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MidgeF: Hello, everyone! I hope you are putting up a comfy chair and relaxing!

BJB2: good thing this is a big room, Midge...all of Texas is logged in!

TruongSonN: yea

MidgeF: The textbook state

MichaelTr: hello!

MichaelTr: the textbook state?

MichaelaP: the textbook state?

ElizabetJM: I was thinking the same thing....

BJB2 thinks maybe Midge should explain her choice of words?

MidgeF: Texas was known for buying more textbooks than any other state.

ElizabetJM: huh.. good to know.

MidgeF: Hence, the school book repository when Kennedy was shot.

MidgeF: Ah, history is so unforgiving!

BJB2 . o O (history becomes owned by the people who live it)

MidgeF: Yes, the people who were alive then

BJB2: this discussion is being co-hosted by Midge Frazel and Jeff Cooper....

BJB2: while we wait for Jeff to log in, let's do some housekeeping

BJB2: everyone ready?

MidgeF: Dust?

BJB2 . o O (no dust, I promise!)

BJB2: first, everyone go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat and select DETACH

BJB2: that will make your chat larger and easier to follow

BJB2: after you do that, a reminder that there are a LOT of people in this room!

BJB2 . o O (this is wonderful)

MidgeF: BJB is the boss

BJB2: but it also means that we need to be a little organized and not have any chit chat

BJB2: if you want to have private conversations please use the private chat feature. Double click on a name under the HERE tab and then talk in that window

BJB2: we do usually start with introductions, so please tell Midge where you are located and what you teach or hope to teach.

TeresaBl: Houston 4-8 Social Studies

MollyBe: Houston, TX - Middle School Math

BJB2 . o O (you can also add why you're participating in this particular topic)

ElizabetJM: Houston TX student teacher in third

JenniferE1 : Houston, TX- Elementary

LauraVM : Houston, 1st grade, Student Teacher

JeannineF: Houston student teacher- 1st grade

JessicaRey: I am from Houston, TX. I hope to teach ELA 4-8

BettyZ: Houston, TX- second grade

MichaelaP: Houston, TX- 4-8 Math

SefloresF: Houston, TX -Elementary

LauraRa: Houston, TX Elementary preferably 2-4

ErikaGo: Houston, hope to teach elementary 3rd grade

KhanhP: Houston, TX Middle School Math

KatieMe: Franklin Indiana- hope to teach elementary

MichaelTr: <-- Houston, TX Science 4-8 student teacher

HannahD: Franklin, Indiana- Elementary

BlancaAC: Houston-Bilingual Kindergarten or 2nd

MaryYH: Houston, TX student teacher kinder

KarenBe: New York, Masters degree student, elementary ed

RocioR: Houston, TX: 4th grade math and science

TruongSonN: same as Michael

SandyMH: Richmond, TX -elementary ed grades 1-4

VeronicaPC: Spring, TX Bilingual EC-2

JessicaRey: I think it will be interesting to find out how to use other google features, not just the search engine

AlweenaD: Spring, TX 4th grade

BJB2: anyone else?

AdrianaNa: Deer Park, EC-4 Bilingual

ElizabetJM: always wanted to know more about google and how to incorporate it into a classroom...

MollyBe: I agree. I only know how to use the search engine mostly

MidgeF: Well, that's a large range of grade levels and subjects

MichaelTr: I've used some of the google features but I want to learn more ways to use it

BJB2: Jeff has made a list of Google Tools that he'd like to demo. Take a look and let us know what tool especially interests you.

MichaelaP: Last semester we learned about google for educators

BJB2: During this session we'll look at the following:

BJB2: Google Mail

BJB2: Google Earth & Google Map

BJB2: Google Documents

BJB2: Google Educator Tools

BJB2: Google Teacher Academy

BJB2: Google SketchUp

BJB2: Google Patent Search

BJB2: Google Book Search

BJB2: Google Scholar

KarenBe: love google could always learn more

BettyZ: I have my teaching portfolio with google

BJB2: interesting, Betty.

