree

SharonES: my kids love the lab. they are so excited to create anything and be able to show it to others

DennisP: i have to work with them to help them understand the other tasks a computer can perform

NinaP: good point Lisa

SandraAr: I agree too with Lisa

AndreaYH: that's what integrating technology in the classroom is all about Lisa

LisaGst11: Right

LauraLl: It all depends if the games are educational...then yes they are appropriate

SherryJu: I have a question-I own a Palm Tungsten-are there any great and CHEAP resources for school that I can download? I know that there are some that have grade book softwares...that's all i heard about it

JonF: but we can use the games as learning tools

AdrianR: discovery games at an early age can make the students familar with the comp

KathyMP: The internet is dangerous though our school has so many kids getting in trouble for copying, They copy and paste right off of the websites

AndreaYH: technology should always enhance your lessons

LisaGst11: I'm not saying they are completely bad...just not the focus anymore

SandraAr: oh really Kathy

NinaP: Yikes Kathy

SharonES: I agree Kathy, internet can be dangerous to use with any age

ReneseJ: That's another idea! The digital camera. That would be interesting to allow the students to partake in an activity that involves a word program and a camera. It would make a lesson come alive.

SusanR: I agree with you, Dennis. I tried using this site to support our English programme this week. http://www.eduplace.com/edugames.html

JonF: Kathy, I have seen several college students do the same thing and get expelled

DawnLM: We really need to kick the computer use up from games to higher level thinking activities, some games are good but not all.

LauraLl: The teacher is responsible for explaining to the students what is acceptable

BJ: Kathy, that is an issue the teachers need to tackle...Kids need to be taught how to take notes

LisaGst11: Copy and paste what..reports? dont't they do reference pages?

NgocLamD: andrea>> I agree .. technology not suppose to take over in your classroom activities

SandraAr: I think that is way as teachers, we need to pre-screen whatever the students are looking at

AdrianR: or read through to find good info

SharonES: my kids did a fun project with the digital camera and then wrote poems about thier photo

KathyMP: I agree but it seems like the more we talk to them about the more the students get the idea and the more we see

ClaudiaP joined the room.

KathyMP: Its just too easy

PatienceH: Even when the technology is available, some teachers are slow to integrate it into their classes. At my school, teachers can check out a cart of 26 laptops to use in the classroom for the day, but it is usually the same ones who check them out. many never touch them.

DawnLM: I use my homework site to give the kids kinks I feel are appropriate and useful

JonF: How can you incorporate technology into a physical education classroom?

AndreaYH: thats a shame Patience

SusanR: Webquests will support higher learning...or students can design their own webquests

SharonES: should most schools spend money on more technology if no one is using it?

JessicaE: it's new and scary for many teachers, especially when they don't have the skills

LisaGst11: Kathy maybe they need tighter parameters or expectations on what you want from them

NgocLamD: agree Patience

DawnLM: I want to come to your school Patience!

ReneseJ: Sharon, I bet that was interesting

DennisP: I think physical education would be tough unless you were doing online research

TaraR: There are webquests for pe like when they are learning health

AndreaYH: yes, I attended a discussion about that Susan

AmyVB: I would LOVE to have laptops. I can check them out at the college I attend, but I do not know really how to hook them up once I am alone. I'm sure it is simple, but I do not want to damage someone else's equipment

AdrianR: very true Dennis

JonF: where is a good place to find those Tara?

DawnLM: There is always the physics involved in sports

LisaGst11: and the history of sports

SharonES: there is a website for pe to keep track of exercise

LauraLl: At our school we can also check out laptop carts that have internet

LauraLl: just yesterday the students were using them for their science fair projects

ReneseJ: I am currently enrolled in a WEBQUEST class. I along with a friend, am creating a webquest activity for Kindergarten and first grade.

KathyMP: Our Pe teachers use heart monitors and the students do stuff with that on the computers, charting it and figuring out what makes their heart rate go up and stuff

TaraR: I would just search on Google for health webquests.

AmyVB: WOW - listening to you guys - I don't have anything at my school!

JonF: thanks Tara

DawnLM: Bring math into your PE

SusanR: Jon, let students research a game or activity on the web and then present or teach it to the Phys Ed class

TaraR: I wish I had specifics, maybe next time

PatienceH: I can't wait to create a class webpage once I actually have my own kids.

