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BJ joined the room.

BJ: to help you participate in this discussion and make it easier for you to read the chat text...

BJ: click on the ACTIONS menu in the top right of this chat window

BJ: and highlight DETACH

JohnVan: oh ya, much better

KimBi: ok

TiffanyKe: done

BJ: If any urls are shared during the discussion, they will appear as hyperlinks. All you have to do is click on the hyperlink to open a new window

BJ: Welcome to the Tech in the Classroom discussion, everyone!

BJ: we usually start with introductions...

JoanEP: Hi I am Joan

BJ: to help Donna know who the participants are and what their needs are

DonnaH: My Name is Donna Hendry, and I'm an educational consultant in CT, as well as the leader of The Techclass forum.

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

JohnVan: My name is John. I am a student at the University of Houston.

StephaniCo: Hi I am Stephanie and teach 6th grade math and science

KimBi: I'm Kim a preservice teacher from the University of Houston in Texas

JoanEP: Joan and I also go to University of Houston

TiffanyKe: Hello I am Tiffany. I am a student at the University of Houston.

DonnaH: (if you're a preservice teacher...I see a few, could you please specify your concentration?)

AllisonHu: Hi, I'm Allison from the University of Houston. (Preservice teacher for English/Language Arts grades 4-8). I have a big interest in teaching with technology and plan to get a Master's in Instructional technology.

KrantiS: Hi my name is Kranti and I am preservice student at the University of Houston

TiffanyKe: EC-4

FrendaS: Hi... My name is Frenda... I teach Biology and IPC in a public Texas school.

JohnVan: EC-4

JoanEP: EC-4

KimBi: EC-4

KatherinBr: I am Kathy and am a preservice teacher with PUMA at U OF H Houston

GayleT: I am Gayle- a preservice teacher in social studies at the University of Houston- will be student teaching in spring 2005.

KatherinBr: EC-4 Generalist

JoanEP: A lot of UH students tonight

TiffanyKe: you know it

StephaniCo: What is EC-4?

DonnaH: (yay! Lots of lower levels tonight!)

JohnVan: Jeez, I thought we were GT

DonnaH: I feel like bouncing around tonight.

AllisonHu: lol

TiffanyKe: Early Childhood through 4th grade certification

GayleT: middle school, please

GayleT: Sorry about that entry- I thought it was relevant, but when I backed up further- I realized it wasn't

DonnaH: sokay!

DonnaH: Seems like there are a lot of ECE and English...so I'll start with one of my favorite websites.

DonnaH: (my daughters both love this one as well!)

DonnaH: <http://www.storyplace.org/storyplace.asp>

DonnaH: excellent pre-reader site.

DonnaH: (click on preschool, and choose a book to 'read')

DonnaH: *waits while everyone looks*

JoanEP: how can look at it and also be on here with you
SusanR joined the room.

BJ: Joan, did you detach your chat window?

BJ: resize your screens so that they overlap

JoanEP: sorry how do I do that

AllisonHu feels bad for people with slow dial-up

BJ: go to the actions menu in the top right of the chat window

BJ: then highlight DETACH

DonnaH: flip between windows:, Joan:)

DonnaH: not many anymore...but I used to have my children use this when I was still on a 56k.

JoanEP: ok got you

DonnaH: (and the programming hasn't changed)

JoanEP: sorry little slow here

JohnVan: Nothing happens when I click on the link

DonnaH: (bugger that stupid update from windows)

DonnaH: the new update keeps windows from automatically popping up ...so you may have to open a window, and paste the url.

TiffanyKe: That is really cute.

DonnaH: (I wish I never downloaded that update...but that's for other reasons)

DonnaH: It's very useful; I've used it in literacy campaigns with parents.

DonnaH: and it also has a Spanish mirror; which worked very well, as my area has a large Hispanic population; which made the parents feel more comfortable.

JoanEP: that is too cute

DonnaH: There are a number of different stories; and each story has printable activities, and many of them have online games.

PatriciaK1 joined the room.

DonnaH: colors, numbers, music, animals... plenty of different themes...and the extras help reinforce the concepts.

AllisonHu: The online story books are a good way to get small kids working with a computer.

AllisonHu: The maneuvers (sp?) are pretty simple too.

DonnaH: also a good way to get parents who might not normally read to their children to get their children hearing stories.

DonnaH: Yes! The buttons are nice and big (a big deal when dealing with a 3 year old's eye-hand coordination!)

DonnaH: I've also used the Spanish mirror; my daughter wants to learn Spanish, so she's been using those books.

StephaniCo: What a great resource this site is.

JoanEP: does it have any other languages?

BJ . o O (if the url doesn't open for you, check to see if you have a minimized window. Also try holding down the ctrl key when you click on the link if you're on a pc.)

DonnaH: just the English and Spanish:(

StephaniCo: I like that even if the computers don't have speakers (like in some classrooms) you can still read the stories and it still remains a useful site.

