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LynneW: Welcome everyone. We will begin with self-introductions in just a moment.

LynneW: First, is there anyone here attending this session for the first time?

JamieF: This is my first time!

NicolH: yes. First-timer

DanielaC: This is my first time too

LynneW: Wonderful

KristenBa: my first time

BJB2 cheers happily...welcome!

LynneW: My name is Lynne Wolters. I am a former prof. of ed tech and come to you from Vancouver, WA.

LynneW: I serve as the facilitator for this group.

LynneW: Please introduce yourselves, telling us what you teach or or are training to teach, and where you are from.

LynneW: Also include your current or preferred grade level and/or content areas.

JamieF: I'm Jamie...I teach high school math in Bakersfield, CA

DanielaC: I'm teaching computer lab K-6, in Yucaipa, CA

KristenBa: I am from Montrose, CA (near Burbank) and I am currently a K-12 sub (upper elementary preferred)

NicolH: Elementary (4th grade), multiple subject from Corona, CA

MarkCS: I'm a high school teacher on assignment for educational technology ... Ceritos, CA.

ChinAliceK: Hi I teach high school biology in Buena Park, CA

SusanR: K to 3+ from Ottawa, Ontario and I offer the K to 3+ Gret Resources sessions here at TI ..see calendar ..thanks for allowing me to give my sessions a plug, Lynne

LynneW recommends Sue's session highly.

SusanR: It's freezing up here. I wish I was in CA!!

LynneW: BJ would you like to introduce yourself?

LynneW: BJ must be busy helping someone in Tapped In.

LynneW: Welcome to each of you.

LynneW: Please consider joining this group.

LynneW: You will receive a personal reminder email from me prior to each monthly session.

DanielaC: Thanks that sounds great.

BJB2: whoops...I'm a retired teacher located in Pennsylvania

BJB2 . o O (and on TI helpdesk)

LynneW: The format of our sessions is to visit sites one at a time.

BJB2: a reminder that you will all get a transcript of this discussion when you log out....here are the directions for joining this group

LynneW: You will be given a short time to visit the site and explore.

BJB2: find the green i in the welcome note and click on it....and select Join this group

BJB2 . o O (if you detached, find the web window behind the chat)

LynneW: Then, let us know you have returned to our group room. We will have a short brainstorming discussion about ways in which the site might be used either in the classroom, or as a resource for teachers/parents.

LynneW: Thank you BJ!

LynneW: Any questions before we visit our first site?

NicolH: not yet

LynneW: Thanks Nicol

KristenBa: I'm good

DanielaC: None here.

LynneW: I appreciate the quick check in to know how folks are doing.

ChinAliceK: not yet

MarkCS: not yet.

JamieF: ready to explore!

LynneW: The first site is NORAD Santa Tracker for 2009

LynneW: This link always gets the most hits on my blog each year.

BJB2 smiles

LynneW: Added features include NORAD on Facebook and Twitter.

MarkCS: ok

LynneW: Follow Santa's progress with tweets from the ole'guy.

LynneW: http://www.noradsanta.org/en/index.html

LynneW: This site supports multiple languages.

SusanR . o O (absolutely everyone is twittering)

LynneW: Go check it out and let us know when you have returned. Less than 5 minutes.

JamieF: clicking the link isn't opening anything for me. Any tips other than typing the url in?

LynneW: Try holding down the shift key and then click on the link.

LynneW: Your popup blocker may be the problem.

BJB2 agrees with Lynne

BJB2: Jamie, you can also go to Actions in the top right of the chat and select Send to Pasteboard....

BJB2: then you can copy and paste the url to another browser window

JamieF: okay. I'll try that next time. thanks

NicolH: I'm back

LynneW: Today's links are all posted on the group room web page, between the apple picture and the navigational links

DanielaC: That's a nice little holiday treat.

ChinAliceK: Am I in the room?

LynneW: Yes you are

MarkCS: yes, Alice

ChinAliceK: I am.. lol

LynneW: Other than for the obvious purpose, how might the Santa Tracker site be used?

