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DavinaP: first, let me apologize for my absence last month-veriZon issues played havoc on my cable--I was out of computer access/Internet for several days....

DavinaP: However, I read the transcripts of the chat and BJ filled me in and shared that there was interest in finding and/or discussing free internet sites to capture kid friendly images

MaggieS: yes

JillBa: I would love alternatives to google images!

NeriL: I'd like to know where to begin

DavinaP: I will make my disclaimer that this is not something I usually cover however we have discussed (hot topic) and arguments from both sides issues around searching and or filtering to find or allow kids to find these

BJB2: Davina, would you like to start with introductions so we know who's here and what they may be looking for?

DavinaP: Jill brings up a point--while google...

DavinaP: has wonderful images --you have to be on the lookout for what you end up with...

DavinaP: however one of the links provided (Bj I do not see them now) has how to set your Google search to filter out items which might be helpful

NeriL: do most teachers use the internet for images during class time or just download them for later use?

BJB2: above this chat window under FEATURED ITEMS is a folder with Safe Kids Search Sites

DavinaP: let's take a step back and do so as it looks like a few new folks this week--introductions please sorry

BJB2: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania

NeriL: I'm Neri, an art ed student at NAU

MaggieS: Hi I am Maggie, I am a senior at Northern Arizona University and am studying Art Education

MaryFT: Mary Thompson, preservice teaching instructor at University of Houston

JillBa: Hi - I'm Jill - a technology resource instructor from Virginia

DavinaP: Excellent so Mary you probably know where all the great "art and Image" sites are located??

MaryFT: I have a few sources that I give to my students

DavinaP: Maggie I meant

MaggieS: Yes, I use google image to find most

DavinaP: Neri--also from Northern Arizona

DavinaP: I am Director for Ed Tech Policy, Research and Outreach within the College of Education at the University of MD and faculty in curr and instu

NeriL: but new to using internet for images

DavinaP: To go back to Neri's question I do think teachers use images more for themselves rather than have students "find them" but this might be because teachers are scared of turning students loose to find images--what's the group's thoughts on this

BJB2: I agree, Davina.

MaryFT: there are copyright free resources that students can use and that are safe

BJB2: there is also the issue of copyright

MaryFT: Google Images is NOT one of them

MaggieS: I feel that it is good for the students to search for images but make sure that it is filtered so that they don't pull up unwanted things

MaggieS: Google especially is very touchy

DavinaP: Mary where are the resources URL that you are speaking about--perhaps we can add them to our list

JillBa: In elementary school it is best for teachers to have a folder of acceptable images (ie- famous Americans) for the student to choose

MaryFT: http://www.coe.uh.edu/courses/ec4intro/docs/imagesources.pdf

NeriL: sounds like a good idea Jill

MaryFT: that definitely cuts down on the amount of time needed for students to find images

MaggieS: yes I agree, I was thinking more of High school if they were going to search on there own

BJB2: I found this site while I was looking http://www.kidsclick.org/psearch.html

MaryFT: but it doesn't teach them search skills...which is a 3rd-5th skill in Texas

JillBa: I teach an online course for VCU and one of the assignments is to locate free clip art. Please add this site to your bookmarks (current as of December 2005) http://www.people.vcu.edu/~cjbaedke/tables.html

NeriL: Mary--that's an interesting point

NeriL: I never thought of search skills being a standard

BJB2: Has everyone found the folder with the sites Davina has entered?

MaggieS: no

NeriL: yes thanks

BJB2 . o O (above this chat window under Featured Items) [Ed Note: The folder is located in featured items in the ASO]

DavinaP: so we have come to the point that has surfaced in this same discussion area before--should we "bookmark" and find resources or should we teach search skills to find them that include being able to "self-filter" items in question?

BJB2: we're discussing image searches...safety, what to look for, etc

BJB2: I think some of that 'self filtering' depends on the age

NeriL: I guess it would all depend on time and location (state standards)?

NeriL: yes, and age

DavinaP: (on a side note regarding the links)--most take you to the main page then use the search feature --searching for images

DavinaP: N-why state standards?

NeriL: someone earlier mentioned that search skills were a 3-5th grade skill requirement in Texas

BJB2: are there national standards for teaching safe searching?

BJB2 . o O (technology standards)

JillBa: We have a 1:1 laptop initiative here (26,000 to students and faculty) We can teach and teach how to surf safely and be aware of the pitfalls - but we still have those who break the rules. As a result - the firewall goes up higher and higher.

MaggieS: yes, I believe so

DavinaP: ISTE NETS and literacy standards (media group) lists then as being able to eval content etc...

MaryFT: or a compromise...

JillBa: How about finding a few acceptable sites and have the students use those to find their images?

MaryFT: show them good, copyright friendly resources and then let them search from within those

NeriL: that sounds good

JillBa: In elementary school that could take weeks - they get lost in the "fun" of surfing!

MaryFT: like pics4learning, which is pre-filtered

MaryFT: and organized by category

MaggieS: I really feel that it all depends on the maturity of your class

NeriL: how about if you set time constraints on the class?

MaryFT nods to Neri...give them a task and a time limit and they may be more likely to stay "on task"

JillBa: Think of the skills that are necessary - keyword, surf, assess, evaluate, download, ... and think 7 - 9 years old...

