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KaitlynS: Hello Nancy

BjB: Hi, Nancy!

NancyMD: Hello

BjB: Here for Kaitlyn's Prof Dev. Resources, Nancy?

NancyMD: Yes I am

KaitlynS: Welcome

BjB: great! We'll start in a few minutes

NancyMD: Thank you

BjB: Kaitlyn, have you added any resources that Nancy can look at while we wait?

KaitlynS: I have. The links are in the EduSources Room (this room) under Kaitlyn's Prof. Dev. Resources.

NancyMD: ok, I'll take a look at those

KaitlynS: Is there anything you are particularly looking for in regards to resources?

KaitlynS: ok

MelissaMM joined the room.

NancyMD: I'm not really sure, I'm a student teacher and any information you give me will be useful

EnciaS joined the room.

BjB: Kaitlyn, shall we start with introductions?

KaitlynS: yes

KaitlynS: go ahead

JeffC joined the room.

BjB: and a suggestion if you are new to Tapped In to go to Actions and select DETACH to make it easier to follow the chat text

BjB: o O (although Kaitlyn will be pointing you to the web window for some resources)

BjB: I'm a retired communication and art teacher in Pennsylvania and am on Tapped In helpdesk

KaitlynS: I am Kaitlyn. I work primarily with students who are Deaf who have additional needs. Taught for 5 years in the States and am now at a school in the United Kingdom.

JeffC: I'm in Forest Grove Oregon, on Tapped In Helpdesk, and a lifelong class clown.

MelissaMM: I am Melissa. I am a student teacher from Houston

BjB: what do you hope to teach, Melissa?

NancyMD: I am Nancy from Houston, and I am currently student teaching in an elementary school

KaitlynS: Welcome

KaitlynS: Encia?

EnciaS: I am an elementary school teacher in California. I have a k/1 combination class

MelissaMM: open to anything k-4. I have student taught in 1st and 4th

EnciaS: thank you

JeffC starts making a balloon animal of Maria Montessori.

KaitlynS: Welcome all. I want to first start with one of my favorite sites. You may have heard of.

KaitlynS: <http://www.paec.org/teacher2teacher/>

BjB gets out a pincushion

BjB: when you click on the url, hold down the ctrl key

BjB . o O (so you don't get kicked out)

KaitlynS: now now children!

BjB checks to see if everyone got the url

KaitlynS: This site is completely free and even has the state requirements for earning professional development points.

KaitlynS: You can click on Teacher credit in the left purple column to see your states requirements.

JeffC: when clicking links... be sure to hold down the Ctrl key... or accept popups from this site (best)... otherwise your popup blocker logs you out (as Melissa has discovered).

BjB: <http://www.paec.org/teacher2teacher/>

MelissaMM: thank you

KaitlynS: This site has live video workshops that you can watch, quizzes to take, and further extension activities in order to get those application points.

JeffC: here's a redirect for the same site: <http://sn.im/elearning1>

BjB: the site is free, but does the resource give teachers cue's?

BjB . o O (continuing units of education)

KaitlynS: It does give you a form for completing quizzes for you to turn into your school district.

BjB: thanks, Kaitlyn

NancyMD: yes, just looking around

MelissaMM: wow great

KaitlynS: It's up to the school district to allot points, but my school district was very receptive to this idea.

NancyMD: very interesting

KaitlynS: The workshops are all quality teachers or colleagues in the field of education.

JeffC: have any district that doesn't accept CUEs from that site contact me... I'll arrange a

pie in the face.

KaitlynS : haha

NancyMD: lol

MelissaMM: haha

KaitlynS : Again, if you have any questions or comments or add in's, please do not hesitate. I'd love to hear any of your resources as well.

KaitlynS : You do need to register for this site with a working email, but it is free.

KaitlynS : The next site is <http://www.thirteen.org/edonline/concept2class/>

KaitlynS : Take your time either browsing the first one or moving on to the second site.

NancyMD: ok

KaitlynS : All sites are posted in this room under the folder Kaitlyn's Prof. Dev. Resources

KaitlynS : You will also receive a transcript of this discussion to your email so don't feel like you may be missing anything vital by taking time to browse.

