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LeanneMM: Jeff, I feel like Alice in Wonderland, because this is very "outside my comfort zone"

SusanR joined the room.

TimothyBr waves to Leanne, Ruth, and Germaine.

JeffC: Don't worry about it Leanne... like anything... it takes some time to learn.

JeffC: The advantage to Tapped In is that there is real time help available... we're here to help.

JeffC: Hi all... thanks for coming. Let's start with brief introductions. I'm Jeff Cooper, in Oregon, and I facilitate this group, even though I'm not a math educator.

TimothyBr: Timothy from Azusa Pacific University. I train faculty to integrate technology into their curriculum.

LeanneMM: I'm Leanne in Kamloops BC Canada. NOT a math whiz, just trying to learn about TI and all its features

GermaineS: Hi I'm Germaine Stevens in Louisiana. I am a second grade teacher.

RichardFi: I'm Richard Fielding, I'm a community college math instructor in California

KatieBr: I am a second grade teach in PA

JeffC: OK cool... seems like we have a wide range of educators here.

SusanR: I'm Sue in Ottawa, Ontario Canada..and former Grade 2 teacher

GermaineS: Cool! Nice to chat with you

SusanBr: I'm Susan and a computer lab k-5 teacher in TN

BJB2: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania

LeanneMM . o O (here for Escher BJ?)

EmilyW joined the room.

JeffC: OK... that does it for the intros. What I would like to do today is go over the resources a bit in this room... and talk about the Festival on July 20th.

SusanR: and now K to 8 Occasional Teacher (sub)

ReneeH joined the room.

BJB2 smiles and nods to Leanne...and all the other arts applications to math

GermaineS: Great!

JeffC: I love Escher... that's why he's here... besides... tessellations are a good thing for math teachers!

JeffC: If you scroll down the top frame, you'll see some of the resources (Files, Links, Passageways) in this room.

JeffC: The first link is for the public bookmarks for this group "Math & Science Public Bookmarks" <http://www.mybookmarks.com/public/mathscience> ... my goal was to get math educators to add links as they deemed fit.

JeffC: If you go to <http://www.mybookmarks.com> and login: mathscience password: tappedin ...you can add links, download the entire group of bookmarks, or copy them to your own.

JeffC: Any questions about that? I'm going to move fast... but people are free to ask questions or make comments at any time.

LeanneMM: Jeff, is that a way to access that site outside of TI?

SusanBr: I'm looking for webquests for middle school math. Do you have any suggestions?

EmilyW: go to the webquest page

EmilyW: hold on

JeffC: Leanne... that is a site outside of Tapped In. If you have a PC, you can download a program from mybookmarks called Remark... and upload/download bookmarks to that site. You may create your own account as well (it's free)... and do that... something I recommend so that you'll have your bookmarks at your fingertips when you need them.

LeanneMM: Right, thanks Jeff

JeffC: Here are some middle school math webquests:
<http://www.wfu.edu/%7Emccoy/NCTM00/examplesmid.html>

EmilyW: <http://webquest.sdsu.edu/wqSearch.html> and type in math

JeffC: (for you Susan)

SusanBr: thanks Emily!

JeffC: OK... so the first link was to our public bookmark files... like I said... any educator who comes here is welcome to login to mybookmarks and copy the links, or add and edit sites.

EmilyW: sure

ReneeH: Jeff, I usually keep my bookmarks (currently on backflip.com) by California standards and grade. Would that be a problem?

JeffC: Any questions about mybookmarks? Not a problem at all Renee... backflip is also an excellent site.

JeffC: If you have Math links at Backflip, please feel free to add a link to this room to them.

ReneeH: Backflip now has unsavory ads, so I like your link site better. Just moving them all will be the issue

SusanR: It's a challenge, Renee

EmilyW: I use backflip and del.icio.us for my bookmarks

JeffC: Renee... you should be able to export your backflip links to your computer... then you could upload them to mybookmarks.

ReneeH: yep I'll figure it out

TimothyBr: I use In-link. <http://educabs.apu.edu/inlink>

JeffC: No ads there (yet)

JeffC: Thanks for the link Timothy

DavidWe joined the room.

LeanneMM waves to David

GermaineS: Thanks, Timothy.

SusanR: Try ikeepbookmarks

SusanR: ads are minimal

SusanR: <http://www.ikeepbookmarks.com/sroseman>

DavidWe: Hi, Leanne

JeffC: Those are great links too Susan... if both you and Timothy could add a link in this room, I'd appreciate it.

SusanR: <http://www.ikeepbookmarks.com/browse.asp?folder=1175902> .. some useful ads for print resources

JeffC: What I'd like to get is this room organized a bit more for the Festival... and then have a volunteer here for the Festival. Whenever you can volunteer... that would be great.

LeanneMM: Jeff, I've already committed to 4 - 7 pm Pacific at TI reception...I think that's all I can handle, sorry

JeffC: That's ok Leanne

JeffC: If people can give an hour to volunteer here, that is what I'm hoping for. Even if you're in Reception... you can guide people here (if they're interested).