SharonES: I have created a webquest and my kids loved it just knowing that I made it. easy to create and keeps interest

DawnLM: Good idea Susan

BJ: one of the teachers I've talked with here in Tapped In brought a scientist to the student group room to talk to the kids about their science fair projects

JonF: great idea, Susan

SandraAr: that will be cool Patience

JonF: I appreciate all the help

AmyVB: I have read a lot of books incorporating math into PE, I'm sure the internet has even more references

JonF: I need it

DennisP: I'm currently trying to encourage other teachers at my school to utilize the web also

SandraAr: some teachers are reluctant to use tech, Dennis

KathyMP: I think technology has helped the most with parent and staff communication
CindySw: You could have your PE students graph their increases in speed, endurance or distance. Excel would be good for that.
BJ: another great resource is the Tapped In calendar....hint, hint
AndreaYH: true Kathy
LauraLl: Our Kinesiology professor told us that you can have the students be active while they learn how to tell time\
SharonES: I agree Kathy email has saved me many hours
KathyMP: I am constantly emailing parents, our school even emails grades home every two weeks
JessicaE: I agree, Kathy
LisaGst11: Tech is all around us. Our students will use it everyday when they are working
BJ: we just had a K-20 Math Group meet yesterday
CynthiaCon: I also like webquests they give children an idea of what they are doing and looking for
LauraLl: Now the majority of the teachers have online gradebooks
DennisP: i try to maintain a website for my classes that provides homework assignments and links to resources
ReneseJ: Kathy, that is great to know that your parents all have email addresses.
SharonES: Websites for listing homework assignments have also been very helpful
PatienceH: that's a great idea Kathy, but what do you do about the parents who do not have email
AmyVB: True Kathy - I do not have the internet or a lot of tech resources in class, but I do have it at home - obviously - and I communicate a lot with parents. I like it better than phone calls because it is on MY time. When I want to communicate - not when parents feel like calling me
AdrianR: technology in kinesiology is easily done but in the early school years the tech integration would be difficult
DawnLM: I use yourhomework.com
DennisP: I provide the website address to parents so they can keep in touch with what is going on too
JessicaE: teacherweb.com
LisaGst11: I use yourhomework.com as a parent to check on my child's progress
TaraR: Quia is a wonderful site for assignment sheets, online testing, and many other things.
AndreaYH: that's a good idea Dennis
DennisP: does anyone know of free web hosting sites for educators?
TaraR: The site is www. quia.com
AmyVB: Scholastic has a teacher homepage creator as well. It is REALLY easy. You can create home pages etc. and it is free
SharonES: schoolnotes.com is extremely easy to use
KathyMP: rubistar is a great site to make rubrics.
DawnLM: It's also good protection for me since so many kids claim they didn't know about 'that' assignment

NinaP: before I started my digital camera project in the kinder classroom, I sent a survey home on what types of technology they had available outside of school
PatienceH: I like the scholastic one too Amy
LisaGst11: yourhomework.com should do the trick
SherryJu: is it rubistar.com? Kathy?
ReneseJ: Yes, Kathy! Rubistar is great.
SusanR: Having your students take a virtual field trip. http://www.field-guides.com/trips.htm
DawnLM: rubistar is a great site
TaraR: I like the field trip thing
AndreaYH: what did your survey reveal Nina
KathyMP: um it's off of 4teachers
SandraAr: can you explain that Susan
KathyMP: hold on I'll figure out the website
NgocLamD: anyone knows about Virtual Classroom Tour?
AdrianR: that field trip site looks good
JonF: We did the field trips in a grad class that I had
JonF: very interesting
DennisP: our district used to provide web site access but it was attacked by viruses and isn't available now
ClaudiaP: VCT are great. My partners and I just completed one yesterday.
ReneseJ: What exactly is on the field guide site Susan?
AmyVB: A survey is a great idea Nina.
ReneseJ: What is Virtual Classroom Tour?
SusanR: It can be used in a structured situation for special needs students if you wish.
AmyVB: I get afraid to have tech surveys because of the lack of tech in my room
LauraLl: I also think they are great.
SherryJu: The VCT is a great resource
SandraAr: it is similar to a webquest Renese
KathyMP: http://rubistar.4teachers.org/index.php
ClaudiaP: It integrates PowerPoint and other tech. resources
NinaP: yes Amy it worked really well almost all of the parents responded
DawnLM: I haven't had much luck with virtual tours, except the one at Jamestown
SherryJu: the only thing about the VCT is that it is difficult to find lessons for a particular grade level- it does not filter grade levels
ClaudiaP: Basically, it is a PP presentation that allows children to explore new ways of learning.
SherryJu: thank you Kathy
SandraAr: that is true Sherry
KathyMP: you're welcome Sherry
ClaudiaP: We did it on Chocolate, along with other hands-on activities and even a worksheet
ReneseJ: Thanks for the explanation guys!
MeridithE: I bet that was cool Claudia
SandraAr: no prob
CynthiaCon: VCT is a great way to incorporate technology in the classroom