JeffC: <http://sn.im/thirteen>

BjB : thanks for that transcript reminder, Kaitlyn

KaitlynS : In this site if you click on one of the modules and look at the top right "Get Credit".

KaitlynS : If you click on this, it has pre-written letters for your administrator explaining the website, modules, and why your administrator should give you loads of credit :)

MelissaMM: I like how they provide a letter for administrators

BjB wonders if Tapped In can do something similar

KaitlynS : I like this site as well because it has loads of extension activities!

KaitlynS : I have found it to be useful with my school district.

KaitlynS : We have quite the strict committee for administering points.

NancyMD: I like how it answers possible questions teachers may have

KaitlynS: With the rise of inclusion I have found <http://www.autismnetwork.org/> to be quite the useful site as well.

KaitlynS: It is a very quality site on autism.

KaitlynS: It has modules for several facts and how-to's when working with students who have autism.

KaitlynS: This site does have reading materials, a few videos, and quizzes.

KaitlynS: The downfall is it is on the honor system for receiving points.

KaitlynS: I talked with my school district and kept a log of reading and turned in my printed-out quizzes I took.

KaitlynS: I also created lessons to show that I was taking what I had learned and implementing it.

MelissaMM: good idea

KaitlynS: If ever down the road, you have a student with autism, I highly recommend this site.

BjB: with mainstreaming, all educators must be ready for any special learning needs students

KaitlynS: exactly

MelissaMM: I agree

NancyMD: Could this site be helpful for parents as well

KaitlynS: Yes!

NancyMD: I have an autistic nephew and I believe this will be useful for me, his family, and his teachers.

KaitlynS: Great!

KaitlynS: I see many of you are in the elementary field. A great resource for finding books and extension activities is planetesme.com

KaitlynS: www.planetesme.com

KaitlynS: If you are training to be a teacher, her book *Diary of a Teacher's First Year* is a

must!

KaitlynS: Her How to Get your Child to Love Reading is also a resource I have used loads!

KaitlynS: She is very "whole language" with her approach to teaching reading.

KaitlynS: click on the link and then click on the yellow go to planet esme now

KaitlynS: It's on the left in the green column

KaitlynS: She has all her books organized into holidays, events, topics, etc.

BjB: on a related note, Kaitlyn, there was a recent blog carnival of sorts for reading <http://shareastory-shapeafuture.blogspot.com/2009/02/share-story-shape-future-blog-tour-for.html>

KaitlynS: Super! Thanks :)

KaitlynS: ok

BjB: I don't think Esme participated, but there is some good stuff there

KaitlynS: I have a mac... how do I copy and paste the link?

BjB: go to Actions and send to pasteboard

KaitlynS: ok

BjB: then copy the link and paste to another browser window

KaitlynS: Thanks

KaitlynS: For some reason, my husband thinks I should have a Mac, but that's another discussion

KaitlynS: ha

BjB: I'm not particular...as long as it works!

KaitlynS: In the UK, a great source that I've just been introduced to is

KaitlynS: <http://www.priorywoods.middlesbrough.sch.uk/resources/restop.htm>

KaitlynS: great ICT resources

BjB agrees

KaitlynS: For our kids who need that constant repetition, this has definitely kept their interest!

KaitlynS: If you put it up on the Smart Board, it's also great for fine motor skills as well.

KaitlynS: To teach whole group

MelissaMM: wow looks like something my class would enjoy

KaitlynS: Have you used Starfall.com Melissa?

KaitlynS: My six-year-olds' favorite by far

MelissaMM: yes, my mentor teacher uses it in her 1st grade class

KaitlynS: Do you have any websites we haven't shared that you find are quite useful?

BjB: I liked the info for new teachers, Kaitlyn. I'm going to post that in the Teachers in Training group room

KaitlynS: Excellent Thanks :)

MelissaMM: unfortunately no, I have only seen starfall used in the school I'm at.

KaitlynS: no worries

KaitlynS: 4teachers.org is quite good

KaitlynS: Jeff- were you saying this website charges now?

KaitlynS: I used it last year when I had middle school.

BjB: Here's a site for first year teachers...has a review of Harry Wong's book, The First Days of School

BjB: <http://www.glavac.com/harrywong.htm>

KaitlynS: Thanks

BjB: rule two is perfect: 2. Here's the biggest secret to being effective: beg, borrow, and steal - and work collaboratively.