LynneW: Shall I offer a suggestion?

KristenBa: please...it will get me thinking

MarkCS: That would be great

NicolH: yes please.

ChinAliceK: yes

LynneW: I'm thinking parent education.

SusanR: use it for class meeting news

LynneW: Parents who haven't used social networking sites or know how to interact with their kids on the computer can use this as a purposeful gateway.

LynneW: Social networking is difficult to understand if you don't have a purpose for using it.

LynneW: Much of our internet safety literature recommends parents be with their kids online.

LynneW: This can be difficult for many reasons.

LynneW: Giving parents options -- suggestions can be very helpful.

LynneW: What do you think?

LynneW: Are you with me????

DanielaC: Yes, parents need to be aware of what their kids are doing on the computer so that they can better monitor them.

ChinAliceK: yes

NicolH: it is helpful to give parents suggestions. If you don't then they say 'no' to everything

JamieF: yes. not really an application for high school, I think.

LynneW: True

LynneW: The next web site is also holiday themed.

LynneW: Google Docs has templates available. Many folks don't realize they can access them easily.

LynneW: This is a listing of holiday templates

LynneW: http://docs.google.com/templates?q=holiday+google&sort=hottest&view=public

LynneW: Cards, newsletters, package tags, lists, calendars, etc.

JamieF: very cool! I was just looking for some holiday templates the other day.

JeffC joined the room.

LynneW: Just take a quick look and bookmark it if it looks interesting.

LynneW: Great Jamie

LynneW: Welcome Jeff

MarkCS: Nice!

JeffC waves

MarkCS: Never knew about the templates

LynneW smiles and nods at Mark

ChinAliceK: do you have to log in to google to view these templates?

LynneW: I think it is a search function but you may need to.

NicolH: Love the templates - wow!

LynneW: I'm logged in so much I didn't think to check.

DanielaC: I can use some of those.

ChinAliceK: I see.. there is preview tab.

BJB2: yes, you need to log in

KristenBa: very cute...handy to have around

LynneW: Ready to move on to the more academic web sites?

ChinAliceK: yes

MarkCS: yes

NicolH: ok

JamieF: yes!

LynneW: Cramberry is next. It is an online flashcard maker, interactive study site.

KristenBa: yup

DanielaC: Yes.

LynneW: http://cramberry.net/

ChinAliceK: sound great

LynneW: Notice it indicates it will prompt students for study times, diagnose wrong answers, etc.

ChinAliceK: Do you want us to sign up?

LynneW: Only if you want to.

LynneW: I recommend you have a separate email address you use for signing up for these types of free sites.

LynneW: I experienced it as a clean site.

MarkCS: That's good to know... thanks!

JamieF: I think I'm missing something. It is supposed to act like flashcards?

NicolH: Very interesting that students will be able to share their cards with other users

LynneW: Yes Jamie.

LynneW: You can create a set for weekly word lists, introducing new terms associated with new content.

LynneW: Language instruction

JamieF: I just see lists of stuff.

JamieF: like a glossary or dictionary

KristenBa: word: definition/info

DanielaC: This is a cool study tool.

KristenBa: is there more interactive study help??

KristenBa: (on this site)

JamieF: looks like it has potential, but I'm not sure it's coming through right.

SusanR: just noticed .. some interesting study cards http://cramberry.net/sets/23254-chapter-6-topless-dancers

JamieF: A lot of the sample cards I looked at had web addresses that weren't acting like links. I'm confused.

LynneW: The listing of words and their meanings shows the content of each flashcard set.

LynneW: You can download the set to your computer - print them off if hard copies are preferred.

ChinAliceK: you can have kids make the flashcard on this site and send you the link to check their work

LynneW: You can create your own sets or access sets created within the cramberry community.

SusanR: I think the student has to match the art work(jpg) to the artist and title, Jamie

ChinAliceK: Or share with another student to collaborate

JamieF: But I'm not seeing artwork. Would it show up if I downloaded the set?

SusanR: copy and paste link, Jamie

SusanR: which is what I did

JamieF: sheesh! Everything in the list was a link!