JessicaE: what grade, Claudia?

NinaP: did you go to the Chocolate exhibit Claudia?

ClaudiaP: If you would like I can send you a finished product via email when we finish documenting on Friday

SherryJu: VCT is a database with a bunch of lessons that incorporate technology.

ClaudiaP: 1st grade

KathyMP: Well I'm going to go, it's been fun

ClaudiaP: they loved it! they wanted to play over and over again---pp game

CynthiaCon: I also worked on the Chocolate VCT with Claudia and it was engaging

SherryJu: I am in the process of creating one. The planning is quite tedious

SusanR: Here is a network of tools that can be used from K to 12 and beyond..

TaraR: I like Susan

NinaP: I agree Sherry!

FranciscaE: I also worked with Claudia and Cynthia with the VCT chocolate

SandraAr: what did you guys do for the chocolate VCT?

NgocLamD: I have my students create a presentation about minerals with PP in the VCT

SusanR: http://hprtec.org/

JonF: Is there a good place to research Webquest or VCT's for college students?

FranciscaE: and the students were engage

SharonES: I am leaving too! thanks for the ideas everyone! Best of luck

AmyVB: Thanks Susan - she is very helpful!

TaraR: I have used that site before Susan

ClaudiaP: I agree Sherry, but the final product will be a rewarding experience

SandraAr: thanks for the resources and info

AmyVB: I'm going to get going as well. Nice to meet everyone and thanks for the tips! If you are still there dawn - see you in a week or so!

SherryJu: yes. I taught them my VCT lessons today and the children loved it. they were able to use my digital camera and upload it to their powerpoint slides themselves

ClaudiaP: My group presented a pp presentation that the kids could read on their own.

SusanR: Jon. try this..it's a webquest on the use of webquests
http://www.biopoint.com/WebQuests/webquest2.html

ReneseJ: I enjoyed learning about ways I can incorporate technology in my classrooom.

ClaudiaP: Then, we played a pp game and shopped with real food.

DawnLM: I wouldn't miss this good stuff

AdrianR: exactly

TaraR: My partner teaches powerpoint by using the Flat Stanley project. Kids create a paper boy or girl and send it somewhere or take it places. They use the digital camera or scan regular pics into their pp

MeridithE: I like that idea Tara!!

LisaGst11: How cool!

SandraAr: that sounds cool Tara

JonF: that's cool, Susan... I think that we used something similar in a Educ. grad class I had

JessicaE: That is a great idea to incorporate tech!

