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LynneW waves hello and passes a plate of cookies

MarySor: thank you

SusanR: delicious

LynneW points to the table with pop, water, coffee, and juice

MarySor: mmm yummy

LynneW thinks it is always good to have food wherever teachers gather

MarleneK joined the room.

LynneW: Hi Marlene

MarySor: hi

PattyFe : Hi everyone

MarleneK: Hello :)

PattyFe : from Virginia Beach and teach computer resource to K - 5

LynneW: We are passing around a plate of cookies. Water, pop, coffee and juice is on the table.

JeffC joined the room.

LynneW: Hi Jeff

MarleneK grins.

JeffC waves

LynneW: Soon Jeff will announce our session.

PattyFe : Hi Jeff

LynneW: You are all in the correct space.

SusanR winks

LynneW: For Web 2.0 Tools for Schools

PattyFe : but I love my my 22" monitor on my cpu

MarySor: I'm a first timer lol

LynneW: Welcome

LynneW: How did you hear about this session?

PattyFe : I'm hooked on Tapped In since Capstone class

MarySor: Well my Grad school professor wants all of our class to participate in a discussion on Tapped In and I thought this one sounded interesting since I am getting my Masters in Edu Tech

LynneW: My name is Lynne Wolters, and I am the "group mom" for Web 2.0 Tools for Schools.

LynneW: I am a former ed tech teacher educator and live in Vancouver, WA.

LynneW: Please introduce yourselves.

LynneW: Where you live, what you teach, who you teach.

PattyFe : Capstone via PBS Teacherline had us do a chat and also a Bernie Dodge webinar. Since then, hooked

MarleneK: Hi I'm Marlene from Edmonton, Alberta, teacher for close to 20 yrs now I think, junior high and elem.

MarySor: I live in Cleveland, Ohio and I teach High School Math

PattyFe : Virginia Beach, K-5 Computer Resource Specialist so I work with students, staff, and administration

LynneW: This group room contains numerous Web 2.0 Tools that can be used by teachers and/or students.

LynneW: You will find them organized in folders by type/function.

LynneW: All were free at the time they were added to our resources.

LynneW: Sue, please introduce yourself.

PattyFe : for newcomers, no need to have a pen/paper or Word up on your computer. They send you a transcript. it is great

SusanR : Hi

SusanR : I am Susan from Ontario, Canada ..Occasional Teacher and facilitator of the K to 3+ Great Resources sessions here

LynneW: I heartily recommend any of Sue's sessions.

LynneW: They are always great.

SusanR : Thanks for the plug, Lynne

LynneW: Jeff - want to introduce yourself?

JamesC joined the room.

JeffC: I'm on Helpdesk here... been in education almost 20 years, over 10 years online support experience.

LynneW: Each month as I plan for these sessions, I usually have a theme in mind.

LynneW: Welcome James.

LynneW: Please introduce yourself.

JamesC: I'm a high school science teacher from Twentynine Palm, CA.

LynneW: Welcome back.

JamesC: Thanks.

LynneW: BJ, please introduce yourself.

BjB waves hi. I'm one of the Tapped In helpdesk volunteers. I'm in Pennsylvania

LynneW: I was just beginning to introduce the resources I'm sharing today.

LynneW: My theme was loosely around "tax day".

MarleneK grins.

LynneW: That translated into a group of resources about organization, and fun!

JudyW joined the room.

JeffC knows that most people think of taxes as fun.

LynneW: Welcome Judy. Please introduce yourself.

BjB rolls her eyes at Jeff

LynneW agrees with Jeff -- couldn't have fun until tax day passed.

JeffC: hehe

LynneW: Judy, tell us where you live, what and who you teach.

JudyW: I teach 4th grade lang. arts at a small rural East Texas school. I'm an 'older' teacher playing catch up in the realm of technology.

LynneW: is this your first time attending this group?

LynneW: You are most welcome.

TerryKS joined the room.

JudyW: No, this is my 3rd time. A colleague at school told me about this and I've learned quite a lot. Very interesting.

LynneW: Hi Terry, please introduce yourself to our group.

JudyW: I teach in McLeod.

TerryKS: Finally! I made it to a session!

TerryKS: Teacher, grade 4 - Hannibal, MO - project based teaching

LynneW: Tell us where you live, who and what you teach.

LynneW smiles

LynneW: Let's go to our first resource site. All sites have been posted on the group room desktop.

BjB . o O (reminder that I twitter daily updates of TI Discussions username tappedinorg)

LynneW: When you visit this site - simply click on the link to view the video introduction to the site. Then, come back here. Chime in and let me know when you have returned.

LynneW: Yacapaca

LynneW: <http://yacapaca.com/>

LynneW: Yacapaca is a completely free, online, password protected space for teachers to create and use with their students. Create quizzes, surveys, tests, eportfolios and more. Discover modify and share assessments. Set work for the whole class with a few mouse clicks.

LynneW: Mark automatically. Analyze with tools that improve your teaching.

LynneW: WATCH VIDEO ON HOME PAGE.

BjB: wow!

PattyFe: I love the graphic!!

LynneW: I agree Patty

BjB: I liked the eportfolio.