JessicaRey: See this is what I mean, there are so many features that I wasn't even aware of

BlancaAC: I agree

BJB2: . o o (I'd like to learn more about that, Betty, if we have time)

MidgeF: OK then, I'm Midge Frazel and I live in Massachusetts and we are here tonight to celebrate

MichaelTr: wow, I was only aware of the first 3 haha

BettyZ: sure

MollyBe: I don't know what educator tools are but I'm sure that will be helpful

BarbaraMu: teacher academy sounds interesting...noticed people have google educator designations...

JeannineF: google earth, google educator tools, google teacher academy, goodle

sketchup

MidgeF: I have written my 9th book for teachers and it has now been released

JenniferE1: I'm interested in the google educator tools

BJB2: I always like celebrations, Midge

LauraVM: I also have my teaching portfolio with google sites, same as Betty

SefloresF: google earth

BJB2 cheers for Midge

SandyMH: google teacher academy and educator tools sound interesting

ElizabetJM: google earth, google educator tools, googlesketch up, google teacher academy

LauraRa: what is your book [about]?

BlancaAC: Congratulations

LauraRa: book sorry

KhanhP: Congrats

MichaelaP: that's awesome!

MidgeF: Most of the apps that you are listing are ones that are covered in the book

BarbaraMu: congratulations Midge! I am sure to the benefit of us all and our students...

KarenBe: Congrats!

JessicaRey: That's a great awesome.

SefloresF: congrats

AlweenaD: that's great

JessicaRey: Are you other books about technology?

KarenBe: What is the title, I would like to look for it

BettyZ: awesome

MidgeF: I am going to send you to read a short blurb in my blog and then I want you to come back here and let me know by typing BACK

MidgeF: <http://midgefrazel.net/blog/2009/03/midge-wrote-this.html>

ErikaGo: what part are we reading?

MichaelaP: where are we supposed to be?

BJB2: if you are still not able to open the url, go to Actions, send to pasteboard, copy the url and paste in a new browser

BJB2: <http://midgefrazel.net/blog/2009/03/midge-wrote-this.html>

MichaelaP: ooooh, ok. Got it

BJB2: I love the cover, Midge

SefloresF: back

LauraVM: I believe the Midge Wrote This! is what we reading

JeannineF: back

MidgeF: OK for those of you who didn't get to it, it is an entry about the book and some new video tutorials

MidgeF: I usually put some links in my blog for the Tapped In sessions so you can go back and read them later

KarenBe: I will try to go after the session

MidgeF: Especially if this session attendance is your assignment for a class

HannahD: I will try to go after the session as well. It won't display the webpage for me at the moment.

MidgeF: OK, don't worry about that for now.

KarenBe: will u put the url in the transcript that gets emailed to us?

MidgeF: To get started with using the apps that Google offers you must have a Google Account.

MidgeF: Yes, the URLs are in the transcript

KarenBe: thanks

JessicaRey: Um, I don't have one. Email Account?

MidgeF: A Google account is not the same as a Gmail account.

ElizabetJM: so how do we set up a google account?

MidgeF: You must sign up for it at Google and you can do that later

ElizabetJM: ok

JessicaRey: Ok, thanks

MidgeF: A big secret

MidgeF: is to just type into Google what words that you don't understand in this session

MidgeF: Like Google Account

LauraRa: and it will take you to it

KarenBe: Google about google!

MichaelaP: ooh, yea. It's the first link when you search

MidgeF: That's right. One of the links in the search hits will help you find it

MidgeF: That's what is so great about it

BJB2: also, if you just go to www.google.com there is a sign-in link in the top right of the screen

MidgeF: Say, you want to know about Google Patents

BlancaAC: yes I do

JessicaRey: sure

MollyBe: that looks interesting when you go there!

