

Title of Session: K-3+ Great Resources

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SusanR: Please take the opportunity to read the 10 Steps to having a successful chat in Tapped In.

HelenY: I am excited to find out more resources

MichaelBur: Always can use more resources

SusanR: and I am thrilled to present these GREAT Resources

JohnLi: I'm assisting Susan tonight. Please type /msg **JohnLi** if you're having some any difficulties with the session.

SusanR: I created this blog on the fly....you can tailor it to your needs ...

<http://tifestival.ebloggy.com/>

SusanR: I provided 2 resources which you may find useful in your planning

DianneCM: I have just found the graphic organizers - love it!

JohnLi: Possibly. If I could ask people to hold their comments for a bit and/or to /msg JohnLi with technical questions and allow SusanR to begin her presentation. Thanks!

SusanR: Let's begin

SusanR: We all know that the internet is overflowing with information of use to teachers. At times, though, it can feel a little overwhelming, since there is so much STUFF to wade through. To help you out, I've gone ahead and done some of the groundwork for you.

SusanR: Within the next hour I plan to share 15 or so GREAT RESOURCES to kickstart your school year.

SusanR: Check out tonight's great web based resources to help you, your class, and your students' parents experience a successful transition from summer vacation to the new school year.

SusanR: I hope to touch most subject areas, some collaborative project based activities and some online tools to make your school year more productive.

SusanR: What do you consider to be the best websites for you?

MichaelBur: Anything regarding science

SusanR: Should these be sites that 1) make your job easier;

SusanSi: Laura Chandler's site is excellent

SusanR: yes, Michael there will be science

HelenY: How about gifted education?

GabrielaC: I think websites that list activities for our students in any subject

HelenY: I also could use one for ESL

DianneCM: age appropriateness is the biggest challenge

GailH: The best website for me is the one that has the answer to what I need then. I need it to be organized.

JsGst8: a little slow- but the organizers are great

SusanR: 2) provide the most helpful information; and/or 3) sites that are a constant source of encouragement and resource development.

SusanR: JUST THINK ABOUT IT! YES all of the above!!

SusanR: So let's hit the ground rolling.

KathyBu: Sounds great!

GabrielaC: yes

SusanR: Some creative bulletin board ideas here.

NatalieLR: I like websites that are easy to navigate and full of resources for elem. age students

SusanR: Enlist, involve and engage your students in creating these bulletin boards.

<http://www.pacificnet.net/~mandel/TopicoftheWeek.html>

GailH: That is part of Teachers Helping Teachers, Scott Mandel's bigger site, isn't it?

ChristyB: Good Information

AshleyH: Wonderful!

LSueGst7: these are great ideas! There is so much to look at

HelenY: It looks good!

HelenY: Thanks for the info

NatalieLR: I like the "Guess Who We Are" bulletin board

NatalieLR: Thanks for this site. I added it to my favorites on my PC

TimW: good information, especially issues regarding boards that display student work (show-off)

HelenY: Are there any websites for cooperative learning using computers?

AshleyH: "Antsy" board is to cure!

AshleyH: Cute!

SuzanneKA: I like the idea of having students create the boards and display work. Even better to have a class web page bulletin board to display work!!

SusanR: We will come to that Helen!

JenniferK2: My kids LOVE to do these kinds of boards. I'm excited by some new ideas.

CynthiaHL: This site will be great to share with our first year teachers who may not already have bulletin board ideas. They are applicable to several grade levels, depending on how "in-depth" you want to go.

RenataS: as a parent I found rooting out babypictures a pain...:P

RenataS: and then the album had a hole and the pic never came back...

SusanR: Some teachers enlist their students in decorating their classrooms..children take ownership of their classrooms.

SusanR: you could set up teams throughout the year

MichaelBur: I truly believe in empowering the student

SusanR: How about some "Ideas for the First Day of School"

ChristyB: yes!!

SusanR: These websites were compiled by Sue LeBeau!

AshleyH: Please!

NatalieLR: Kids would love to work on these ,. . . the only trouble is finding time to squeeze it in with all the CA standards!

JenniferK2: Same problem in La.

SusanR: True Natalie. Which ice breaker would you use in your educational setting?

SusanR: <http://www.suelebeau.com/firstday.htm>

NatalieLR: Getting to know you's and Classroom Scavenger Hunts

SusanR: CA standards can hold for the first few weeks of school. It's important to start off on an enthusiastic and positive note.

JenniferK2: I've done the knots before. It's amazing how kids who can't get along with anyone will work together to "undo" themselves.

JeffC: then you can pigeonhole those inane standards into your top flight lessons!

ChristyB: I think the learning style survey is a great idea!