LynneW: I did too

JudyW: Amazing! How can this be FREE!

TerryKS: looks like some nice ready to go tools

MarySor: It seems pretty user friendly

TerryKS: I signed up for it but never got around to using it - it seems to be a trend

LynneW: Is this a resource you might consider using?

TerryKS: yes

MarySor: yes it is

PattyFe: does teacher access automatically give you student access?

LynneW: That is my understanding.

JudyW: I think it is a possibility. I noticed British spelling. Is this site British?

LynneW: Yes

MarleneK: Looks like it has some useful tools

LynneW: Any questions about how this resource might be used?

MarySor: I like how you can create quizzes and the students get automatic feedback

PattyFe : other than forename and surname..... words we haven't heard/used in a long time

TerryKS : Lynne have you used it?

JudyW: I have [to] spend more time exploring and see how I might use it in my reading/spelling/social studies w/ 4th graders.

LynneW: Not this particular one. I was thinking it would be great for teaching skills for all students. Information literacy, how to search for information, safety, etc.

LynneW: Great orientation tool.

TerryKS : I could use it in learning centers

LynneW: There you go.

LynneW: Everyone chime in - are you ready for another site?

PattyFe : I'm always looking for something new for my teachers to use as centers in the classroom

PattyFe : ready for the next site

MarySor: sure

JudyW: I'm ready.

SusanR : yes ..will investigate

MarleneK nods.

LynneW: This site should make finding video clips to use in your classroom.

LynneW: Clipta - Video Search Engine

LynneW: <http://www.clipta.com/>

LynneW: Clipta is an online video search that improves the quality and process of searching for videos on the web. The technology allows users to search, browse, navigate and discover videos from across the web, regardless of the source.

JamesC: Sure.

LynneW: Try searching for something you might use in your own classroom.

BjB : I searched for A Tale of Two David Wilsons and got a match

PattyFe : landmarks in Virginia Beach (the used cars threw me a bit_

MarySor: wow there are some decent videos for high school math!

MarkSM joined the room.

LynneW: Welcome Mark

JamesC: I searched cuttlefish. Found a few video, but ads of thonged butts and cleavage were at the bottom. Watch your search terms.

LynneW: Please tell us where you live, what and who you teach.

MarkSM: Thanks.

SusanR : did a weather search ..would want to embed the videos in a class blog

LynneW: This is definitely a teacher tool.

LynneW: I would not send students here.

MarkSM: I live in Mentor, OH, a suburb of Cleveland. I'm an Inclusion Teacher-Grade 8

MarleneK: Yes, I agree Lynne

LynneW: We just visited a couple of sites and will be moving on to the next one shortly.

LynneW: Let's go to our next site.

MarleneK: You never know what video might come up on the Spotlight.

LynneW: DoInk

LynneW: <http://www.doink.com/>

LynneW: DoInk is a place to enjoy art and animation, and make your own. Draw and animate online easily, collaborate with friends and other artists by reusing props. There's an audience here for you - So if you want to be entertained, learn something new, or create something fun, do it on DoInk.

JamesC: I'm betting it is blocked at our school. Would have to use it at home and use ZamZar to get it to school.

LynneW: Good point James.

TerryKS: is Zamzar not blocked at school?

PattyFe: clipta might be blocked for us

BjB: . o O (Lynne has these urls on the welcome screen in this group room)

MarySor: Yeah we have that same issue James... it's so hard for teachers to try to use some of these websites because they are all blocked

MarkSM: It was blocked for me too

LynneW: Are you moving on to Doink?

PattyFe: they just blocked nfl.com and ESPN because 'staff' were on them and using too much bandwidth

JamesC: Zamzar is not, but it will send videos to your email.

TerryKS: in time we hope this blocking thing subsides...

TerryKS: just downloaded Kidthing

LynneW: Terry you are ahead of us.

TerryKS: ok

LynneW: We are just now moving to DoInk

TerryKS: ok

PattyFe: I tell my teachers to make sure that they are logged in as a student and try the site they want. It can take 4 - 6 weeks to get a site unblocked, 10 minutes to block one

LynneW: I realize this is a frustrating issue. Perhaps you can take this discussion offline.

LynneW: Use the threaded discussion board here.

PattyFe : is doink similar to Paint Shop and adding animation, frames, etc

LynneW: I was thinking of this as a possibility for student use when specialty software is not otherwise available.

JamesC: DoInk is open source content. Any animation that is shared can be reused by all.

MarySor: oh ok

MarySor: I'm not sure if I would really have a use for it in my math classes... maybe Geometry

LynneW: There is the social network aspect which may be great for some kids who want or need feedback.

TerryKS: nice - kids will like it for embedding in their blogs

LynneW: Great tool for teaching story

PattyFe : how is that

LynneW: Have the class group write a story and then illustrate.

PattyFe : gotcha

LynneW: Small groups within the class could do their own illustrations.

JamesC: Collaborative groups could use it to make an animation for a story or a history/science event.

LynneW: They would probably be different for the same characters.

PattyFe : create the story, create a storyboard, and give each student a 'page'

LynneW: Could spawn great discussion in class about character development.

