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BJB2: now we have a nice group...just missing the discussion leader ;-)

BJB2: how about if we start with a couple tips to help you follow the discussion....

BrentC: sounds good

BJB2: please go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat and select Larger Text

BJB2: then go to Actions and select DETACH

BJB2: this will give you a separate web and chat window

BrentC: cool

BJB2: if you want to look at the resources Pat has in this room, you can overlap the web and chat

BJB2: we usually start all Tapped In discussions with introductions, so let's do that, please

BJB2: where are you located and what do you teach or hope to teach?

BJB2: I'm a retired communication teacher located in Pennsylvania

BrentC: I am a VP in Saskatchewan Canada. Senior Math is all I have ever taught

BJB2: thanks, Brent

BJB2: Renee? Mildred?

BJB2: . o O (shy?)

MildredD: I'm an Instructional Coach in Louisiana

BJB2: thanks, Mildred!

ReneeRK: I teach 2nd grade in Franklin, La

BJB2: thanks, Renee!

BJB2: so we go from the littles to the big kids!

AmandaMB joined the room.

BJB2: Hi, Amanda. Just in time.

BJB2: we're finishing up introductions. Where are you and what do you teach?

AmandaMB: Sorry, computer is running slow.

BJB2: no problem, Amanda.

BJB2 . o O (although it's a pain for you, I'm sure!)

AmandaMB: I'm in New Iberia, but I teach in Franklin. I teach second grade.

BJB2: that's in Louisiana?

AmandaMB: Yes...sorry

BJB2 . o O (we have a Canadian, a Pennsylvanian and two from Louisiana)

BJB2: Patricia Chen is the leader of this group, but she has not logged in yet for some reason...

BJB2: but she's placed some resources here that we can look at...

BrentC: Excuse my lack of knowledge Mildred.. what is an instructional coach

BJB2: and I believe she's included elementary

MildredD: I've looked at several of the resources, they look like they would be great used with the SMARTBoard.

BJB2 waits for Mildred to explain instructional coach

AmandaMB: I looked over the math games, including the powerpoint games, and thought I might be able to use some of them in my class

MildredD: I model lessons for the classroom teacher that incorporates literacy strategies and the use of technology. Depending on the school's SIP

ReneeRK: yeah, me too!

BJB2: I agree, Mildred, about the whiteboard. Thanks for the explanation

BrentC: Thanks .. Just trying to translate to Canadian

BJB2: I did follow one of the links and got
http://www.internet4classrooms.com/links_grades_kindergarten_12/game_puzzle_makers_teacher_tools.htm

MildredD: No problem

BJB2 . o O (got that via the "Can you develop a game site Pat listed)

BJB2: one of the features of Tapped In is that you can store information like this in a group room...

BJB2: so that people who are not able to participate in the real time chat can still access the information

BJB2 . o O (one of the advantages of joining a group)

BJB2: did anyone check out any other site that you found especially helpful?

BrentC: I did not find allot for the Senior Algebra I teach... Ideas?

BJB2: do you follow twitter, Brent?

BrentC: NO

BJB2 laughs....well!

BJB2: I resisted twitter for a long time...it can drive you nuts!

BJB2: BUT....I'm finding that it's pretty useful....you can follow just math people

MariaDr joined the room.

MariaDr: Evening

BJB2: good job, Maria

MariaDr -)

BJB2: and speaking of following people on Twitter....Maria is one you want to look for, Brent!

MildredD: There is a website www.algebasics.com that I have shown one of my Algebra I teachers who is new.

MariaDr: @MariaDroujkova

BJB2: thanks, Mildred. Maria, Brent is looking for high school algebra game resources

MariaDr: green globs

BJB2: Brent, hold down the ctrl key when you click on a url or turn off pop up blockers

MariaDr: (it's the name of my favorite game)

BJB2: is that a Clime game?

BrentC: Thanks.. I am getting used to this slowly

MariaDr: Ihor likes it a lot, but I think someone else developed it

MariaDr: Well, I know

BJB2 seems to remember Ihor mentioning it

PatriciaCh joined the room.

BJB2: Pat!