JeffC: We'll get to volunteering in a bit though... no need to commit to a time right now.

SusanBr: I'll be out of town during that week.. sorry

BJB2: there are ***227*** members of this group!!!

DavidWe thinks about the significance of 227

JeffC: Yeah... and my goal is to get 10% of them here for the Festival!

DavidWe smiles

DavidWe: I'll help with that, Jeff

ReneeH: I can offer some time. Where and when (Pacific time)

DavidWe: It's an all day event, Renee

DavidWe . o O (20 July)

JeffC: The Festival is from 7-7 Pacific.

ReneeH: right, but are we trying to cover or should I just log in and have at it?

BJB2 . o O (one would think that would be enough people to fill in 12 hours of just sitting in this room in case someone comes here looking for information)

JeffC: Here is the link to the Festival webpage: <http://tappedin.org/tappedin/web/festival/>

JeffC: OK... I don't want to get too far ahead of myself...

JeffC: The *second* link on this page is to the Math Group Archives:
<http://ti2data.sri.com/transcripts/mst/2004/>

JeffC: That link is for last year's transcripts... this year's is
<http://ti2data.sri.com/transcripts/mst/2005/>

JeffC: I'll update both of the links in the room.

LeanneMM: Good idea

JeffC: The key here is that people should know that there is an easy way to read up on past meetings.

DavidWe nods

JeffC: OK... there are several Discussions featured... I'll probably redo them as well.

JeffC: I like to post the Math Tools Newsletter... always has some good stuff in it... and people should be encouraged to subscribe.

JeffC: To register: <http://mathforum.org/mathtools/register.html>

DavidWe: There was a full-day MathTools workshop on Sunday in Philadelphia before the main part of NECC began

GermaineS: I'll register, so I can read up on the math tools. I'm sure I can find info to utilize.

ReneeH: Some of the tools are very impressive

DavidWe agrees

ReneeH: AND FREE

JeffC nods

GermaineS: That's even better!

LeanneMM agrees, free is good

DavidWe smiles

JeffC: Mathforum is a very good site... I'll probably highlight and feature it as well as a link to <http://www.enc.org>

DavidWe: The main MathTools web page is: <http://www.mathforum.org/mathtools/>

DavidWe knows that Gail Hoskins would appreciate that link

DavidWe . o O (for ENC)

JeffC: OK... the next general area is the Passageways out of this room.

JeffC: If anyone has suggestions... please feel free to add a Passage to another group or office within Tapped In.

SusanR: I subscribe to the mathtools newsletter..keeps me updated on new additions and tools

LeanneMM: Jeff, do you need permission from anyone to add a passageway to their room?

JeffC: No Leanne.

JeffC: If you're linking to their office... it's probably a good idea to let them know... but it isn't necessary... did you have a particular room in mind?

LeanneMM: not really...but doesn't David do some math stuff that could/should be linked here?

JeffC: I haven't looked at David's office recently... if there is a ton of stuff... then yes... link...

LeanneMM: Well, we should ask David then...DAVID!!!

LeanneMM calls loudly in David's direction

JeffC: He's probably eating pizza.

LeanneMM: or dinner rolls...

JeffC: anything's possible

DavidWe apologizes for making/eating dinner

DavidWe has a pretty bare office

DavidWe . o O (and feet, at the moment)

JeffC: Yeah... next time don't eat and type at the same time.

DavidWe chews and types at the same time

SusanR: The K to 3 Resource Room has math resources...may want to link to it...

JeffC: My basic point here is that if you think of a room to link to... by all means do it.

DavidWe should build some more stuff in Jeff's room or....

TimothyBr: Jeff: Got it.

JeffC: Will do Susan... surprised I hadn't done that yet.

JeffC: done

TimothyBr: If you do not have this page as a resource you should

TimothyBr: It is : <http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Hall/1216/calculators.htm>

TimothyBr: Loads of calculators and tools.

TimothyBr: All math

GermaineS: Thanks for sharing.

DavidWe: Between the Math Forum and ENC (feel free to add other big sites) there is so much....

DavidWe: In addition, I usually highlight CIESE - www.ciese.org - where my friend Ihor Charischak works

TimothyBr: Yeah that's a good one.

JeffC: Thanks Timothy and David.

JeffC: Like I said... I'm not a math educator... so really all I can do is get the members here to contribute as much as they can to the collective pot.

DavidWe: The Math Forum and ENC have spent huge numbers of people-hours collecting, annotating and sorting web sites about Math and Science

TimothyBr . o O (I gotta go.)

TimothyBr waves

JeffC: Thanks for coming Timothy.

TimothyBr: See ya'll later.

LeanneMM: Bye Timothy

DavidWe waves bye to Timothy

TimothyBr left the room (signed off).

