

**Title of Session:** Math Resources K-20+

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**BJB2:** We usually start Tapped In discussions with introductions.

**BJB2:** please tell Jeff where you are located and what you teach or hope to teach

**TeresaMJ:** San Diego and math

**VanessaGa:** I am from Kingsville and hope to teach 3rd grade reading

**AleydaC:** Hi Jeff!! I am in Hebronville, Texas :) and I WILL be a math teacher

**JessikaRC:** Corpus Christi, English

**MarleniG:** HI !

**BJB2:** welcome, Marleni. We're just finishing up introductions

**JeffC:** Hi all

**JessikaRC:** hello

**JeffC:** Today we're going to look at a portal site.

**JeffC:** There are a number of Web 2 tools off of it... and a few of the sites focus on math.

**AleydaC:** sounds good

**JeffC:** The main site is <http://snurl.com/web2tools> ...and a few of the sites there that deal with math are Mathletics, Classtools, and Academic Builders.

**JeffC:** There's also one that has an excellent graphing calculator (if I can find it).

**AleydaC:** awesome!!

**JeffC:** So... what I'd like to do is have people go there... visit a site, and report back here.

**VanessaGa:** yes sir

**RonyP:** ok

**MarleniG:** Oh okay

**JeffC:** So... hold the Ctrl key down (or best to accept popups from this site) and go to <http://snurl.com/web2tools>

**JeffC:** take a look at either Mathletics, Classtools, Academic Builders, or any other site that interests you and then come back here and report.

**AleydaC:** Jeff is it a simple spark website??

**JeffC:** yes

**AleydaC:** ok

**RonyP:** wow there are a lot of tools

**VanessaGa:** Jeff, we can choose any website on simple spark

**JeffC:** others include <http://www.teachexplain.com>  
<http://simplespark.com/account/add/grades-grow-tutors/http://simplespark.com/catalog/tutpup/>

**JeffC:** yes Vanessa... obviously today we're looking mostly at math sites.

**JeffC:** <http://simplespark.com/catalog/piggy-bank-inc/>

**AleydaC:** that is awesome!

**JeffC:** so... go and spend about 10 minutes and come back.

**JeffC:** report back when you can about the sites you visited... I'll add the direct links to the various sites on the Whiteboard while you're browsing.

**JeffC:** and create shortened redirects to make your lives easier (in the future).

**AleydaC:** I love the piggy bank website...it's so convenient

**JessikaRC:** I like the calculator

**AleydaC:** where's the calculator...paste the website

**JessikaRC:** [www.teachexplain.com](http://www.teachexplain.com)

**AleydaC:** thanks Jess

**JessikaRC:** no prob

**MarleniG:** my favorite is the metronome site

**RonyP:** I also like the piggy bank site, could come in handy one day

**AleydaC:** could come in handy now :) it would be a good money lesson for middle school

**VanessaGa:** <http://www.schoolkidscomefirst.com/>

**RonyP:** really huh

**VanessaGa:** yeah the piggy bank is cute

**TeresaMJ:** what about tuition coach

**VanessaGa:** I like this website because its great exercise for kids

**VanessaGa:** and they raised lots of money doing it

**MarleniG:** cueflash is great so you can make your own flash cards, it sounds great

**JeffC:** ok... I've put in redirects to the 8 math related sites I found there... they're on the whiteboard now... and I'll paste them in here for your transcripts:

**TeresaMJ:** I want to go to <http://galaxyzoo.org/>

**JeffC:** <http://snurl.com/piggybankinc>

**JeffC:** <http://snurl.com/tutpup>

**JeffC:** <http://snurl.com/gradesgrow>

**JeffC:** <http://snurl.com/teachexplain>

**JeffC:** <http://snurl.com/arcademic>

**JeffC:** <http://snurl.com/mathletics>

**JeffC:** <http://snurl.com/graphingcalculator>

**JessikaRC:** thank you

**AleydaC:** MARLENI what is the website

**MarleniG:** cueflash

**AleydaC:** .com?

**MarleniG:** yes

**JeffC:** btw... <http://snurl.com> is a must resources for educators... you can parse very long URLs down to very short ones (and edit them so you'll know what they are). Does cueflash have math flash cards?

**MarleniG:** Yes, and you can make your own

**AleydaC:** there are so many resources...I'm loving this website

**VanessaGa:** graphing calculator is neat

**TeresaMJ:** yea

**MarleniG:** I love that site because they have music flash cards

**AleydaC:** yeah, math teachers would love this!!

**TeresaMJ:** I could of used it in high school

**RonyP:** me too

**JeffC:** since you can create your own flashcard decks (check the "big deck") on <http://www.cueflash.com> there are a number of math related decks.

**AleydaC:** awesome!! flashcards are the best way to learn sometimes

**AleydaC:** in my past experience

**RonyP:** still to this day they help me

**JeffC:** OK... how's everybody doing?

**AleydaC:** great!!

**VanessaGa:** I'm really liking those flash cards

**JessikaRC:** I really like this

**JeffC:** of course, for little kids and math, nothing beats <http://www.starfall.com>

**VanessaGa:** same here

**AleydaC:** is that a math website Jeff?

**VanessaGa:** oh my goodness. I love that website

**MarleniG:** wow star fall is great!

**VanessaGa:** starfall

**JeffC:** ok... let's go down the list of sites on the Whiteboard and put in a few sentences. Yup... starfall is for pre-school students... math and reading.

