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**DianneA:** Hello Razia

**RaziaG:** Hi Dianne, nice to hear from you again

**DianneA** wonders if Razia has been back to Tapped In since we did Tips and Tricks together

**RaziaG:** yes

**DianneA:** Good, so tell me more ..

**RaziaG:** I just created my own virtual field trip classroom

**DianneA:** Great!

**DianneA:** that means Jeff was helping you with that

**RubyGst2** joined the room.

**RaziaG:** it was very challenging, but Jeff's patience helped a lot

**RaziaG:** yes very much

**DianneA:** and what does that mean for you today ... why you might be here at the Teaching Teachers session?

**DianneA:** Hello Ruby

**DianneA:** Welcome to Tapped In Ruby

**RubyGst2:** hello

**RaziaG:** what is the purpose of this session

**DianneA:** Usually at Teaching Teachers session we look at issues that teachers are currently experiencing ...

**DianneA:** and you will see from the main window ...

**DianneA:** that we have been focusing over the past few months on working on the design of Professional Development activities ...

**RaziaG:** Would it be all right if I just listen to everyone else

**DianneA:** to include greater adult education knowledge into the design ..

**DianneA:** to help engage the teachers more in the learning activity ..

**DianneA:** yes Razia that is all right

**DianneA:** but beware ...

**DianneA:** I will try and involve you ...

**RaziaG:** ok

**DianneA:** that is just good adult education practice

**BJB2** smiles. At least you've been warned, Razia! :-)

**DianneA:** It will help to make a start if we do some introductions ....

**RaziaG:** I know

**RubyGst2:** are we going to talk about integrating technology

**DianneA:** where are you from, and what is your teaching area please?

**RaziaG:** great subject

**DianneA:** I am from Wollongong NSW, Australia and my teaching interest is professional development

**RaziaG:** I am not teaching as of now. I am in graduate program

**BJB2:** I'm a retired art and communication teacher and am located in Pennsylvania

**RaziaG:** I am from New York city the city that never sleeps

**RubyGst2:** I'm from California and teaching Special Education in a technology magnet school

**DianneA:** Ruby we can talk about integrating technology if that is of particular interest to you

**DianneA:** thanks every one ...

**RaziaG:** no problem

**RubyGst2:** Yes

**DianneA:** Ruby would you like to share a bit more to help us focus a discussion on integrating technology ...

**DianneA:** like why you would like to raise that ...

**DianneA:** do you have a practice situation and story that can help us focus?

**RubyGst2:** I am familiar with some web sites with games...

**DianneA** listens

**RubyGst2:** but would be interesting with something that had progress monitoring

**DianneA:** Ruby, can you explain to me a bit more about what you mean by 'a technology magnet school'?

**RubyGst2:** classes are geared with an emphasis in math and sciences

**DianneA:** so let me see if I understand what you might be interested in ...

**DianneA:** you are wondering if any of us here know of websites, for math and sciences applications that are game based and with progress monitoring?

