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JeffC: Welcome Carol and LeeAnn

CarolLK: Thanks

LeeAnnHo: Thanks

JeffC: I went to El Cerrito *High* School (some years ago).

LeeAnnHo: What county?

JeffC: I see that both of you are fairly new to Tapped In. So, what I'd like to do today is help get you acclimated, and show you the Math Resources room, in addition to helping you get setup here. El Cerrito is in Contra Costa County... about 5 miles north of Berkeley.

CarolLK: OK

JeffC: I am the facilitator for both the Math and Science groups here at Tapped In. My goal is to create a collaborative space for math educators and to facilitate communication between them.

LeeAnnHo: good this is all new to me

JeffC: To that end, I have created two rooms. One is entitled Math Resources K-20+ and the other is Science Resources K-20+.

JeffC: What I'm going to have both of you do, is join this group, and we'll go to that room... where I can show you the resources I've begun to accumulate.

CarolLK: How do we join!

JeffC: To join the group: 1) Click the "Search" tab (in the above frame) 2) Click the "Groups" subtab 3) Type: Math and click: Find It!

JeffC: You will see about 5 groups.

JeffC: Click on the link that says "Math Resources K-20+" ... and then click the "Join this Group" link.

CarolLK: Got there

JeffC: Click the link to join the group

JeffC: How are you doing LeeAnn?

JeffC: Good... I can see that both of you have joined.

LeeAnnHo left the room.

JeffC: If you click your "Favorite Places" drop down menu... you will see a link to that room... select it and let's all go there now.

JeffC left the room.

Room: Math Resources Group

JeffC joined the room.

JeffC: When Carol joins us we can continue.

LeeAnnHo: ok

JeffC: In the meantime... go ahead and scroll down the top frame and read what's there... I'm going back to ASO to get Carol.

JeffC left the room.

Room: ASO

JeffC joined the room.

CarolLK left the room.

JeffC left the room.

Room: Math Resources Group

JeffC: I hope you've both had a minute to scroll down the top frame and look a bit at the resources here.

LeeAnnHo: yes, I did

CarolLK: yes

JeffC: It might not look like much... but I'm trying to condense quite a bit into a small package!

CarolLK: good idea

JeffC: First... I'd like you to both take a look at the Math and Science Public Bookmarks.

JeffC: That's the first link under featured items.

JeffC: <http://www.mybookmarks.com/public/mathscience> ...you can just click on that link.

JeffC: What I'm doing here is giving math educators an opportunity to collaborate on Math sites. You will notice that the login and password are both on the screen above.

JeffC: My hope is to get math educators to upload their own math links, and therefore, build into a database that can be shared by all.

JeffC: Go ahead and take a look at those links for a few minutes... then come back here with any questions or comments.

LeeAnnHo: Wow, there are a lot of good links there.

JeffC: Thanks!

JeffC: I've been accumulating them over the past five years or so.

JeffC: Of course... they'll be even better once I get other educators to add their own!

CarolLK: Wow, that's a lot of work!

JeffC: Yup... but... hey... it's not just a job...it's a career!

JeffC: So... do both of you understand my goal here? I'd like both of you to take some time (not right now)... to upload some math links there. BTW... do either of you have your bookmarks online already?

JeffC: I may be jumping ahead of the game here...

CarolLK: I'm sorry sir, but I have to leave to get to a class I'm taking, thanks for the info!

LeeAnnHo: No, I don't know what you mean

JeffC: There are a number of sites that allow you to upload "favorites" from your computer to the Net. <http://www.backflip.com> is one of them... OK

JeffC: OK Carol... come back when you can.

CarolLK: Thanks

CarolLK left the room (signed off).

JeffC: www.mybookmarks.com allows you to create an account (it's free) and upload your favorites from your computer to the Net.

JeffC: This way, when you're on *any* computer, you can access your favorites.

JeffC: By making your bookmarks "public" ... you allow others to view those links, as I am doing here with the mathscience links.

JeffC: Are you on your home or school computer now LeeAnn?

LeeAnnHo: I am at school right now

JeffC: Do you have a number of favorites on the computer you are working on?

JeffC: A few math links perhaps (that I don't have)?

LeeAnnHo: No, I haven't been using this computer very long and I don't have any bookmarks yet

JeffC: OK... but... perhaps on your home computer...you have a few?

LeeAnnHo: I have a few

JeffC: Right... so... here's some (voluntary) homework:

JeffC: When you go home tonight... login to <http://www.mybookmarks.com> with the login: mathscience ...and the password: tappedin

LeeAnnHo: ok

JeffC: You will then be able to *add* your favorites to that site.

JeffC: Do you have a Mac or PC?

LeeAnnHo: pc

JeffC: There is a program at mybookmarks called "remark" ... it is a free download.

