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JeffC: ok... it looks like the others logged in are in a class, so let's get started.

JeffC: Please introduce yourselves, what you teach, what you're looking for, etc.

ReneG: I'm a student at Texas A&M Kingsville, my major is kinesiology and minoring in mathematics. I am here for one of my summer classes

AshleyC: Hi! My name is Ashley Cavazos. I am 21 years old and I attend the Texas A & M University of Kingsville. I'm majoring in Early Childhood Education.

JeffC: I'm Jeff Cooper, on Tapped In Helpdesk and I facilitate this group, though I'm not a math teacher. I've taught English and ESL, and several computer applications and support classes.

ReneG: I plan to become a math teacher after I graduate so I think this session will help me out

AshleyC: Well math isn't my favorite subject but I do like English

JeffC: ok... let's have Ashley join this group, and we'll move on.

JeffC: Ashley, please scroll down the top frame and at the end of the Welcome box, click the little "i" in the green circle next to the link for the group.

JeffC: then click the link to "join this group."

JeffC: then click the Room View button to take you back to the Welcome screen.

JeffC . o O (Rene has already joined)

JeffC: once you're a member you may post to the Discussion board, and will also receive messages sent through it (it acts as a mini listserv).

JeffC: let me know when you've done that or are having any problems/questions along the way.

ReneG: I had done this group a couple of days ago on the Tips and Tricks session

AshleyC: I'm confused... so I'm not part of this discussion?

JeffC: you are... but you're not a member of the group yet.

JeffC: joining the group allows you to post to the Discussion board, which is a threaded message board here.

JeffC: this is live chat... different than Discussion.

AshleyC: I'm sorry but it says that I'm already in the group. It's asking me if I want to leave the group

JeffC: click the Room View button then

JeffC: yes... you're in now

AshleyC: ok thanks

JeffC: both of you are... ok... next...

JeffC: scroll down the top frame and click the first link on the whiteboard.

JeffC: <http://snurl.com/web2tools> ... you can also click this link in live chat, but hold the Ctrl key down if you do... otherwise your popup blocker will log you out.

JeffC: there are several interesting math sites there that I'd like you to explore... there are many others for other subject areas as well.

JeffC: take a look at that page... then tell me which site you'd like to explore... and we'll take a few minutes to do that. uh oh... looks like Ashley's popup blocker got her!

JeffC: hopefully she will come back soon.

ReneG: I tried to click the link but the popup block came on, she accidentally closed it

JeffC: Rene... are you looking at the site?

ReneG: I can't get on the site

JeffC: are you in the same physical room as her? Have her come back.

JeffC: hold the Ctrl key down and click the link on the Whiteboard in the top frame...

JeffC: you shouldn't get logged out clicking a link in the top frame.

ReneG: I already got on

JeffC: I'm talking about Ashley

JeffC: you can also open a new tab and type in <http://snurl.com/web2tools>

AshleyC joined the room.

JeffC: re-hi Ashley

JeffC: open a new tab and type in <http://snurl.com/web2tools>

AshleyC: hi! sorry I don't think this thing likes me

JeffC: clicking the link logged you out

JeffC: just open a new tab and type it in then

AshleyC: got it

JeffC: ok... pick a site and explore it for a few minutes

JeffC: you too Rene

JeffC: let me know what site(s) you're exploring

AshleyC: I'm exploring the teacher tube

ReneG: I looked at education.com

AshleyC: but its saying I have to be a member

ReneG: same here

JeffC: some sites require registration

JeffC: indeed, web 2 tools almost always do... but the biggest question is "is it free"?

JeffC: I don't recommend sites that require paid memberships... there is too much good stuff out there.

JeffC: if education.com charges, then please try another.

ReneG: did you want us to register for one of them?

AshleyC: there is a panfu for children. Its a game can I explore that?

JeffC: yes Ashley

AshleyC: awesome

JeffC: and yes Rene... like I said... registration is probably required but free for most.

ReneG: I went to the same website as Ashley

JeffC: that's ok

JeffC: take a few minutes and browse

JeffC: then come back and type in a few sentences (along with the url for the site) in review.