MidgeF: BJB is right and after you get an account that is where you sign in

KarenBe: I see

MichaelaP: it has pictures of the patented objects

MidgeF: My book does explain this a lot better. BTW, my book is available as a PDF download

BJB2: just as you can do an advanced search with google, you can also do an advanced search with google patents

MollyBe: I saw that on the blog. That's a great thing since everything is technology based anyways these days

MidgeF: So, Patents is the Google app that shows certain patents of inventions

BlancaAC: ok

ErikaGo: that's a really neat tool

LauraRa: That is pretty cool, never knew this before

JessicaRey: that's neat.

KarenBe: yes never saw that before

MidgeF: My father-in-law holds several patents that I could find (but don't understand)

JessicaRey: This is awesome for doing research projects

JeannineF: I knew google had a lot to it, but not that much

MidgeF: Patents are good for science and math classes and for some history

ElizabetJM: I agree

BJB2: cool, Midge

MichaelaP: to have students research the patents?

MichaelTr: this is so cool!

LauraRa: Students would be amazed

MidgeF: Google Books is another app that people use for finding books that are in the public domain

MichaelaP: my kids would have so much fun with that

BettyZ: Wow I never noticed it

BJB2: have the students see if they can find anything that isn't patented!

MidgeF: I have used it to find history books for a specific location to study the history

KarenBe: so you just have to keep changing the word after the forward slash?

JessicaRey: Oh, I'm in love with google books

MidgeF: OH, I get it you mean after the Google URL (like patent and books)

LauraRa: Books is a great resource for searching for them, new to me

MidgeF: Yes, most apps can be found that way

MollyBe: Is there a list of ALL of the resources that google offers?

KarenBe: Tells you right under research your midterm papers!

ElizabetJM: Karen: or just go to the more tab at the top and then more again and you will see a list of them all

KarenBe: yes I found that I just had to change the word after the slash and it came right up!

HannahD: that's where I went and they're all listed there for you

MidgeF: At the Google main page, you can see a list of apps by looking under the word more in the text link

BarbaraMu: I really like picasa....

MaryYH: Elizabeth: I did that and a lot of apps show up

HannahD: it's easier than typing the word in the link every time

ElizabetJM: yes...

MaryYH: wow, I never knew google had so many useful apps

MidgeF: Some apps are useful for education and some are not

MollyBe: OK, thanks!

ErikaGo: google books is great! especially when trying to decide if a certain book will

actually fit into your lesson

AlweenaD: I agree it is easy

LauraRa: same here

BlancaAC: this is very interesting

KarenBe: Oh great the more tab!

BarbaraMu: and the even more tab

KarenBe: excellent!

MichaelaP: is the tab up on the top of the page?

MichaelaP: top left?

ElizabetJM: yes...

BlancaAC: yes it is

KarenBe: yes

LauraVM agrees with Erika

JeannineF: it's not really a tab just a link

MidgeF: Yes, top left under more and then choose even more

MichaelTr: it's at the top left of the google man page

MichaelaP: I found it, this is cool!

MidgeF: The word more is a text link with a down pointing arrow.

KarenBe: so much more than I thought google could do!

JessicaRey: this is great, I wasn't aware of all the things google offers

MidgeF: Warning!

BJB2: uh oh...

BJB2 listens to Midge

JessicaRey: uh oh

MidgeF: Not all of Google apps will work at your school

MidgeF: Like YouTube

ElizabetJM: right...

AdrianaNa: I'm changing my search engine to google!

JessicaRey: My school has problems with google all the time

TeresaBl: I've already run into that issue

MollyBe: I can't even use google images at my school.

LauraRa: True, so we have to make sure and test it out

BlancaAC: yes I noticed that

KarenBe: because of content?

BettyZ: what about teacher you tube

MidgeF: So, you should check each one you want to use at school before writing a lesson

JessicaRey: Definitely

MidgeF: Teacher Tube might work but it is not a Google app

MichaelaP: definitely, I have had problems in the past trying to find videos that I found on you tube at school

MichaelTr: thanks for the warning. I'll be sure to check it out

SandyMH: so many useful new tools to use in the classroom!