JeffC: It allows you to upload all or some of your bookmarks all at once.

LeeAnnHo: ok

JeffC: It works with mybookmarks... give it a shot tonight.

LeeAnnHo: I'll try it tonight

JeffC: I'd recommend creating your own account there, so you can also add all your own favorites to your personal account.

JeffC: Whatever you do, it's up to you.

LeeAnnHo: thanks

JeffC: OK... ready for the next step?

LeeAnnHo: sure

JeffC: What we're going to do now is have you create your own office here.

LeeAnnHo: okay

JeffC: To do that: 1) Click the "Me" tab (above) 2) Click the "Create an Office" link.

JeffC: Once you've done that... I will show you how to create a Passageway.

LeeAnnHo: okay, it says I have created an office

JeffC: Excellent!

JeffC: Yes... I see it.

JeffC: OK... next... I'm going to create a passageway from this room, to your office... then... we'll go to your office and create a passageway back here.

LeeAnnHo: alright

JeffC: OK... click the "Welcome" link on the left (to refresh your top frame).

JeffC: Then... look under "Math Related Passageways"... for now... I'm Featuring the link to your office.

JeffC: Whenever you "Feature" something, it shows up in your Welcome page.

JeffC: Go ahead and click on the link to your office, so we can go there.

LeeAnnHo left the room.

JeffC left the room.

Room: LeeAnnHo_Office

JeffC joined the room.

JeffC: excellent!

JeffC: Welcome to your own virtual office!

LeeAnnHo: this is cool

JeffC nods

JeffC: Now... please note... there are a number of links in this room... plus a number of "Edit" buttons.

JeffC: I recommend playing around with them after the meeting is through.

LeeAnnHo: okay

JeffC: Lots to 'decorate' ... and I'll show you my office before I'm through.

JeffC: For now... let me show you how to add a Passageway

LeeAnnHo: alright

JeffC: 1) click: Passageways (link on the left) 2) click: Add Passageway 3) search for Math Resources

JeffC: Then... check the box next to Math Resources

K-20+... and also check the box to "Feature" the passageway...finally... click the "Update Featured Passageways" box.

JeffC: There are a few steps there... but they're all fairly intuitive... let me know if you have trouble.

LeeAnnHo left the room.

JeffC left the room.

Room: Math_Grp

JeffC joined the room.

JeffC: OK... you did it!

JeffC: You created the passageway there... but you didn't Feature it (yet).

LeeAnnHo: what's next

JeffC: Let's go back to your office... Feature it...then I'll show you one more thing.

JeffC left the room.

Room: LeeAnnHo_Ofc

JeffC joined the room.

LeeAnnHo joined the room.

JeffC: OK... click on Passageways... check the box next to Math Resources... and "Update" featured passageways.

JeffC: Actually... you didn't add a passage there yet.

JeffC: my mistake.

JeffC: you clicked on the link to Math Resources... one exists under the Passageways into this Room...

JeffC: You need to "Add Passageway" first.

LeeAnnHo: okay I'm at add passageway now

JeffC: It takes a little time to get acclimated...good...

JeffC: search for Math Resources

LeeAnnHo: It says no matches found

JeffC: Just type Math

LeeAnnHo: Okay, there are a lot of them now

JeffC: Right... pick the Math Resources K-20+

LeeAnnHo left the room.

JeffC: Then add it... and "Feature" it by checking the box next to it, and clicking the 'update'

JeffC left the room.

Room: Math_Grp

JeffC joined the room.

LeeAnnHo: am I in the right place

JeffC: Let's go back to your office... passageway still isn't added.

LeeAnnHo: okay

LeeAnnHo left the room.

JeffC: Don't click on the link to this room when in your office... just check the boxes.

JeffC left the room.

Room: LeeAnnHo_Ofc

JeffC joined the room.

JeffC: Third time is the charm is my guess!

LeeAnnHo: let's try

JeffC: Don't click on the link to the Math Resources room.

LeeAnnHo: okay

JeffC: Just check the box next to it and "Update Featured Passageways" when you get to that step.

JeffC: The key is to "Add" a new passageway...

"Search" for Math... select: Math Resources K-20+... check the box next to the name and add it... then click the "Update Featured Passageways" button.

JeffC: It's tricky, I know.

LeeAnnHo: where is the update button

JeffC: It will be at the bottom after you've added the passage

JeffC: Where are you now in the process?

JeffC: The passage still hasn't been added

LeeAnnHo: I clicked the box for the passageway

JeffC: good

JeffC: Then just hit "return"

JeffC: or "enter"

JeffC: Let's see if that adds it.

JeffC: I'll be right back

LeeAnnHo: I think I got it this time

JeffC: OK... good

JeffC: Meet you in the Math Room

JeffC left the room.