NeriL: maybe they can start off on their own and for those who don't finish can be given a list to choose from

DavinaP: We have used these (high school and middle school as well as pre-service teachers) as warm ups--one of my favorite -is to find a photo of a termite larva time limit 3 minutes

NeriL: I think there are possible ways of doing this, you just need to know your students

NeriL: do you end up with a lot of the same images?

DavinaP: no but try it sometime its not easy--lots of pics of termites but not the early stages

DavinaP: what are some of the strategies others have used--or that Neri you suggest above?

JillBa: I think the objective of the lesson would also have to be considered. Is the end product a picture to support the concept - or the process of doing the search?

NeriL: good point Jill

JillBa: Strategies: cooperative groups with skilled "surfers" finding the images from select URLs.

DustinH: I suppose it depends on what kind of meaning you attach to the assignment after the initial pic. find.

DavinaP: in the warm up --it was to search working with workforce dev groups and our states Tech council--they complain that students graduating (from college) do not have simple search techniques--they can not apply "problem solving strat " to search--something that should take 10 minutes is taking them hours

JillBa: I can agree with that. I am teaching an "intro to online skills and research" and the "ohhh my gosh" moments are amazing over the simplest tasks. FUN to watch them grow in confidence!

DavinaP: when we investigated further why--we see--we do not teach it in schools--we teach search tech but within a filtered environment or from selected resources--we never turn them loose in the "full" field

DavinaP: so students are overwhelmed and as someone mentioned earlier--lost in the "fun" of being lost in Cyberspace

JillBa: Are you talking "schools" meaning high school?

DavinaP: middle, high and even some colleges

JillBa: In our county it only took a few "Look at what I found" surfers and the web "doors" slammed shut.

JillBa: the tail wags the dog...

DavinaP: Another question--some of you mentioned copyright free resources--are students expected to still "cite" their clip art and our resources?

JillBa: That is one of our fifth grade technology standards

MaryFT: yes...and teachers should model this by citing their own resources

DustinH: I think students should cite no matter what, out of courtesy/ respect for the original maker of the source

MaggieS: yes, I would like to know where they got it from

DustinH: I am glad that is a fifth grade standard Jill

DavinaP: Ah excellent--far too often what we have seen is that teachers are pulling clip art and or images (as well as other information) from sites thinking they are "copyright free" and there is no need to mention anything--this models to the students the behavior and thus the glitches we see later on

JillBa: I get nervous about second and third party users - who don't know the original source and just shrugged their shoulders. They need the image so they use it.

MaggieS: that's true

DavinaP: Jill which standards again are these?

JillBa: Virginia State Technology Standards. Up to a few years ago - there was actually a technology STATE test for fifth graders.(and eighth and eleventh)

DavinaP: how are you or your system measuring student competency with regard to these standards (now that test is gone?

JillBa: I also think the citing of resources is a media standard. (library)

JillBa: We have a required portfolio of technology and writing "pieces" for each student - grades 1 - 5.

DavinaP: does anyone else's state and/or organization have in place "standards" to help guide them? and if so how are you "measuring" the outcomes?

JillBa: The teacher marks off the standard and show an example of each (word processing, multi-media, spreadsheet, etc.)

DavinaP: Jill who keeps track of the students as they pass from grade to grade--what if they transfer school (within the same system) within the same state but diff system?

JillBa: The folder of "check marks, documents, and teacher signature goes to the next teacher. - or with the student when they leave for another district.

DavinaP: Any one else have a similar process in place?

MaggieS: I plan to when I start to teach

BJB2: PA teachers are expected to align lesson plans with the standards

DavinaP: does Arizona have student tech standards set?

DavinaP: So BJ--teachers align lesson plans with standards but never "measure" if students do grasp the standards--i.e., students know how to cite or search?

BJB2: I doubt that it's that easy, Davina....I'm just not in a public school where I have to follow those expectations quite so closely

BJB2: I know there are state assessment tests given at the 5th, 8th and 11th grade

DavinaP: never easy--no matter what group we fall under--just interesting how diff folks approach it

DavinaP: so to pull us back to our org thought around the topic of kid friendly image resources-...

DavinaP: I believe most agreed that depending on age giving images would be helpful for younger and some even feel for older students...

DavinaP: I would argue (my own thoughts only) that upper middle/high school should learn how to search for things without filters etc...

DavinaP: others may argue differently...however saying that...

JillBa: Davina - I agree - but with strict guidelines - and accountability if they go astray!

DavinaP: there seemed to be some interesting sites that I listed as well as Maggie posted several sites for images and clip art that are free copyright and kid friendly that we should add...any others

VickiWi: sometimes with HS students with filters you can not always get to certain sites

DavinaP: but if they go astray they should be taught to filter and "stray" back ..move on and complete the task

DavinaP: Vicki this is true--but esp for public schools via E-rate funding they must have the filters..so we are stuck

BJB2: we have only a couple minutes left, Davina

DavinaP: yes--any other sites to share and add to the list?

BJB2 . o O (the next cybersafety discussion will be on April 3. Did anyone want to request a topic?)

DavinaP: other topics of interest suggestions around C3 for next month?

DustinH: Thanks for the info Davina and the sites

JillBa: I really enjoy the discussion - thanks everyone!

DavinaP: perhaps a topic on online environments such as Myspace etc... would be in order?

BJB2: good idea, Davina

DavinaP: I'll send the topic BJ to you to post--goodnight all