LauraRa: Didn't know there was an actual teacher you tube

ElizabetJM: always good to check those things before teaching a lesson

JessicaRey: What is reader? It says url not found

MidgeF: There are many video hosting sites

JeannineF: me neither

NoreneS: Teacher Tube is a great site and at my school it is not blocked

MichaelaP: I'll have to check that out

MidgeF: Google Reader is a RSS feedreader and may not appear because you don't have an account

SefloresF: I like teacher tube

NoreneS: You can even subscribe to the video of the day in your email.

MaryYH: I've used teacher tube before as well, its great

KhanhP: Thanks Norene

JessicaRey: Oh, thanks

LauraRa: What is RSS feedreader?

ErikaGo: yea, I have the same question

KarenBe: teacher tube looks like it would have a lot of great uses!

AdrianaNa: I have to check out teacher tube

MidgeF: An RSS feedreader is a tool that helps you organize a list of Web sites on a topic like news and blogs to read

BJB2: RSS is Really Simple Syndication. correct me if I'm wrong, Midge

MichaelaP: Google scholar is pretty interesting

LauraRa: Ohh, nice

MidgeF: It sounds goofy but once you read the directions you will like it

LauraVM: That's what RSS is, wow I didn't know that

JeannineF: I just watched the quick video on google reader and that is pretty nifty

BlancaAC: I need to check that out

RocioR: I think that would be great because there are so many great educational websites and not all fit under favorites

MidgeF: Yes, but most people use them to read blogs

KarenBe: I like google scholar

NoreneS: I've used Google scholar for my own homework in classes.

ElizabetJM: google reader is interesting.

MidgeF: Good point, Google Scholar is very good if you are taking higher ed classes

MichaelaP: I would have had I had known about it

BlancaAC: What is google scholar?

LauraVM: What is Google Scholar

MaryYH: Google Reader is for blogs?

JessicaRey: Yeah, scholar is pretty intimidating, content wise

JeannineF: =) I would have used it too

SefloresF: I have never tried google scholar??

MidgeF: Google Scholar finds papers and articles of a scholarly nature

NoreneS: Does anyone use Google reader? Is it better then page flakes or bloglines?

MichaelaP: it has professional published papers that you can search through

LauraRa: Interesting

BettyZ: interesting

AlweenaD: I have especially for research paper

HannahD: sounds like it'd be good for professional development

KarenBe: google scholar is great for research!!

SefloresF: oh, good to know!

MichaelTr: I wish I had this when i was writing research papers!

MidgeF: You may only be able to read an abstract but you may have to go to the library to get the paper.

BlancaAC: I never knew about this

AlweenaD: It is a very useful tool

KatieMe: good to know for my next paper

SydneyTS: That's a good point Hannah

MollyBe: Even just the abstract is really helpful

MidgeF: It does make finding them while wearing your bathrobe easier

JeffC joined the room.

KarenBe: I discovered it when I had to find scholarly articles for a paper

LauraRa: Are they located in county libraries? or where

MidgeF: Hello Jeff

TruongSonN: oh, yeah

JeffC deeply apologizes for being late.

JeffC: Sorry Midge... got caught up with car problems and kids today.

KarenBe: its ok Jeff

JessicaRey: Oh wow, Google translates?!

BarbaraMu: good to see you Jeff

BlancaAC: Hi Jeff

MidgeF: I'm sure Jeff would like to tell us about Sketch up

AlweenaD: Hey Jeff

BarbaraMu: the translator has been wonderful when we get new esl kids in school

JeffC: Give me a sec and I'll create a redirect for it and have a look.

MidgeF: Most papers are found at libraries of higher ed

LauraVM: Google translate? Really that's cool.

BarbaraMu: if there isn't a buddy who speaks that language, I have used the translator to try to acclimate them

BarbaraMu: it's a step above the charades I used to try to do

LauraRa: Ohh

LauraRa: Where is that at, translating?

ElizabetJM: great idea

MidgeF: Google translate is good for Web pages that are not in English or vice versa

SefloresF: wow!