JeffC: One other thing regarding the room... so you know... if you post to the Discussion board... the message goes out to the 227 members.

JeffC: So... this room acts as a little listserv for math educators.

JeffC: Only group members may post.

JeffC: Questions or comments?

NatalieMo joined the room.

JeffC: Hi Natalie

LeanneMM: What discussion board do you mean, Jeff?

LeanneMM: The whiteboard in this room?

NatalieMo: Hi - sorry I am late - major computer trouble

JeffC: No problem Natalie.

JeffC: I can paste the session to you in private chat if you like... so you can catch up.

JeffC: whoops... no I can't. I can email it to you though.

NatalieMo: great

NatalieMo: thanks

JeffC: OK... done!

NatalieMo: I'll go check it out - be right back - I hope

JeffC: OK... have I put everyone to sleep yet?

LeanneMM: No, but you didn't answer my question...

SusanR: Must logout..computer repair..will login momentarily

SusanR left the room (signed off).

JeffC: The last thing I want to do is see if I can get some sort of commitment from people to hang out. Ooops... what question was that Leanne? (scrolls back).

LeanneMM: do you mean the whiteboard in this room goes to all 227?

JeffC: Oh... OK Leanne... see it now.

JeffC: The Whiteboard stays in this room.

JeffC: If you click on the Discussion link on the left of the top frame... *those* discussions go out to all 227.

LeanneMM: then what discussion goes to all members?

JeffC: Do you see the Discussion link on the left of the top frame?

LeanneMM: yes, I do now, thanks

JeffC: It's a threaded Discussion board... very cool... members are automatically "subscribed"... which means that when someone posts... it goes out to all members.

JeffC: You may "unsubscribe" and only read messages when in this room. I don't recommend it though... because... *everybody* that is online reads their email, but not everybody logs into this group room.

BJB2 . o O (you can also turn on the digest feature)

BJB2 . o O (this is a new feature of the discussion boards)

LeanneMM: oh, that sounds cool, BJ

JeffC: Right... which is handy for groups where there is a lot of daily discussion (which is rare).

JeffC: OK... I will post to Discussion asking for volunteers for this room for the Festival... so no one really needs to commit at this moment... unless they want to!

SusanBr left the room.

LeanneMM: I will be at Reception Jeff, but will note the interesting features of your room so I can let math teachers know what they're missing if they don't go

JeffC: Thanks Leanne

BJB2: Jeff, you also might want to offer a brief training session on sitting at the K-20 math resources helpdesk

SusanBr joined the room.

SusanBr: oops

LeanneMM: wb Susan

SusanBr: thanks

BJB2 grins... wouldn't you know it...the second Jeff asked for volunteers, Susan accidentally leaves the room

JeffC: Not sure what you mean Bj.

BJB2: if someone volunteers to be here in the group room, what will they have to do?

SusanBr: er.. well... uh..

JeffC: Show them around... like I just did during this session (wasn't I modeling helpdesk)?

LeanneMM: yes, good job, Jeff!

BJB2 nods. I thought you were, but sometimes you have to be a little more specific

JeffC: Basically... I take things for granted!

JeffC: Anyways... obviously... you would want to welcome them... and OH! make sure they are a member... or become one.

JeffC: Any guest that comes in should be forced... er... suggested to register.

JeffC: The way someone becomes a member is to click the link to the profile of this group (scroll down the top frame), and then... click the link to join.

JeffC: The profile is the link next to the little "i" in the green circle. There will be a link "Join this Group" in the upper left of the screen when they do.

LeanneMM: I guess that if someone comes in to TI Reception with a -GST moniker, then we should suggest they register as a member (for free)?

JeffC: Yes Leanne

JeffC: Assuming they are an educator, and not a K-12 student.

SusanR joined the room.

LeanneMM: right

BJB2: one more thing I suggest you mention...don't forget there is a group poster session

BJB2: if someone visits three groups and then goes to the group lobby...

LeanneMM: for what group (s) BJ?

BJB2: they can read the questions by the Discussion board featured link

JeffC: Right Bj... after they visit this room... they should go to the Tapped In Groups lobby... and post their thoughts about this room. They then get credit towards a certificate of participation.

BJB2: and post comments...which will gain them one hour credit

JeffC: There is a link in the Favorite Places menu to quickly go there.

JeffC: (members only... not guests)

LeanneMM will have to ponder and sort out that one

JeffC: OK... that pretty much does it for this session.

SusanBr: thanks Jeff! later ya'll

JeffC: I'll post the transcript when I logout... but I have to go to Science Resources now... do this all over again!

BJB2: if you're not sure about the poster session go to the group lobby and read the information posted there

LeanneMM: Thanks, Jeff. I'll review the transcript of this session and note the important things I should tell guests/members/math teachers

LeanneMM: Thanks, BJ will do - I'll try to do that before the training session tomorrow

JeffC: You're welcome Leanne

JeffC: Please tell your peers about this!