KaitlynS: oh definitely

KaitlynS: I learned that the hard way.

NancyMD: I am learning that now

BjB: Tapped In was created to provide more opportunities for that collaboration

KaitlynS: You only have to be a hero some of the time. Teaching is all about NOT recreating the wheel

MelissaMM: true

KaitlynS: I have been teaching for six years and remember vividly in the interviews they wanted to know where and how I found resources.

MelissaMM: Oh really, that's something that none of our teachers who are preparing us for interviews have said

MelissaMM: good to know

BjB: regular newsletters home to parents is a good way to drum up some resources

NancyMD: I'll make sure to keep that in mind for my interviews

BjB: some teachers are even "selling" sponsorships for test papers

KaitlynS: I think that many schools are taking the shift to be very school-wide with everyone on the same page.

KaitlynS: What states will you be interviewing in?

MelissaMM: Texas

NancyMD: I'll be in Texas as well

KaitlynS: Through my experience, there are several schools using school-wide behavior and academic plans. Showing you can collaborate and be a true team is definitely something to make known.

MelissaMM: yeah, we do have school-wide behavior and academic plans

NancyMD: The schools have been in value team work highly

KaitlynS: BJ or Jeff Can you recommend any Discussions that would be beneficial to attend here in Tapped In

BjB: K to 3+ Resources

BjB . o O (great for early childhood)

KaitlynS: My school district gives me minimal points, but points for turning in my transcript from certain discussions

KaitlynS: Looking on calendar

NancyMD: Great! I was planning on attending that chat

BjB: and Teachers in Training is a nice support group for new and first year teachers who find that real life isn't quite like student teaching ;-)

KaitlynS: I wish I had found Tapped In sooner.

MelissaMM: I will make sure to look into those discussions. thanks

BjB smiles happily...all things in their own time, Kaitlyn. Thank you for finding TI when you did and leading this group!

KaitlynS: Again BJ, you said there was a Teachers Training Link? Where can we find that?

BjB: look on the calendar....Tapped in tab and then calendar

BjB: Teachers in Training meets on the second Thursday of the month

KaitlynS: Excellent- Thanks

BjB: the discussion leader encourages people to join the group and post questions and concerns to the discussion board...

BjB: since it's difficult to meet all time zone needs...and busy schedules for real time chats

KaitlynS: I know we talked a lot about reading resources, but schools are going to want to see the math of it as well

BjB nods solemnly to Kaitlyn

KaitlynS: I would recommend taking a look at the first site we looked at

KaitlynS: <http://www.paec.org/teacher2teacher/>

KaitlynS: and the math portion on that

BjB : and science...critical thinking skills and problem solving

NancyMD: Thanks, I'm adding this site to favorites

KaitlynS : right!

KaitlynS : Science and Social Studies need just as much recognition

KaitlynS : Excellent

KaitlynS : I wish the best of luck to you!

JeffC: next week from 10-12a.m. Saturday (Pacific time) I'll be helping teachers create their own classrooms here and collaborate with others. Collaboration Community starts at 10, immediately following is the K-12 Campus tour and support. [Ed. Note: Classroom Collaboration meets on the first and third Saturday of the month. **BJB**]

KaitlynS : Thanks for the note Jeff.

BjB : The next Kaitlyn's Prof Dev Resources discussion will be on May 9. I hope you can join the discussion again, Melissa and Nancy and let us know how you're doing

MelissaMM: Thank you so much! I will be sure to add these sites to my favorites.

KaitlynS : I appreciate everyone attending and sharing ideas!

NancyMD: Thank you, I will be using these sites to make my first year of teaching a little easier

BjB : thanks, Kaitlyn. Hope you feel better.

KaitlynS : Again, this transcript will be sent to your email and you all resources are listed under my folder

KaitlynS : Thanks

BjB . o O (this room has a lot of resources...you also might want to join this group, Melissa and Nancy)

MelissaMM: I will join

MelissaMM: thanks again

MelissaMM: bye

KaitlynS : bye

NancyMD: I just joined.

BjB cheers for Nancy

NancyMD: Thanks for everything. Bye

KaitlynS : bye