KatherinBr: I love this site, I know another girl in my cluster who I will share this with

DonnaH: it loses a lot though, Stephani:)

JoanEP: I don't have speakers now, and I am enjoying it and understanding it

DonnaH: (I know, my sound card blew last week:()

JohnVan: very nice

StephaniCo: What level reading do these stories go up to?

DonnaH: the preschool is up to no more than first grade.

DonnaH: the primary...I really can't say.

DonnaH: depends on what you plan on using it for:)

JoanEP: yes

TiffanyKe: That is a great site.

DonnaH: Disney had a reading initiative that included famous people reading their favorite books...but I'm having difficulty in finding the link again.

JohnVan: I like that site. I'm sure kids love it.

DonnaH: (it was really cook, I remember one was Maya Angelou.)

FrendaS: Donna, do you have anything for high school?

AllisonHu: And Middle School as well! any other subject areas?

DonnaH: What in specific, Frenda?

FrendaS: a website in anything pertaining to biology or physics

DonnaH: hmmm. biology... *grin*

FrendaS: plants, cells, animals, human body, etc.

DonnaH: (give me a moment:)

DonnaH: <http://homeschooling.gomilpitas.com/explore/microscope.htm>

DonnaH: this website offers views of different things (like bacteria) from under a microscope

FrendaS: I am checking it out ... thank you

DonnaH:

<http://micro.magnet.fsu.edu/primer/java/electronmicroscopy/magnify1/index.html>

DonnaH: here's another that lets kids "play" with an electron microscope.

TiffanyKe: some scary looking fish

KimBi: tell me about it

DonnaH: (I like this because there is a good amount of student input)

TiffanyKe: the microscope is fun

AllisonHu: I also like the microscope. it's great if a school does not have enough funds to provide classroom sets of microscopes.

DonnaH: I should share the Build your own prairie, shouldn't I, BJ?

JohnVan: yes you should

StephaniCo: good site

DonnaH: (looking for my link:))

DonnaH: In the mean time....

DonnaH: Kid's gardening: it has a teacher section...and they quite often offer links for grants to support school plantings...

DonnaH: <http://www.kidsgardening.org/teachers.asp>

KimBi: I love the biosphere in a bottle thing

KimBi: I've seen that done and it turned out really well

DonnaH: ahhhh here we go:)

DonnaH: <http://www.bellmuseum.org/distancelearning/prairie/build/>

DonnaH: (warning...it's a highly addictive site!)

DonnaH: I'd really like to see the same format with different land types; but this is the only one I've seen thus far

KatherinBr: Sorry, I was disconnected and was just able to get back on--I have to get digital.

DonnaH: *grin* no problem!

JohnVan: I like the kids gardening site, looks very interesting

GayleT: Looks like one that would easily work for middle school geography-right?

FrendaS: thank you, Donna ... both websites seemed to be very helpful ...

KimBi: I'm not doing very well at building my own prairie

JoanEP: I like this one

DonnaH: I actually thought it worked well with science *chuckle* but yes, I guess geography would work just as well!

StephaniCo: This site is just what I need for 6th grade,

JoanEP: Do you have any math websites?

AllisonHu: Gayle, good point! Even if it doesn't end up working with geography, at least you could integrate cross-curricular lessons!

JohnVan: I like this one too

MaureenD: Joan, I have a couple of math sites. They are linked to my web page at www.csusm.edu

TiffanyKe: The prairie is really cool. I love it when you choose the wrong thing.

DonnaH: preferred age group, Joan?

JoanEP: 3rd or 4th

MaureenD: Ask Dr. Math would help you

JoanEP: I have never heard of Dr. Math

BJ: Tapped In has a K-20 Math Resources group

MaureenD: How do you contact them BJ?

BJ: o O (there are a lot of resources available in the group room)

MarkWN: www.aaamath.com is a good sight\

DonnaH: okay. I love this site for cross curricular:

DonnaH: <http://www.westegg.com/inflation/>

BJ: Join the group, Maureen. Click on the search tab in the top right of the screen, click on GROUPS, and then enter K-20 math resource

PatriciaK1: There is also a Dr. Demo for science lessons

DonnaH: it's a way to put history and reading together with math.

MaureenD: what is that for Donna?

DonnaH: (I've used it when reading say, the little house books...so they can see what things would cost now.)

MaureenD: Say, does anyone know if I can look at these other sites and NOT be logged out of this group?

GayleT: Good suggestion, Allison- thank you.

DonnaH: you put in the year and the price, and it will tell you what it would cost now.

JohnVan: That is really neat

DonnaH: I know that 3-4th graders take prices written as NOW...and don't get the concept that back in time, things cost cheaper because people made less.

DonnaH: (now, they don't get inflation)

TiffanyKe: love the inflation calculator

TiffanyKe: very fun

JoanEP: that is so cool

DonnaH: I mean, if you put in that model t's were \$400 new in 1924...

AllisonHu: I'm playing with it too!

DonnaH: 4131.67

KatherinBr: this is great, my calculations really surprised me

GayleT: Another good tool for middle school economics; those are hard to come by, it seems.