BlancaAC: Nice

JeffC: Are we ready for Google Sketchup? If so... here's the link (no redirect necessary):
<http://sketchup.google.com/>

MollyBe: Just type translate into google

MidgeF: But it is NOT perfect

RocioR: wow I did not know there was something like that available

MidgeF: Let's let Jeff explain Sketch up

JeffC: no translator is perfect... especially because they are *direct* translators and not idiomatic.

TruongSonN: cool

JeffC: for example "Caramba, se me olvido mi cuaderno" in Spanish translates to "Gosh, my notebook forgot itself on me."

LauraRa: How cool, that really helps when you need to translate something to a parent

BlancaAC: that's right

MichaelaP: That's good, because I hate it when the translations are literal

MichaelTr: haha

MollyBe: Do we need to download SketchUp?

SefloresF: that's neat!

JeffC: but in English we say "I forgot my notebook"... that's one of the things that makes teaching language difficult in general.

JeannineF: is this kid friendly building?

KarenBe: Wow I didn't even think of it in terms of translating a parent newsletter!!

JeffC: Yes... Sketchup is a download.

ErikaGo: it will probably work well to translate a word or two here and there

JeffC: It's free... unless you want to go pro, and I don't think you do.

MidgeF: Some Google apps you download and use offline

LauraVM: Is the Sketchup download free?

JeffC: yes

JeffC: basically... design stuff!

JeffC: houses, schools, whatever...

JeffC: 3D rendering for free!

JeannineF: that would be cool for kids to do in the classroom they would get a kick out of it

LauraVM: That is a great tool

MichaelTr: wow that's cool!

BettyZ: cool

MichaelTr: I'm going to start downloading it now :P

BlancaAC: This is awesome

MidgeF: And goes well with something kids might like to invent after looking at Patents

JeffC: it's not autocad, but hey... it's a step in that direction for kids who will eventually be architects.

SefloresF: me too

KhanhP: Interesting

SandyMH: I agree with Jeannine. That would be a different tool for the students to use

MichaelaP: this is a fun way for them to be creative

LauraRa: Real world connection

JeffC: this page gives you an overview: <http://sketchup.google.com/product/gsu.html>

JessicaRey: Sketchup sounds great, I have a student who is always drawing and designing his dream house.

JeffC: you can make 3D models of anything you want.

ElizabetJM: sounds great

NoreneS: is it difficult to learn?

BlancaAC: Students will love this

KarenBe: great for an art classroom

MidgeF: Best to read the description and know where HELP is located

MichaelaP: will the students get frustrated or is it easy to use?

RocioR: cool, I know that the kids would like this

LauraRa: This is really amazing, glad I came here

JeffC: here's a redirect to the "about sketchup" page: <http://sn.im/aboutsketchup>

AdrianaNa: definitely real world connections

JeffC: Michaela... it depends on the students!

MichaelaP: true

JeffC: my guess is that they will all have fun, but I'm a wishful thinker!

ElizabetJM: and how well it is explained

JeffC: again... not every tool will work with every student.

BettyZ: would one have to down load it to every computer they want to use it on or will it appear when one logs on

MaryYH: this does definitely connect to the real world

MidgeF: I'm sure Jeff will agree that the section of Google specifically for educators is the best place to start (and then buy my book)

MidgeF: <http://www.google.com/educators/index.html>

ErikaGo: do we need to watch the videos or will we be walked through it?

LauraRa: You can even use sketchup for different content areas and grades

KarenBe: I am definitely going to look for your book!!

JeffC: good question Betty... I think every computer needs it installed... so... like other programs, you'll need to work with your IT department to get permissions and installation support.

BlancaAC: What is the most appropriate age?

BettyZ: thanks

MidgeF: Grades 5 and up but 4th graders can do most things

JeffC: there is also a Sketchup Community, Training, etc.

BlancaAC: Is there anything alike for lower grades

MidgeF: <http://www.buyteachercreated.com/estore/product/2222>

JeffC: so again... you wouldn't be by yourself. my guess is even many K-4 students would be able to use it with the proper support.