PatriciaCh: Hello I am sorry to be late

BJB2 hugs Pat warmly

PatriciaCh: it was one of those days

BJB2: you have a fabulous group here, Pat....they'll cheer you up

MariaDr: <http://www.greenglobs.net/>

BJB2: Brent is high school math/algebra

ReneeRK: I know what you mean, I had one of those days too!

BJB2: Renee is elementary

ReneeRK: A very loooong day!

PatriciaCh: well ... let's do introductions

BJB2: Mildred is an instructional coach

BJB2 sits on her hands and let's Pat lead the discussion

ReneeRK: I teach second grade in Franklin, LA

PatriciaCh: I teach math in Florida

PatriciaCh: middle school math

BrentC: I teach Senior Algebra and am a VP on the side from Canada

ReneeRK: My sister lives in Florida

AmandaMB: I also teach second grade in Franklin, LA...with Renee

MildredD: My background is middle school math

MariaDr: I help math communities grow, notably Natural Math and Math 2.0 Interest Group

PatriciaCh: welcome everyone ... again my apologies ...we have an odd situation here in Florida ..about teachers and pay scale

MariaDr: I live in Cary, NC

PatriciaCh: so we are all in a dither so to speak

BJB2: . o O (think of California!)

MildredD: Is it based on merit pay

PatriciaCh: did you all have the chance to look at the different links?

MildredD: a few

ReneeRK: yes

BrentC: yes

ReneeRK: some at least

PatriciaCh: yes they want to base 50% of our salary on student performance

MariaDr: where?

MariaDr: the links, that is

BJB2: Maria, look on the web window

ReneeRK: I also heard talks of that based on performance scores

PatriciaCh: the links should be on the window

AmandaMB: Yes, I checked out most of the links

BJB2: . o O (if you've detached the chat, the web window is behind the chat)

BJB2: Brent was looking for Algebra links and Maria told him about green globs

MariaDr: I am glitching, but I will find my way eventually

MariaDr: well, my comp is glitching :-)

PatriciaCh: that was me in the morning

BJB2: <http://www.greenglobs.net/>

PatriciaCh: anyway ... has anyone had the experience using games to review for tests/quizzes?

BrentC: used jeopardy before

MildredD: Looking for any resources to use with high school math, Alg I, II, and Geometry

AmandaMB: not really, but I'd like to try

MildredD: Jeopardy, Kooshball, dancemat

ReneeRK: no, I haven't

ReneeRK: I don't know if we would be able to with all of the programs that we have in place

MariaDr: I am working on a math game framework, though my primary focus is on "intrinsically math" games where mechanics of the game are tied to the content

PatriciaCh: the template is there and it is easy to customize it for your needs

BJB2: for major low tech you can even put sticky notes on a checkerboard with problems to solve on each note

BrentC: Maria.. at what level are u looking at?

AmandaMB: the time factor is definitely a major concern

MariaDr: We just did a webinar on a site with some neat games called Mangahigh:
<http://mathfuture.wikispaces.com/Mangahigh>

PatriciaCh: how long are you classes

MariaDr: there are some middle/high school games there

MildredD: 55 minutes

MariaDr: I am working with all levels - mainly interested in general principles of it.

PatriciaCh: You can do one of the jeopardy games in that time frame ...my class time is 48 minutes

PatriciaCh: it is a slow start ..once the students acclimates to the routine ... it is not bad at all

MariaDr: That's a strong plus of content-independent games, Patricia: people learn the format once and for all

BrentC: I always wonder about my advanced kids. They are not gamers

PatriciaCh: the trick is to teach the students how to play the game with fewer categories

BJB2: Brent, have the advanced kids design the questions for the jeopardy game

AmandaMB: I'm concerned about my second graders being able to play the games

MildredD: I know when we started using the dance mat, the students were apprehensive at first, but now they ask when I'm coming back to their class to do another game.

MariaDr: There is a school that teaches within World of Warcraft:
<http://wowinschool.pbworks.com/>

MariaDr: Mildred, was it Dance-Dance Revolution type thing?