DonnaH: (which means...cars were actually cheaper back then)

MaureenD: How can you play with it, or look at other sites, and still stay connected here? I tried and got bumped off.

JohnVan: I open a new window and type in the address

DonnaH: you might not have enough virtual memory open, Maureen.

DonnaH: (flip flop between windows)

MaureenD: That is probably it cause I tried opening a new widow and it didn't work. Thanks.

DonnaH: (I also have links to all sorts of learning songs)

DonnaH: animaniacs seem to be a favorite of mine *laugh*

JoanEP: I need to learn some songs, I am out of date

AllisonHu: I love the states/capitals song.

DonnaH: (have the states, the bones (?) and the parts of the brain (I really like that one)

MaureenD: I've got it, Thanks everyone.

DonnaH: (yay, Maureen!)

MaureenD: So, I didn't give you the full address. Try www.csusm.edu/math_lab

DonnaH: also have the school house rock's multiplication songs

KimBi: awesome!

MarkWN: How about links for telling time

KatherinBr: quick question--will I receive two different transcripts of this discussion?
Due to being bumped I am not sure.

MaureenD: Some of my college level remedial math students could sure use the multiplication song Donna

BJ: one of the recent K-3+ Resources group was on the topic of Time

StephaniCo: a good site is www.primarygames.com

BJ: o O (join K TO 3 RESOURCE)

MaureenD: Katherin, telling time digitally or the old fashioned clock with arms that revolve?

SusanR: yes and this was presented yesterday here at TI <http://www.fi.edu/time/>

SusanR: Thanks for the plug BJ

DonnaH: (I lied. I _HAD_ the lyrics...the site is belly up...)

KimBi: oh no

AllisonHu: Katherin, I believe you only get one transcript. But I will email you mine if you'd like (incase you missed anything that's important to you)

DonnaH: found another source though:

DonnaH:

http://www.postdiluvian.org/~gilly/Schoolhouse_Rock/HTML/multiplication/multiplication.html

TiffanyKe: Presidents' Day coloring pages on the primary games site

KatherinBr: thanks, I don't want to miss any of these great websites

MaureenD: Does anyone know where to get the lyrics for the multiplication song?

JoanEP: Texas Indians is what I need

MaureenD: thanks Donna

DonnaH: do you have specific Tribes you focus on, Joan?

SusanR: I have used the Schoolhouse Rock CD with grade 3's..they love the chants

DonnaH: (teehee...one of my areas of focus there)

JoanEP: no just any

StephaniCo: I still hear the songs by the older kids, they are remembered

DonnaH: (I've had whole sessions on Indians *laugh*)

SusanR: <http://snipurl.com/teachingtime>

JoanEP: it is for 4th graders

DonnaH: <http://www.backflip.com/members/donnah/5824309/sort=0/>

DonnaH: you'd have to go through it (I was doing it for 4th grade too:)) but there is a ton of good info there.

DonnaH: (my bookmark listing)

JoanEP: great thank you a bunch

JohnVan: thanks

DonnaH: a good group read book? I highly suggest "Morning Girl" by Michael Dorris.

MaureenD: Anyone ever use SETS game in the classroom?

DonnaH: We discussed how the feeling of the book was different...(more focus on the natural world, rather than person to person interaction)

JohnVan: I have not used that game

DonnaH: that sounds like something I should know, Maureen, but isn't sinking in.

DonnaH: (the style writing is very Native American; rather than reading stories that are written by those of European ancestry...there is quite a difference in voice.)

MaureenD: There are three colors and three attributes. A set is all three alike or all three different. It is really fun and captivating.

DonnaH: (falls through her soap box)

DonnaH: hrm.

FrendaS: how do I get a transcript for all of this

JohnVan: it sends you one automatically once you disconnect

DonnaH: as a member, its automatically sent to you Frenda:)

FrendaS: thank you

TiffanyKe: it is sent to your e-mail

DonnaH: It IS however, time to wrap up!

DonnaH: (time flies and all that)

JohnVan: Yes it is Tiffers

KimBi: patches

DonnaH: Any last minute questions?

JoanEP: Patches

TiffanyKe: I was telling not asking

KatherinBr: thanks for all of these wonderful sites. I have really enjoyed this discussion session.

JoanEP: NO thank you for helping

PatriciaK1: Thank you for the information

KimBi: these sites seem to be really helpful

DonnaH: that's what I'm here for!

JohnVan: Thanks a bunch

SusanR: Thanks, Donna...great session...sites I can use tomorrow in my spec ed class

TiffanyKe: thank you for all of the wonderful resources

GayleT: Thanks, Donna

AllisonHu: Thanks

JoanEP: thanks again

FrendaS: Thanks

KimBi: thanks

MarkWN: Thank you

AllisonHu: Bye everyone

MaureenD: Donna, go to www.setgame.com and play it. It is really fun.

JohnVan: bye

JoanEP: bye

TiffanyKe: bye bye

KimBi waving bye as she goes to eat dinner

PatriciaK1: bye

MaureenD: Thanks Donna. Bye

DonnaH: goodnight everyone!