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JeffC: Hi Mary

MaryZi: Hi everyone.

JeffC: wow... Recife, Brazil eh?

MaryZi: Sorry, I am late.

MaryZi: Yes.

JeffC: that's ok... so was I!

JeffC: if you scroll down the top frame, Mary, at the end of the Welcome box is a little "i" in a green circle... click that... then click the link to "join this group."

JeffC: You'll then be able to post an introduction to Discussion... which will go out to all the other math teachers in this group.

JeffC: after you do that, click the Room View button in the top frame to bring you back to the Welcome screen.

JeffC: ok... good job.

JeffC: once you're back to the Welcome screen, click the Discussion link on the left of the top frame (scroll it down a bit to see it), then click on the "Personal Introductions" folder.

JeffC: start a new thread and let everyone know a bit about yourself. if you're looking for some sort of particular math resource, include that (as well as your email address so members may easily reply).

JeffC: Let me know if you have any problems or questions, Mary.

JeffC: ok... so secondary math... does that mean algebra through calculus? are you also teaching remedial math?

JeffC: how are your students doing? we have lots of links here to alternative sites for students... do you have access to computers at school for them?

MaryZi: All OK. We have been on break, so I am not thinking of any particular topic at the moment.

JeffC: Right... do you basically work out of a textbook... or do you have access to computer assistance?

MaryZi: Last semester, I taught AP Calculus, Geometry, and Pre-algebra.

JeffC: There are a lot of interactive sites for all types of math, Mary.

JeffC: cool

MaryZi: I'm new to this, so I do not type as fast as the dialogue.

JeffC: ever been to <http://www.calculus.org/> ? don't worry about typing fast.

MaryZi: Anyway, we do not have access to the computer lab.

JeffC: darn!

JeffC: that's unfortunate

JeffC: but not unusual

MaryZi: I have one computer in my classroom (one of the lucky ones!)

JeffC: well... I'd still recommend going to calculus org and some other math sites to enhance your curriculum... get the kids involved with some math projects that they can do offline, and then maybe find a way to get them posted online via your computer.

MaryZi: no, that site does not ring a bell, but I may have been there before.

MaryZi: I can get lost in all that APCentral has to offer.

JeffC: nods

MaryZi: Also, a good site a while back came out of Batesville (Kentucky, I think). It's posted in my room.

JeffC: cool... what's the link?

MaryZi: Is it common for teachers to offer evening student chats through the k12 campus?

MaryZi: I saw a link in reception.

JeffC: some do... would you like to create a K-12 classroom?

JeffC: it will be hard though if your students can't really get online to use it!

MaryZi: It would be fun to try. I have at least one student interested in the idea.

JeffC: some teachers hold tutoring sessions after school... office hours, etc.

JeffC: and some teachers collaborate with others, so they can link their classrooms here.

MaryZi: Yes, I was thinking office hours - while students are doing their homework at home.

MaryZi: They have access at home.

MaryZi: I don't remember the Batesville address. I'll check on it.

MaryZi: What kind of collaborations are currently in progress?

JeffC: hard to say offhand.

JeffC: when you create a K-12 class, you can post to the K-12 Students room and ask for other math teachers to say you'd like to collaborate.

JeffC: you could also post that here to Discussion.

MaryZi: Sounds good.

JeffC: I could help you set up a room now if you want.

MaryZi: That would be very nice, Ok.

JeffC: ok... I'll paste up the instructions... this will scroll your screen:

JeffC: K-12 Student Group Creation

JeffC: 1) Click the Tapped In tab in the top frame

JeffC: 2) Click the Groups subtab

JeffC: 3) Click the Create a new K-12 Student group link

JeffC: 4) Read all the terms... (recommend copy/pasting the agreement into Word for later use)... check the box saying you agree to the terms... click Continue

JeffC: 5a) Name your group: (ex. Mr. Cooper's AP English) 28 characters maximum.

JeffC: 5b) Nickname: Give it a nickname (ex. cooper_ap) 10 characters maximum and *no spaces* This will be the name of your group room. Empower your students by asking what they want the nickname to be (panthers, peacenicks, etc.)

JeffC: 5c) Purpose: The purpose can be what you want... teach online with your class, collaborate with other classes, etc. This shows up on your group profile page (and may be edited later).

JeffC: 5d) Topics: Select up to three topics that relate to the group (ex. ESL, Language Arts, Technology Education) for your group's profile.

JeffC: 5e) URL: You may type in your school's homepage or any appropriate link. Be aware that this will also show up in the group's profile. If you are looking to collaborate with other K-12 educators, consider giving the teacher's homepage with information that you are looking to collaborate with other teachers and students.

JeffC: 5f) Duration of Group: Defaults to 3 months, can be up to 12 months. The group may be renewed later by the Owner or Moderator.

JeffC: 5g) Grade Level: Elementary, Middle, or High School

JeffC: 5h) Number of Accounts: Select the number of students in your class and add 5 (just in case). If you have more than 50 students select 50 (more may be added manually later). Also consider creating more than one K-12 group.

JeffC: 5i) Prefix: Prefix may be no longer than 6 characters. Prefix will generate default student names (student names can be edited later) If you don't plan on changing their user names, these names will be used by the students with numbers attached. (ex. choose "coops" to autogenerate coops01St coops02St etc.). All students automatically have the St suffix added to their user names.

JeffC: 5j) Click Next

JeffC: 6a) Specify a password: Type it twice, at least 5 characters. All students will login initially with this password. Once logged in, they should immediately change it so that other students cannot use each other's accounts. (more on this in the Quicknote K-12 Group Management). Owners and Moderators may change individual passwords at any time.

JeffC: 6b) Join K-12 Students Box: Check the box to join the K-12 Students group. This is a support group for educators with K-12 students. In addition to posting questions regarding help for your group, you may also post requests for collaboration, lessons, etc. This group has over 400 members at Tapped In.

JeffC: 6c) Click: Create Group: This will create your group. If you are unsatisfied or need to make any changes, simply click the Back button instead.

JeffC: 7) You may now click the link at the bottom of the page to enter your K-12 Class!

JeffC: now... you may scroll back... or click Actions-- Send to Pasteboard.

JeffC: let me know if you have problems/questions.

JeffC: I have to go for a bit...

BJB2: I'll be here if you have questions, Mary

SusanR: Good luck with your group creation, Mary

MaryZi: Thank you, Susan. ... OK, BJ.

BJB2: how are you doing, Mary?

BJB2 smiles...very well!

BJB2: congratulations!

SusanR: indeed..Ms Z's AP Calculus

MaryZi: Thank you. Let's hope the students get some use out of it.

BJB2: that will be up to you, Mary.

BJB2: Jeff has some great ideas about how to get the kids engaged and using Tapped In

BJB2: I'd recommend that you go to the group room and play around with the features...add some information, maybe put up a school logo or photo

BJB2: make your online classroom a place your students will want to go to

BJB2 . o O (a riddle or question of the week on the whiteboard?)

MaryZi: Thanks, BJ.

BJB2: you're welcome, Mary! Always eager to help TI members do more work ;-)

SusanR . o O (a site of the day to explore and reflect upon)

BJB2 nods...good idea, Sue

BJB2: I'm going to try to get to bed a little early tonight.

BJB2 waves goodnight to Sue and Mary

SusanR : goodnight

MaryZi : bye.