BrentC: I have a time crunch to get through all the "stuff"

PatriciaCh: my gifted students loved playing jeopardy

BJB2: that's not a Canadian phenom, Brent...we all have that time crunch

AmandaMB: My own children love World of Warcraft. I could see that for middle to high school

BJB2 . o O (one of the blessings of the US NCLB)

PatriciaCh: with the elementary ed ...use the format on spelling or something that you can customized for the students easily

MildredD: Yes, we use it with a ppt with questions.

MariaDr: there are online makers of Jeopardy-type games, just add content

ReneeRK: I'm thinking it can be used for my higher leveled, early finishers

PatriciaCh: once the students are used to the routine add other subjects ...

AmandaMB: Yes, I was leaning more towards the ppt games for my kids

BJB2: as a 'station', Renee?

MariaDr: Scratch from MIT is a platform I use with kids (young and teens) to make their own games

MildredD: Amanda do you have a SMARTBoard or Mimio

PatriciaCh: I select a student to be the host

MariaDr: <http://scratch.mit.edu/>

ReneeRK: is there a way that they can play part of a game, just during free time and then resume

AmandaMB: No, but we (Renee and I) are getting a Promethean Board

MildredD: That is even better.

PatriciaCh: if you do not close out of the game ..you can resume at some point during the day

AmandaMB: I was thinking I could use them when done with the main math lesson and/or as review before a test

PatriciaCh: do you have tablets that goes with the Promethean Board?

ReneeRK: we don't know anything about them yet, but hope to find out soon

PatriciaCh: I use the games as a review ..not only for tests ...but pre -intro

ReneeRK: so excited! we are going to try all kinds of stuff

AmandaMB: All I know is, we going to get the board. We haven't gotten anything yet. We will be the "tryer-outers" for our school

PatriciaCh: if you search online there are tons of pre-made games

MildredD: There are a lot of pre-made games for the elementary levels that you can use.

ReneeRK: that's a good idea, Amanda we can probably use them in some type of game as part of our focus lessons

PatriciaCh: if you do get the tablets ...it will be so awesomewe have them in the elementary school ...my friend loves it

AmandaMB: To me, our focus lessons can be taught differently if we find a better way

ReneeRK: we will have to try that out and see what we can find

MildredD: http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/ekowalcz/math/elementary_web_sites.htm, this site has a lot of games

ReneeRK: yeah, I think so too, Amanda

PatriciaCh: that is the whole idea ...re -introduce prior knowledge

PatriciaCh: gaming in this fashion reinforces what is learned ...

PatriciaCh: also share with each otheryou can build an inventory of games this way

MildredD: By re-introducing prior knowledge we have a basis to connect new knowledge to.

AmandaMB: we share everything anyway

ReneeRK: I just looked at that website Mildred and it says that the page cannot be displayed.

MildredD: The thing is, in game format, they don't consider it work:)

BJB2: follow Game Classroom on twitter: <http://www.gameclassroom.com/> Looks like more for elementary though

PatriciaCh: if you open the games folder on my page ... you will have links to games on multiple subjects

ReneeRK: ok, thanks

PatriciaCh: <http://www.powell.k12.ky.us/pcms/Jeopardy/Jeopardy%20Games.htm>

ReneeRK: thanks bj

MariaDr: There is a problem with games of this sort, though. Kids may believe that math is always outside of what makes game tick. It's a challenge to avert this belief.

PatriciaCh: this is one of them

MildredD: http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/ekowalcz/math/elementary_web_sites.htm I have it pulled up in another window

ReneeRK: ok, worked that time, thanks

MildredD: k

ReneeRK: just quickly bookmarking until i can add to my sites!

PatriciaCh: <http://www.powell.k12.ky.us/pcms/Jeopardy/Jeopardy%20Games.htm>

AmandaMB: adding that link to my favorites

PatriciaCh: http://www.hardin.k12.ky.us/res_techn/countyjeopardygames.htm

BJB2 . o O (a reminder that all links will be in your transcripts that are sent to you automatically when you log out)

PatriciaCh: this link has multiple subjects and grade level

ReneeRK: yeah, just got to save them!

AmandaMB: I need to add all the links to my delicious account

MildredD: With the use of the promethean boards, or Smart boards they are much more fun than just on the screen.