LynneW: Perception

LynneW: This could be used by teachers to create something very eye catching to introduce new content.

LynneW: Are there any other suggestions for using DoInk?

PattyFe : I can see getting my gifted resource teacher involved in this.

PattyFe : we just finished a red wolf unit

PattyFe : designed bumper stickers

PattyFe : could doink do this?

MarySor: that would be cool

LynneW: We are running out of time here and there are a few more sites to visit.

LynneW: Kidthing

LynneW: <http://www.kidthing.com/>

LynneW: Kidthing leverages the power and global reach of the Internet to deliver fun and engaging learning content from leading companies and content creators to kids everywhere, yet keeps them off Web Browsers and all of the inappropriate and potentially harmful things that they can encounter.

JamesC: Its open content nature means the teacher would have to create everything. They might be able to find quite a bit and link the pieces to together. Only missing elements would need to be created.

JamesC: I'm always behind.

LynneW: No problem.

LynneW: You make great points.

PattyFe : I can see kidthing more 'elementary' friendly

LynneW: Yes - I try to provide sites for all age/grade levels each month.

LynneW: The next one is for TWEENS

LynneW: Tweegee - Innovative Tweens Site Caters to Kids

LynneW: <http://www.tweegee.com/ch/Main/>

LynneW: Tweegee integrates social networking, digital content, and interactive tools to offer a complete online platform for Tweens and Pre-teens. Tweegee provides Tweens with the ability to take full ownership of their online activities, to create their complete personal web sites, communicate via web based email and organizer, engage in rich multiplayer games, read news most relevant to them, author their own articles and much

more - all on one platform and at one destination.

SusanR: They are celebrating earth day with a free copy of the Lorax

JamesC: Kidthing beats a Kindle.

PattyFe: problem with our school system could be 'games'

PattyFe: blocked

MarkSM: It reminds me of "Living Books"

SusanR: use it as a school/home connection

LynneW: This is our last resource.

LynneW: startio - Make a startpage with your Favorite Links

LynneW: <http://start.io/>

LynneW: start.io is your new homepage. It holds all of your most used links so you can get to them quickly from wherever you are, and it's super customizable.

TerryKS: Aunts Attack is weird and cool fun

JeffC: games can be great learning tools if handled right... maybe in 100 years schools will realize this.

PattyFe: hey, I think solitaire is great for math, but not my school system

TerryKS: just talked with a kid today who wished that his tests were on Quest Atlantis

JamesC: What is Weege? Is it a cross between club penguin and second life for Kids?

LynneW: This last resource might be great for use on classroom or lab computers when students are working with specific online resources you have found for them.

LynneW: James, that is a good way of thinking about it.

MarleneK: I really like start.io It has such a clean design, easy to use. And is a great organizational tool... Makes a great bibliography page for kids doing research, and for teachers to organize websites according to units

LynneW: Also, these types of sites are great to pass along to parents.

LynneW: Most parents don't know how to guide their Internet using kids.

MarkSM: That is a good point

PattyFe : do students upload material??? how do you use it ?

LynneW: Generally, these kinds of resources are appreciated by parents.

PattyFe : for links I use a portaportal

LynneW: There are many different resources and ways to do the same thing.

MarySor: that is very true Lynne

PattyFe : so true and when you find what works, stick with it

TerryKS : very easy to use

LynneW: I'm sorry this session goes so quickly. I hope you will find time to further explore any of these resources you found of interest.

PattyFe : thanks so much Lynne

LynneW: You are welcome.

TerryKS : should be a simple one to get unblocked

PattyFe : many new sites to explore

MarySor: Thanks Lynne

BjB : and if you haven't joined this group, please do so that you can continue the dialogue on the discussion board

JudyW: Thanks for doing this for us.

LynneW: My pleasure. Thank you all for coming.

LynneW: BJ when is next month's date?

SusanR : It's like sharetabs, Lynne

JamesC: Thank you. It was interesting as usual. I will have to find the discussion board.

MarleneK: Thanks aga in Lynne.. always appreciate the sites you find :)

LynneW: James, it is far left on the desktop for this group room.

BjB hugs Lynne. Thanks!

LynneW: Nice to "see" you Marlene

TerryKS: start.io will make a nice assignment destination for kids -

MarkSM: Thanks Lynne sorry I was late

MarleneK: Almost forgot... one to share <http://artpad.art.com/artpad/painter/>

LynneW: Absolutely no problem. Glad to have you with us Mark.

BjB: next Web 2.0 is May 21

LynneW: Thanks BJ

LynneW: Marlene, thank you for sharing the link.

TerryKS: thanks for the smorgasbord!

LynneW: My pleasure.

MarleneK: Goodnight everyone.

LynneW: Goodnight

MarySor: thanks Lynne... Goodnight all!

BjB waves goodnight.

JamesC: ttfn

TerryKS: bye

LynneW offers the last cookie to BJ

MarkSM: Goodnight...go Cavaliers!

BjB grins and gobbles up the cookie. Thanks!

LynneW: Bye

SusanR: goodnite Lynne and thanks for the GREAT resources