LauraRa: google for educators is pretty interesting

JenniferE1: Google for Educators is great

BlancaAC: ok thanks

KarenBe: what is that?

HannahD: how would you use this efficiently with lower elementary? grades 1-2 particularly

MidgeF: I think it is good to look over the educator section for ideas for younger students

ElizabetJM: I agree..

JessicaRey: google for educators has some really great ideas and resources for lesson plans.

JenniferE1: it's a great resource

MidgeF: Grades 1 to 2 work well with other software packages

JeffC: http://www.google.com/educators/p_sketchup_discovery.html

MidgeF: I don't recommend online work until Grade 3

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

RocioR: ok

ElizabetJM: the doodle for google- where the student can redesign the google logo is very cool

JessicaRey: One example, using google maps to plot the crusade routes. Now that's really integrating technology

JeffC: that page has lessons for elementary, middle, and high school students.

BlancaAC: ok

AlweenaD: wow

KarenBe: google maps was something I used for Lewis and Clark's route

LauraRa: You can even download posters for your classroom

MidgeF: Some teachers have set up an iGoogle page for their classrooms to read calendar skills and current weather

JeffC: <http://sketchup.google.com/training/videos.html>

SydneyTS: that's awesome!

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

JeffC: those are videos

KarenBe: Love the calendar function

BlancaAC: where do you go to download posters?

SandyMH: wow! I am really liking google for educators!

HannahD: yes, Syd, it's very cool. I had no idea google could be so useful!

RocioR: I'm loving this google view for educators

MidgeF: Everyone should know that learning by video is THE newest thing

JeffC: yes... google for educators is one of the scheduled stops today.

SefloresF: I agree!

MichaelTr: there are so many applications to play with!

MidgeF: Jeff always make this sound like a vacation tour

MidgeF: LOL

LauraRa: by video is less time consuming

JeffC: yup!

KarenBe: Yes children and people in general are so visual!

BlancaAC: I love this

TruongSonN: yes where do we start

TruongSonN: there too many

JeffC: there's also the Google Teacher Academy

ElizabetJM: what's that about?

JeffC: yes... we're giving a "table of contents" view to google

AdrianaNa: I never thought of using google maps as part of the lesson, good idea Karen!

JeffC: what you do with it is up to you, your students, etc.

MichaelaP: is there a section for the classroom activities that has math activities?

MidgeF: Yes, I think that's why they wanted me to write a book as a place that teachers could start with Google and not get overwhelmed

JeffC: ok... enough on sketchup for now... or are there questions?

ElizabetJM: I'm good

MidgeF: Like many educator areas, Google is looking for people to write lessons and submit them

JeffC: ok... do you need me to cover "google concerns" or any other requests? I was late so I'm not sure what needs covering.

LauraRa: I'm good but there is so much to discover

JeannineF: no questions

ElizabetJM: google concerns?

MidgeF: Yes, Jeff please cover concerns

KarenBe: I wanted a mapping skills for a 4th grade lesson including virtual field trip

JeffC: some people hate google

VeronicaPC: no questions, all the resources are awesome, thanks!

MidgeF: They should know

JeffC: ok... let me cover the concerns then...

LauraVM: I am good on some Google tools

BettyZ: just ready to explore the new google tools

JeffC: you can find sites that will discuss the following... that people are concerned because Google knows everything about you and saves everything about you.

BlancaAC: I'm not

MidgeF: Virtual field trip <http://www.MidgeFrazel.net/fieldtrip.html>

JeffC: whenever you login... do a search... it's recorded...

AdrianaNa: I'm sure I will have questions after I look over everything

JessicaRey: I wasn't aware

JeffC: the ads you'll see in your gmail are directed at what the text was in your email.

MidgeF: Please listen to Jeff

JeffC: so if you email someone about teletubbies... you will get ads for teletubbies

JeffC: same thing that happens when you do a google search

LauraRa: I guess that could be good and bad but ...

JeffC: people are concerned because they feel google is the internet ad big brother.