**DianneA:** and would be suitable for special education students?

**StephanieO** joined the room.

**DianneA:** Hello Stephanie

**StephanieO:** hi

**RubyGst2:** Oh yes that would be amazing

**DianneA:** welcome to Teaching Teachers

**RaziaG:** Hi Stephanie

**StephanieO:** may I join this discussion

**StephanieO:** I am new

**RaziaG:** I am not alone anymore

**DianneA:** Of course Stephanie ...

**RaziaG:** I mean as being new

**StephanieO:** how do I join

**DianneA:** Rub has just set us a task ...

**DianneA:** you are joining already by chatting

**StephanieO:** ok

**StephanieO:** I see

**StephanieO:** thanks

**DianneA:** Ruby has asked if any of us know of ...

**DianneA:** websites, for math and sciences applications that are game based and with progress monitoring?

**DianneA:** and would be suitable for special education students

**BJB2:** There is a folder of Math and Science Games in the Playing to Learn Group room.

**DianneA:** OK Bj that is a bit of a start .... thanks

**DianneA:** before we follow up Bj's suggestion ...

**DianneA:** does anyone else have any practice knowledge in this area that might be directly tapped?

**RaziaG:** Sorry not at this moment

**DianneA:** thanks Razia

**BJB2:** what grades, Razia?

**RaziaG:** you welcome

**DianneA:** Stephanie?

**StephanieO:** yes

**StephanieO:** I am not a teacher yet

**StephanieO:** so I have limited resources

**DianneA:** thanks Stephanie

**DianneA:** then what that means for us now is that we need to learn a bit more about using Tapped In ...

**DianneA:** to take up Bj's suggestion

**RaziaG:** yes

**DianneA:** So ....

**DianneA:** since Stephanie and Razia are and feel new and Ruby is a guest ...

**DianneA:** we have to take the next couple of steps in the same way we usually do Tips and Tricks

**DianneA:** I work on learning by doing ...

**StephanieO:** great idea

**DianneA:** and Tapped In is a resource for teacher professional development ...

**RaziaG:** ok

**DianneA:** it is made up of sessions like this when teachers come to find out things from other teachers

**DianneA:** and where we utilise the practice knowledge of other teachers in sharing ...

**DianneA:** BJ has mentioned that there are some games resources for math and science in another place here at Tapped In

**DianneA:** so we have to learn to move from here to there ...

**DianneA:** and we have some tricks for that ...

**DianneA:** first of all, BJ would you like to move to the Playing and learning room, please

**DianneA:** while BJ does that do you all see the **HERE** and **ONLINE** tab to the left of this chat space?

**DianneA:** click on the ONLINE tab and tell me what you notice there

**RubyGst2:** thanks forgive me I need to exit the room, something has just come up. I am very sorry, thank you for all your time and help!

**StephanieO:** yes I see it

**RubyGst2** left the room (signed off).

**DianneA:** OK Ruby, thank you and bye for now

**RaziaG:** me too

**DianneA:** click on the ONLINE tab and tell me what you notice there

**RaziaG:** I see names and the group information

**StephanieO:** wow where are all those people

**DianneA:** good Razia

**DianneA** nods to Stephanie

**DianneA:** It looks like GarySt's office is the place to be ...

**BJB2** left the room.

Room: Playground

**BJB2** joined the room.

**RaziaG** joined the room.

**BJB2:** good job, Razia

**RaziaG:** Thanks

**StephanieO** joined the room.

**DianneA** joined the room.

**DianneA:** well done

**DianneA:** OK BJ ... here we are ...

**DianneA:** Razia and Stephanie ...

**DianneA:** do you notice that in this room are some indications of games resources ...

**StephanieO:** yes

**StephanieO:** here I am

**RaziaG:** yes

**DianneA:** if you scroll down in the main window above this chat space ....

**DianneA:** you will see more of the text ...

**DianneA:** and a box of Featured Items ...

**DianneA:** and a folder of links of Math and Science Games and Puzzles

**DianneA:** if you click on that folder link ...

**RaziaG:** I see featured passageways

**StephanieO:** I see it

**DianneA:** you have gone down a bit too far Razia

**DianneA** nods to Stephanie

**DianneA:** wait while we catch up Stephanie

**RaziaG:** is it called playing to learn?

**DianneA:** Razia this room and group is called Playing to Learn

**RaziaG:** ok

**StephanieO:** I see

**StephanieO:** that on top

**DianneA:** now just check for me both of you that you have the welcome window open ...

**DianneA:** you can open the welcome window by clicking on the welcome link in the left hand menu

**RaziaG:** yes

**DianneA:** and there are two text boxes ... 'Welcome to Playing to Learn' and 'African Mathematical Games' ...

**StephanieO:** not yet waiting

**DianneA:** then as you scroll down slowly

**StephanieO:** ok I see it

**RaziaG:** yes

**StephanieO:** so each group has a different welcome

**DianneA:** you will see a box labeled Featured Items

**DianneA:** yes Stephanie

**RaziaG:** yes

**DianneA:** and under the featured Items you will see a folder called Math and Science Games

**DianneA:** click on that link

**DianneA:** notice the whole series of links to webpages ...

**DianneA:** these are webpages that other teachers have recommended

**DianneA:** if you click on any one of those links your computer will open that webpage in another window

**DianneA:** and so we could, if you wished ...

**RaziaG:** I see

**DianneA:** conduct a conversation here about that web resource

**StephanieO:** ok

**StephanieO:** is this where all the people from "online" were at

**DianneA:** are you with me on that way of sharing web resources here at Tapped In and having related professional conversations about those resources ..