LynneW: Who is ready to move on?

DanielaC: Yes

MarkCS: yes

SusanR: yep

KristenBa: ready

NicolH: ready. I like this resource very much. It's a keeper

LynneW: Good to know Nicol

ChinAliceK: I am ready too

LynneW: Next up is an online music site. It is a "beat box".

LynneW: Incredibox

LynneW: http://www.incredibox.fr/

LynneW: Go play and have fun.

LynneW: Turn on your volume.

ChinAliceK: What is this?

JamieF: That's really fun!

LynneW: It is a site for making music using their tools.

LynneW: Add in the elements at the bottom of the page. Give one to each guy that appears.

NicolH: shuffling is fun too

MarkCS: I can be on this for a couple of hours... ok a few hours.

LynneW: The various element combinations will produce a different "beat"

KristenBa: this is fun

LynneW: Fun is a very good word.

DanielaC: Yes, this is fun.

LynneW: How might you introduce this to students?

LynneW: Why would you want to use it?

LynneW: Other than your own entertainment?

KristenBa: uumm..not really sure to be honest

NicolH: not sure Lynne. I'm thinking...

SusanR: creativity and experimentation

LynneW: Yes

MarkCS: Still thinking here... for podcasts?

LynneW: Musical elements

MarkCS: background music?

LynneW: Yes music for products of student work.

LynneW: Avoids copyright issues.

DanielaC: Music appreciation it takes all the different elements to create the harmony of the whole melody.

KristenBa: rhythm??

MarkCS: copyright is a great reason!

LynneW: Yes and then you can use that concept to introduce the idea of teams, working together for a common purpose.

LynneW: The concept of differences blending well.

BJB2: another great music composition site is MusicShake. They have a group room in Tapped In and do monthly presentations

BJB2: http://www.musicshake.com

LynneW: The next site is a high quality YouTube video that begins in the Himalayas and takes one visually through the known universe and back. Google Earth on steroids. Good for science and for teaching perspective in writing and art.

JamieF: is that something you want us to go check out now or are you just mentioning it

LynneW: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17jymDn0W6U

BJB2: check it out later, please...don't want to interrupt Lynne

LynneW: BJ mentioned the site because so many of you had fun with Incredibox.

DanielaC: Thanks will check it out later.

LynneW: The last three sites are all photo manipulation sites. Gross Out is one your kids will like best.

BJB2 chuckles...I like it already!

BJB2 . o O (great name)

LynneW: You upload an image, or take an image from your computer camera and then add gross effects.

LynneW: Framer places frames around your images.

LynneW: Bulkr is a utility for downloading bulk images -- up to 200 at a time. Good if you have large collections on Flickr (as an example)

SusanR: lots of fun

LynneW: http://www.getgrossedout.com/

LynneW: http://clipyourphotos.com/framer

LynneW: http://clipyourphotos.com/bulkr

LynneW: We are nearing the end of our session. There are LOTS of resources posted in this group room. It is open and available to all 24/7.

LynneW: Previous monthly session links are located on the group room web page - scroll down.

LynneW: Other links are organized in folders under the LINKS navigation.

LynneW: The organization is by type/function.

BJB2: Thanks for some exciting and fun links, Lynne!

LynneW: As BJ mentioned at the beginning of the session, your transcripts of this session will contain the links.

LynneW smiles

JamieF: good deal.

KristenBa: perfect..thanks

NicolH: Great! Thank you much.

MarkCS: Thanks, Lynne.

DanielaC: Thanks for the resources.

ChinAliceK: thank you

LynneW: Thank you for coming today.

LynneW: Please consider joining our group and return in January!

BJB2 hugs Lynne. See you next year!

SusanR: Thanks Lynne. Lots to play with over the holidays.

NicolH: ok. Enjoy your Holiday!

JamieF: Merry Christmas!

ChinAliceK: Merry Christmas

LynneW waves goodbye and sends holiday wishes to all.

DanielaC: Have a great Holiday!

SusanR: Happy Holidays, Lynne