PatriciaCh: I will leave the links on my page for awhile

AmandaMB: OK, thanks

ReneeRK: ok, thanks

ReneeRK: yeah, I bet

PatriciaCh: you have the boards that will allow your students to be active participants

ReneeRK: right now I can just hook my computer up to my old tv

ReneeRK: not very fun

PatriciaCh: I agree it is going to be a different world when you get the board

AmandaMB: I have a laptop and projector that I use daily. I don't really write on my board

anymore

AmandaMB: unless I have to use a transparency

PatriciaCh: my instruction is powerpoints ...but I do use the board to do more problems

PatriciaCh: that is another thing ...powerpoint your instruction

AmandaMB: I'm all about powerpoints

ReneeRK: yeah, but not until I get my board!

MildredD: We have SMARTBoards in all the high school ELA and Math classes, With the smart board we can play kooshball where we can design games, then the kids throw a kooshball at it. They then answer the question that appears.

PatriciaCh: it makes life so easy

PatriciaCh: that is great ...that the teachers buy into it ...I am still among the few in my school

MildredD: The secret to using ppts is to use hyperlinks

PatriciaCh: it makes a world of difference

AmandaMB: I've learned that recently but haven't done it yet. But, I will!

AmandaMB: I have so much catching up to do

PatriciaCh: also my powerpoints serves as notes on my website

MildredD: If you can find a template, it's easy to edit with your info

PatriciaCh: powerpoint or game template?

ReneeRK: I've used powerpoints with hyperlinks

MildredD: both

AmandaMB: I mean for quizzes, games, etc

PatriciaCh: I make mine from scratch ..and plus I share with a friend

ReneeRK: oh, no...me either Amanda

PatriciaCh: I have game templates link

ReneeRK: never used a power point for a game

MildredD: please consider all of us your friends

ReneeRK: are all of you on twitter

ReneeRK: I can try to find you

MildredD: Sorry, I'm trying to cook and type.

ReneeRK: not very good at twitter

ReneeRK: I know need to go bathe children

BJB2: I retweet a lot of math stuff www.twitter.com/tappedinorg

PatriciaCh: no I am not on twitter

PatriciaCh: but if you open the folder on templates ...you have a variety of games to choose from

PatriciaCh: <http://teach.fcps.net/trt10/PowerPoint.htm>

PatriciaCh: this is one of them

ReneeRK: thanks

MildredD: I've never used the Who Wants to be a Millionaire, but will using your template

PatriciaCh: it is fun to do this ...and the kids like them too

PatriciaCh: Hollywood Squares is there too ...I search the Internet for new ones

AmandaMB: thank you, everyone. I'll be back later to save all the links

PatriciaCh: there are ready made ones that you can use too

BJB2: you can search for ppt ...nice google search feature

PatriciaCh: the links will be on your transcript

ReneeRK: thanks so much

PatriciaCh: thank you

ReneeRK: need to eat and bathe everyone

BJB2: Thanks for leading the discussion, Pat!

AmandaMB: Thanks, Pat

BJB2: and thank you all for participating...awesome discussion

PatriciaCh: Thank you all for being so understanding

ReneeRK: nice seeing all of the variety of games...hope to be able to use them

AmandaMB: I have big plans

PatriciaCh: it takes time ..just enjoy and find the one you like the best

BJB2: please join this group and log in next month...April 20

MildredD: Thanks,

BJB2: do you have a theme, Pat?

BJB2 . o O (anyone have any requests?)

PatriciaCh: yes .. I will post the topic ..but will leave the links on for a while

MariaDr: good night

MariaDr: thank you for the group

PatriciaCh: literature ?

MildredD: with math connections?

PatriciaCh: yes

BJB2 . o O (math and literature is my favorite!)

MildredD: Goody!!!!!!

PatriciaCh: there are tons of stuff out there ...especially for elementary

AmandaMB: good night

ReneeRK: bye

PatriciaCh: good night ..see you all on April 20

BJB2 waves goodnight

MildredD: Night

BJB2: have a better day tomorrow, Pat :-)

PatriciaCh: thanks