NgocLamD: yes Tara... one of my colleague has Flat Stanley every where we go

DawnLM: Flat Stanley is great for so many areas

SusanR: Attention please..can I ask each of you to share your favorite web resource???
ClaudiaP: **TaraR**, can you provide more info. on the Flat Stanley project?
ReneseJ: Hey, that seemed cool Tara!
TaraR: They have so many slides with certain things they have to have
NgocLamD: http://www.enchantedlearning.com
DawnLM: Mine would be www.usgs.gov
TaraR: I can get more info for you
DennisP: http://www.educationworld.com
ClaudiaP: thanks
NinaP: I like to use so many web resources! www.starfall.com
LauraLl: I enjoy enchanted learning
SusanR: I am proud to say that the Flat Stanley project originated here in Ontario, Canada..http://flatstanley.enoreo.on.ca/
LisaGst11: my numerous links at clunet.edu
NinaP: enchanted learning is a fun site!
AndreaYH: starfall is great
TaraR: Cool Susan
NgocLamD: I enjoyed education world too
FranciscaE: yes enchanted learning is a great site
CynthiaCon: I like enchanted learning and starfall is also great for ESL instruction
JessicaE: www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/bluewebn..
SandraAr: that is good to know Cynthia
NgocLamD: I agree Cynthia
SusanR: Lisa. do you have the clunet link?
LisaGst11: thanks for the tip Cynthia on starfall, I could use some ESL sites
DawnLM: I also like www.brainpop.com, it's free twice a day
ClaudiaP: fav. resource http://ucatlas.ucsc.edu/world.html
JohnDav: All teachers should visit   despair.com   (for whomever asked)
LisaGst11: www.clunet.edu
SandraAr: I have used brain pop...it is very interesting
ReneseJ: I am getting a wealth of information from you guys. I am glad I will be receiving a transcript!
JonF: great website John
DawnLM: Despair.com????That is great
JonF: lightens the day for sure
NgocLamD: will try that John
LisaGst11: California Lutheran University - Education dept. and the webfolio
ReneseJ: Brainpop is very good. However, there is a way to use it more than twice a day.
AdrianR: excellent website john, I'll have several of those posters up in my class for inspiration
DawnLM: I just wish Brainpop wasn't so expensive
NinaP: I am so excited at all the information everybody! Thanks a lot
NgocLamD: me too Renese ... we can save all these good stuff for later huh?
DawnLM: Tell me how Renese
LisaGst11: Wonderful resources guys!

TaraR: www.howstuffworks.com is interesting
SandraAr: I agree with Ngoc
NinaP: Oh Tara that is a wonderful site as well!
ReneseJ: Yeah NgocLam!
SandraAr: is that like a science website Sara?
NinaP: I use that for science
LisaGst11: I forgot about howstuffworks..very cool
CynthiaCon: All of these websites are great Claudia I liked your website it is great for Social studies
ClaudiaP: Thanks, Cynthia. It's a great resource for small children
DawnLM: I did Fifth grade last year and there are so many good social studies sites
LauraLl: I agree with Cynthia....the link you provided was great
SusanR: You are entitled to use one or two free movies on Brainpop per day, Dawn.
TaraR: I would like to learn more websites for my accounting class. They get to use computerized accounting some but they still have to know the book basics
DennisP: something profound
LisaGst11: For language arts a lot of authors or their publishing companies have websites with ideas that integrate the lit
ReneseJ: If you want to view brainpop more than twice, delete cookies and internet files. Brainpop keeps track of how many times you use it by scanning your internet browser.
FranciscaE: I also agree the site is great
ClaudiaP: science mini lessons: http://youth.net/cec/cecsci/sci-elem.html
DawnLM: Oh yeah, the cookies!
SusanR: Good tip, Renese.
BJ: don't forget the Library of Congress Learning Page...great for primary sources http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu/
ReneseJ: I received that info from someone recently.
NinaP: www.starfall.com also gives out books and journals! you can read books online and they are wonderful for ESL learners
NinaP: actually any learner!
DawnLM: I know my school won't buy in, we just all want to keep our jobs, thanks Renese
ReneseJ: Yeah, starfall is great!
TaraR: I feel you Dawn. We are facing consolidation or closings
DennisP: http://www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/compass/index.html
JessicaE: I must go as well. Thanks for all the great sites. Good luck to all!
SandraAr: same to you Jessica
SandraAr: bye
ReneseJ: Only do that if you really need to. Sometimes things are depressed by accident.
ClaudiaP: bilingual resources:http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/espanol/
LauraLl: thanks Claudia!
SandraAr: yeah thanks Claudia
SusanR: Well, I will end this session with an all purpose favorite http://home.att.net/~teaching/filecab.htm
SusanR: ..a filing cabinet of useful resources
LisaGst11: Thank you Susan I appreciate that!

DawnLM: Thanks everyone!
JonF: everyone have a good evening
NgocLamD: Thanks everyone
PatienceH: thanks so much for the great discussion and resources
DennisP: thanks everyone, goodbye
LauraLl: thanks
AdrianR: Thanks to all
LisaGst11: Bye! y'all
AdrianR: Have a good night
SandraAr: Thanks to everyone for the great info and resources
FranciscaE: thank you for the information provided and the websites
ReneseJ: Thanks for everything! Have a good Holiday!!!!
SusanR: Thanks for sharing!
MeridithE: Thanks for everything and all your great ideas!! I really learned al ot from all of you.
NinaP: this was a great experience Susan
NgocLamD: Thanks Susan for all the information
LauraLl: thanks Susan
CynthiaCon: Thank you Susan for the information