**RaziaG:** I could use these games to plan a lesson plan for my students

**DianneA:** not quite Stephanie ...

**DianneA:** what I suspect is happening for most of the people "online" ...

**DianneA:** especially the one's in GarySt's office ..

**DianneA:** is that they have arranged to meet with Gary St to have a particular chat session about a particular subject

**DianneA:** let me show you another tip ...

**BJB2 . o O** ( Gary teaches a Pepperdine grad class )

**DianneA:** at the very top of your main window is a Tapped In tab, please click on that

**DianneA:** thanks BJB

**RaziaG:** should I too

**DianneA:** a campus map should open up for you

**StephanieO:** ok

**StephanieO:** I see it

**DianneA:** and on that campus map is a subtab for the Tapped In Calendar ...

**DianneA:** please click on the Calendar subtab

**DianneA:** and tell me when you have the calendar open

**RaziaG:** I do

**DianneA:** Stephanie, do you have the calendar open?

**DianneA:** that calendar shows what sessions are scheduled for when, and what their topics are ...

**DianneA:** so if you have a particular interest in joining a session you can know when it is on ...

**DianneA:** and if you then click on the active link to a session that interests you, you will see who is conducting it ... (leader) and where it is held (event room) ...

**BJB2** . o O ( you both have your calendars set to your time zone so you see the events in your time )

**RaziaG**: yes

**StephanieO**: yes

**DianneA**: OK let's check out next week's program for Learning from Lyrics ...

**DianneA**: click on that active link

**JeffC** joined the room.

**DianneA**: who is the presenter/ leader for that session?

**RaziaG**: Johnathan Chase

**StephanieO**: what date?

**DianneA**: Jeff we are just checking using the calendar ...

**DianneA**: thanks Razia

**DianneA**: and where is the session being held (event room)?

**StephanieO**: I see it

**StephanieO**: the event information

**DianneA** nods to Stephanie

**RaziaG**: 10/20 at 9pm

**DianneA**: now another tip ...

**DianneA**: see the open door icon ...

**DianneA**: besides the Event Room ...

**RaziaG**: yes

**DianneA**: that is where the session will be held ...

**DianneA**: and to go there ...

**DianneA**: all you need to do is click on the open door ...

**StephanieO** left the room.

**DianneA**: so let's try that and see what that room looks like

**BJB2** left the room.

Room: Musiced\_Grp

**BJB2** joined the room.

**DianneA** joined the room.

**DianneA**: Ok Stephanie ...

**DianneA**: notice the changes in the room

**BJB2** left the room.

Room: Playground

**BJB2** joined the room.

**BJB2**: Razia, do you see the door icon to the learning from lyrics room?

**RaziaG**: yes I do see it. I am so sorry Dianne, Is it ok for me to leave the session? something important came up and I have to leave. Would you please send the transcript to my email.

**BJB2**: your script will be sent after you log out, Razia

**BJB2**: thanks for joining the discussion

**BJB2** left the room.

Room: Musiced\_Grp

**BJB2** joined the room.

**StephanieO**: ok

**DianneA**: thanks Bj

**StephanieO:** to join its join/name

**StephanieO:** correct?

**BJB2:** close!

**BJB2:** always start with the slash first

**BJB2 . o O ( /join nameofperson )**

**StephanieO:** ok /join space name

**DianneA:** One minute BJ ...

**DianneA:** Stephanie ...

**StephanieO:** yes

**DianneA:** if you want to attend this session

**StephanieO:** yes

**DianneA:** then all you need to do is open the calendar from the Tapped In tab ...

**StephanieO:** ok

**DianneA:** and find the session and open the details and then click on the open door

**StephanieO:** great

**StephanieO:** thanks for clarifying

**DianneA:** but it may be just as easy ... that when you come to Tapped In on the day and at the time and land up in Reception

**DianneA:** to ask reception where you need to go

**DianneA:** another tip ...

**StephanieO:** will do

**DianneA:** if this is your first session at Tapped In ...

**DianneA:** then it might be an idea to do a Tips and Tricks session ...

**DianneA:** that systematically goes through these tips ...

**DianneA:** and another thing ...

**DianneA:** when you log off later today ...

**DianneA:** you will get a transcript of this session in your email inbox ..

**DianneA:** so you can go back and check out these tips ...

**StephanieO:** ok

**DianneA:** any questions before we wrap?

**StephanieO:** no I am good and cannot wait to explore

**DianneA:** OK ... then exploring is one of the things well worth doing ...