AshleyC: ok

ReneG: ok

JeffC: there are other sites I'd also like you to explore that are on the Whiteboard... piggybankinc tutpup gradesgrow teachexplain arcademic mathletics and graphingcalculator

JeffC: if you type: <http://snurl.com/> before any of those words it will take you to that site.

ReneG: http://www.panfu.com/eltern_einfuehrung.php?langId=EN&partnerId=0#what

JeffC: <http://www.panfu.com/>

AshleyC: got it. Panfu was a little kids game that u got to explore new things. And you get to name a panda and go on little adventures.

JeffC: it's a Spanish learning site, right?

ReneG: yes

JeffC wonders if it's gotten a lot more popular since "Kung Fu Panda" came out?

ReneG: it probably did

AshleyC: I want to see that movie

JeffC: looks like a great site for that... have either of you looked at any of the math related sites? it doesn't matter to me, but this is the math group!

AshleyC: no but I will right now

ReneG: just the ones that you said to look at from the links

AshleyC: I'm going to try the mathletics

JeffC: ok

JeffC: right... the initial <http://snurl.com/web2tools> has a wide variety of sites, including math related. the others on the Whiteboard are all math.

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>

SusanR joined the room.

JeffC waves to Susan

SusanR: Hi Jeff

SusanR: and company

AshleyC: Hi Susan

ReneG: the graphing calculator site is helpful so we can give the students a visual aid

JeffC: after we explore a bit here, I'd like to take you to the K-3 Resources room Ashley... there are many more math related links there for younger students.

ReneG: hi Susan

SusanR: Hi Rene

JeffC: Right Rene, I was going to recommend that to you for the older students.

ChristinaZ joined the room.

JeffC: Hi Christina

ChristinaZ: Hello

JeffC: I'm basically having participants view a few sites and report back on them.

JeffC: The main portal site (much more than math) is <http://snurl.com/web2tools> ...hold the control key down when clicking or your popup blocker will log you out.

JeffC: the other sites (all sites are on the Whiteboard in the top frame) are:

AshleyC: ok. what websites are for the little ones?

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

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

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

JeffC: one very cool site for little kids is <http://www.starfall.com> another is <http://www.pbskids.org> ...

JeffC: for more math sites, I recommend joining the K-3+ Resources group and check out the resources there.

AshleyC: ok thanks. I'll take a look at them right now

JeffC: if you're looking for others... check out the Discussion board here... lots of math related ideas, topics, sites, etc.

ReneG: are there any groups or sites that teach high school math?

JeffC: There's a link to the K-3+ room under Featured Passageways here.

JeffC: Yes Rene... a number of teachers have set up their own math classes here... AP math, geometry, etc.

JeffC: You may create your own as well and collaborate with them if you wish.

JeffC: This is the most active "general" math group though.

ReneG: alright

JeffC: If you'd like to create your own K-12 classroom, I give tours and support on Saturday at 11 a.m. Pacific. I can also paste up the directions for you now on how to create one.

ChristinaZ: I have to attend this chat for an online class and one of the questions is to ask the education background of people in the chat .. would any of you mind sharing

JeffC: Christina, what site are you looking at yourself?

ChristinaZ: <http://www.arcademicskillbuilders.com/>

JeffC: I'd recommend ending the hour looking at the resources (and joining) the K to 3+ Resources room... there's a link in the top frame under "Featured Passageways".

JeffC: How do you like that site so far, Christina?

ChristinaZ: I think it looks useful for the younger students

ChristinaZ: especially to brush up on basic facts

JeffC: what else can you tell us about it?

JeffC: my youngest played some of the math games there a year ago... he really liked them.

JeffC: he was 7 at the time

ChristinaZ: It is cool how they are incorporating the Wii system

ChristinaZ: that will for sure attract this generation of students

JeffC: yup

ChristinaZ: Also, I like how they are not limited to just math .. there are some basic grammar games

JeffC: ok... time for this session is winding down... anyone have anything to add? or questions, etc.?

JeffC: yes

ReneG: nope

JeffC: most young student sites have both reading and math resources.

ChristinaZ: Thanks for the great links .. I am sure to use in the upcoming school year

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: I'm leaving you with directions for creating your own K-12 classroom here

JeffC: I give tours on Saturday at 11a.m. pacific... the above will all be in your transcript.

ReneG: thanks

ChristinaZ: thanks

JeffC: yw