**AleydaC:** oh ok

**JeffC:** First...

**JeffC:** <http://snurl.com/piggybankinc>

**JeffC:** Did anyone think to create an account for their family?

**VanessaGa:** no, good idea

**TeresaMJ:** maybe

**AleydaC:** actually yes...it would be a convenient way to keep track and let everyone get involved

**JessikaRC:** that would help a lot

**RonyP:** my family is too lazy

**VanessaGa:** my son would love it

**TeresaMJ:** nice

**VanessaGa:** he's really into computers

**AleydaC:** Jeff how do you get the list on the whiteboard without refreshing? is it possible?

**MarleniG:** I wish I had the graphing calculator site when I was in high school

**RonyP:** I thought more people would show up

**TeresaMJ:** at least you would not have to buy a calculator

**RonyP** smiles

**JeffC**: click the Whiteboard link on the left of the top frame Aleyda

**AleydaC**: ok thank you

**JeffC**: I've set up my account at piggybankinc and will be tracking allowances for my three kids.

**VanessaGa**: that's neat

**AleydaC**: wow that's great!! is it fairly easy to do

**JeffC**: <http://snurl.com/tutpup> is for lower grades in math.

**AleydaC**: I LOVE this website

**MarleniG**: tutpup is great! I'm going to use it for my little cousin

**JeffC**: I think it's important since with all the emphasis on math standards, it's important to get the kids playing and learning early.

**JeffC**: personally I'm appalled that times tables aren't even a standard in my state until 4th grade.

**AleydaC**: Yes, that's how they will probably get the most out of learning math

**JessikaRC**: wow

**AleydaC**: most children get discouraged with math easily

**MarleniG**: yes, they should associate math with fun

**AleydaC**: this would make it so fun for them

**JeffC**: unless and until we start really challenging our kids, we'll continue to lag behind the rest of the world. Personally, I learned my times tables in 2nd grade.

**RonyP**: are u serious Jeff

**JeffC**: yup... I think so, Aleyda.

**JeffC**: yup... I'm serious Rony

**MarleniG**: It took me forever to learn anything with math

**JessikaRC:** I've always liked math..

**AleydaC:** Math is a subject that takes a lot of patience

**RonyP:** who need math anyway Marleni

**RonyP:** lol

**AleydaC:** me too Jessika

**MarleniG:** I do, I'm a musician, I need math to read music!

**MarleniG:** and I hope my band students realize that soon

**JeffC:** Grades Grow Tutors <http://snurl.com/gradesgrow> is a one on one personal tutoring site.

**JeffC:** Now... one thing I haven't been able to find out there is \*how much it costs\*.

**AleydaC:** same here

**AleydaC:** but it has a lot of neat things going on with it

**AleydaC** smiles

**JeffC:** There are a number of music sites at the <http://snurl.com/web2tools> site, Marleni.

**TeresaMJ:** 79.99\$ a month for summer program

**MarleniG:** thanks Jeff

**JeffC:** Thanks Teresa

**JeffC:** Teach Explain <http://teachexplain.com/> or <http://snurl.com/teachexplain> is an excellent site for learning simple math processes. You have a very basic calculator and when you type in a function it gives you the way the problem is solved.

**RonyP:** that's not too bad at all

**RonyP:** is it efficient

**AleydaC:** that is a great tool for tutors

**JessikaRC:** I liked that a lot

**JeffC:** Arcademic Builders <http://snurl.com/arcademic> has a number of fun games

(variety of subjects)... where the learning is integrated into the game.

**AleydaC:** like an arcade...good way to get a child interested

**JessikaRC:** I think those are the best ways to teach students

**VanessaGa:** I agree

**VanessaGa:** this would be excellent for my son

**AleydaC:** what more can they ask for... playing video games !!

**RonyP:** I wish we had learning video games more readily available to us

**VanessaGa:** I really like meteor multiplication

**JeffC:** Mathletics <http://snurl.com/mathletics> is a New Zealand subscription site that costs \$99 a year. Now... if that's New Zealand dollars that means it's \$74.91 according to <http://www.x-rates.com/calculator.html>

**JeffC:** They have curriculum for \*all grades\*... looks like a great site (if you can afford it).

**AleydaC:** yes, the curriculums look good

**JessikaRC:** yes it does

**MarleniG:** I like the xrates calculator

**AleydaC:** Jeff quick question off the subject...is this a 1 hour discussion

**JeffC:** yup

**MarleniG:** wow the hour flew by!

**JeffC:** right after this is the Science Resources discussion... I was hoping to use the same web2tools site for our springboard.

**JessikaRC:** yeah it did!

**VanessaGa:** you're telling me

**VanessaGa:** I didn't realize it till you mentioned that

**VanessaGa:** good idea



**JeffC:** however there's only one science site there... but since it's a science search engine I may be in luck.

**JeffC:** ok... now... if you're a math teacher \*please be sure to join this group before you leave today\*.

**JeffC:** you do that by clicking the little "i" in the Welcome box in the top frame, then clicking the link to "join this group."

**JeffC:** I'm hoping to inspire the members of this group to host a session next school year.

**MarleniG:** that's cool

**JeffC:** I'm not a math teacher, but just facilitate this group. I'd love the math teachers to take the lead and really get things flowing for next year.

**JessikaRC:** okay!

**AleydaC:** SOUNDS GOOD

**JeffC:** I'm going to have to go afk for 5 minutes before the next group starts. Please type in other questions/comments, and thanks for coming today!

**JeffC** goes afk for 5.

**MarleniG:** bye!

**VanessaGa:** thank you Jeff

**TeresaMJ:** bye thanks

**VanessaGa:** good luck on finals