JeffC: I look at it this way...

JeffC: they are not *selling or selling my info to spammers*...

LauraRa: true

JeffC: the ads are unobtrusive on the side of my email, just as it is when I do an anonymous search.

JeffC: I do not fear that google has my info... and feel 99% sure they will never sell it.

JeffC: because if they sold it it would hurt their company.

ElizabetJM: true

SefloresF: interesting...

JeffC: I think they're out for the "good big picture"

JeffC: they have to do things business wise... which is why there are pro versions of sketchup, google earth etc.

LauraRa: good to know

MidgeF: And to keep these great things free by taking ads

JeffC: but their hearts are in the right place... and indeed I think that they are a company with a heart.

JeannineF: it's hard to tell with internet in general; you put information on the web it's stored somewhere it's just what we deal with have resources like the internet at our

fingertips; I think it's worth it for the amount of information I take from the internet

JeffC: it's better to have the ads on the side than within the email (which is what yahoo does).

MollyBe: And if there are going to be ads, why not have them about what you are typing about?

JessicaRey: This is true about a lot of things, on the internet

JeffC: exactly

JeffC: every time you register for something... every time you put your email out there...

JeffC: you're sharing info

JeffC: of course I get some spam in my gmail... but their spam filter is *awesome*!

JeffC: I rarely get spam in my inbox.

JeffC: and also rarely get real email in my spam.

MichaelaP: I agree with Molly, why not have ads for educators if that could help us in the long run?

SandyMH: I did not know this about google. It is really interesting to find out how they 'work'

MidgeF: If you teach older students you need to be aware that if you see ads that are not appropriate it is because they typed something they shouldn't have

BlancaAC: I agree

MichaelaP: good point

MollyBe: That's true and good to know!

KarenBe: Yes some of the ads are really inappropriate

KhanhP: great point

MidgeF: Be vigilant

ErikaGo: oh wow! that's very interesting and good to know

JessicaRey: But won't most schools block inappropriate material.

PattyFe : it's the ads that keep us (K-5) teachers from using certain websites

LauraRa: Helps you to know

MidgeF: OK, now I have a funny thing to tell you that happened today

JeffC: most schools have some sort of filter that *should* block inappropriate ads.

BlancaAC: they should have filters

MaryYH: wow, that's a really good way to check to see if your students are on task without "spying"

SefloresF: wow...

JeffC: I haven't seen inappropriate ads in google though...

PattyFe : our school system does block. They rarely ask why, just block. Harder to get a website unblocked

PattyFe : to unblock needs to go through curriculum & instruction

JeffC: ok... any other tools that need discussing? i can spend another half hour here if people like...

MidgeF: I was using my micro blogger called Twitter and discovered a message (called a Tweet) that was about ME!

HannahD: let's hear Midge's funny story

JessicaRey: Yeah midge

PattyFe : my problem with google is that "don't URL's" pay for the top hits

KarenBe: Love Twitter!

MidgeF: My friend, Tony Vincent wrote about me. As I read it on my iPod touch, I could make a photo out of it

PattyFe : I've been so busy lately I haven't had time to twitter or tweet

MidgeF: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/MidgeFrazel/3383296406/>

KarenBe: Me too no time to tweet.

MidgeF: It sure makes you sit up and take notice.

JeffC: yes and no Patty. Indeed, you can pay to get up to the top with an advertised space for some searches... but they'll always be at the top, or on the right. Your search will give you the top 10 based on other parameters other than fee based though.

JeffC: and of course google isn't the only search engine... there are thousands... and others I'd recommend for specific searches over google... but... face it... google is the internet standard.

KarenBe: sponsored site you mean on the right they are paid for?

MidgeF: Remember, you should frequently do an ego search for your own name

JeffC: yes... and at the top above the search results

PattyFe : I once searched (for 2nd grade) Sioux Indians and top hit was Sioux Indians but porn site.

BarbaraMu: thanks Jeff and Midge!

JessicaRey: its such a standard it's become a verb in our language

BarbaraMu: appreciated the information and tools

JeffC: Patty... do you know how to adjust your preferences in google?

MidgeF: You were a good audience

NoreneS: Thanks for the info, I will look for the book

KarenBe: Yes I did research on search engines for a paper and google is no#1 by far

PattyFe : Yes, and I did just that on student computers

SydneyTS: Thank you!

JeffC: I strongly recommend that educators go to google preferences and make sure that "safe search" is on!

PattyFe : Thanks Jeff and Midge

MidgeF: Yes, I agree with Jeff

TeresaBl: Thanks

ElizabetJM: good suggestion

KatieMe: Thank you!!

JeffC: after you had put on safe search you still got porn sites?

MollyBe: I didn't know you could do that. I certainly will.

BlancaAC: yes because you never know what may come up

MidgeF: Literally

LauraRa: Thank you for all your help and new insight!

PattyFe : Wish I joined earlier in this chat. Hopefully I will get the entire 'chat' sent to my email

KhanhP: Thanks Everyone for everything today I've learn so much

JeffC: I suggest you talk to your IT people then... make sure they have the computers configured to that... not to mention get another filter provider!

MidgeF: midgef@midgefrazel.net

JeffC: Google Mail

JeffC: Google Earth & Google Map

JeffC: Google Documents

JeffC: Google Educator Tools

JeffC: Google Teacher Academy

JeffC: Google SketchUp

JeffC: Google Patent Search

JeffC: Google Book Search

JeffC: Google Scholar

SandyMH: thank you both for the useful tips on google

JeffC: anything above that people would still like to hear about?

MichaelaP: Thank you both!

BlancaAC: Thank you soooo much all this information is great

SefloresF: Thanks Jeff and Midge, you were so informative. I learned so much!

HannahD: thanks so much guys, it's been helpful

VeronicaPC: Thank you for all the information and google resources. A W E S O M E!

MollyBe: Thanks, this was great.

JeffC: like I said... I owe this session another half hour if people need it.

SefloresF: Google is awesome

TruongSonN: awesome stuff, thank you

MaryYH: thank you so much for all the valuable info on google

VeronicaPC: I will definitely use all of them :)

ErikaGo: can't wait to go out and play with all the new tools I just learned about

JeannineF: no, I think you guys covered a lot of new things that I can't wait to explore more on my own

JeffC: excellent!

LauraVM: I learned so much about different Google Tools, Google is awesome!

JenniferE1: Thanks Midge and Jeff for the useful tips and advice I really enjoyed this session. I am definitely going to be using Google a lot more often!

MidgeF: Don't stay up all night!

JeannineF: Thanks!

AdrianaNa: very interesting and will be very helpful

JeffC: please join this group before you leave.

ElizabetJM: I learned a great deal in this chat today that I plan to incorporate into my classroom. thanks

PattyFe: will I get sent the entire chat even tho I joined late

KarenBe: Thanks so much for all the great information!!! It was an interesting and informative session!

MaryYH: very!

JeffC: to do that, click the little "i" in the green circle at the end of the Welcome box in the top frame (or separate window if you've detached chat).

KhanhP: yes most definitely

MidgeF: Patty, you can email me if you want it

MaryYH: I never knew google offered so many apps that could be used in the classroom

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

BlancaAC: I will definitely be using the information from today

JessicaRey: This session was so helpful. Now I know that google is more than just a search engine

JeffC: jbcoops@gmail.com

BettyZ: Thanks, BJB, Jeff and Midget for all the new information

PattyFe: thanks Midge will do. I'm looking for the little i

ElizabetJM: everyone have a great night

BJB2: Don't miss the School Counselor's Discussion in an hour!

MichaelTr: I like using google documents, we used it at my old work to keep an inventory of our supplies and where they were

LauraVM: This has been very helpful

JeannineF: goodbye to all!

KarenBe: goodnight and thank you!

SefloresF: okay, bye everyone!

BJB2: lots of great resources for your classroom on character ed