AshleyH: All of the websites it links to are awesome. www.teachingheart.net is great for kindergarten ideas!

CynthiaHL: The classmate bingo is a great idea, and a great way for our little ones to practice writing their names and get to know each other a little.

SusanR: keep it low key for the first two weeks

SusanR: Are you aware of Laura Candler's Filing Cabinet?

GailH: That was on your blog!

AshleyH: I also make a photo album about me and my family to share with my kindergartners, and read them the book, Miss Malarky Doesn't Live in Room 110, to let them know that I do not live at school as many of them believe.

BonitaMC: What a great idea Ashley

GabrielaC: it is surprising to students when they see you out in the market with your family, even the older students

SusanR: Students find it strange when they meet you outside the school setting

JohnLi doubts going "low-key" on standards would go over well with stressed-out CA principals and thinks it's possible to include standards into the activities from the beginning of the year.

MichaelBur: Very nice website @ teachingheart

SusanR: Moving along North Carolina educator Laura Candler created this extensive selection of printable teacher resources, catalogued under easily accessed headings.

SusanR: <http://home.att.net/~teaching/filecab.htm>

SusanR: You might want to focus on ODDS N ENDS

SusanR: Odds and Ends, for example, offers a classroom incident report form, an e-mail project permission form, a missing homework notification form, behavior modification tools, and much, much more.

ChristyB: Great Social Studies Activities on this site!!

JeffC: Laura also has a yahoo group at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TeachingResourcesUpdate/?yguid=43672638>

SusanR: Thank you Jeff

SusanR: Graphic Organizers includes such commonly used organizers as a sequencing map, a KWL chart, and a Venn diagram.

SusanR: You will also find an assortment of student work sheets for all subject areas and for a variety of learning center activities.

MichaelBur: good stuff

GabrielaC: what about websites involving with classroom management?

HelenK: is Laura's Yahoo group an open one or do we need to have an invitation to join?

JeffC: open

HelenK: thanks Jeff

SusanaO: Hi Gabriela

TimW: great resource for first-year teachers like myself

LSueGst7: The book shelf ideas in Laura Chandler's page is great

ChristyB: Cindy, did you see the Multiple Intelligence Survey?

SusanR: Education World provides printable, editable templates that teachers can customize and use in their own classrooms. These tools will help all teachers get organized.

SusanR: http://www.educationworld.com/tools_templates/index.shtml

MichaelBur: I really like the awards

TimW: this site just saved me some valuable time this year!

MichaelBur: absolutely and money too!

SusanR: Please scan these links and come back to them later. I will provide an online listing of all links discussed here.

SusanR: and of course you will receive a transcript when you log out

RenataS: awesome

LindaRM: I have a good site for flash cards too after if you'd like me to share

SusanR: We will have a sharing time later on in the session.

JohnLi: Thanks, Susan.

SusanR: I know your students are going to get into arguments, conflicts and petty scraps.

SusanR: Here's a Guide to Getting Along.

SusanR: <http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/conflict/index.html>

NatalieLR: I just joined Laura's Yahoo Group!

ChristyB: I can't view it using Mozilla Firefox

GabrielaC: great templates on educationworld.com. thanks

NatalieLR: I already have education world on my favorites...found it one day when I needed a good idea

GabrielaC: I don't have to reinvent the wheel!

JohnLi: Mozilla might have issues with the needed Shockwave player, Christy.

HelenK: yahoo uses IE as its default

SusanaO: I like the guide for getting along, it is attractive for students

SusanR: this is a great language arts and reading listserv...lots of back and forth chatter about reading strategies

SusanR: <http://www.u46teachers.org/mosaic/>

SusanR: Laura Candler is a member and frequent contributor..you can subscribe and unsubscribe at any time

AshleyH: Cute skit!

SusanR: We all need a PBL checklist for your students!

SusanR: Planning and Conducting Problem-Based Learning. A Self-checklist. ... help the learners understand the rationale for PBL. Have your students create their own personalized checklists as well!

SusanR: http://pblchecklist.4teachers.org/checklist_1999.shtml

ChristyB: I love this site...what a great tool. Especially, for my 5th graders

NatalieLR: Are all of these websites and resources free?

MichaelBur: The conflict resolution site is great. I know some adults that can use it

CynthiaHL: I have used this site before for a graduate assignment - it really makes creating checklists easy.

SusanR: free and easy to use..

SusanaO: It is great that the checklists are also in Spanish

NatalieLR: ha ha Michael, how true

SusanR: no distracting advertising

GailH: That PBL one, or at least part of it, is available in Spanish too.

TimW: good rubrics

NatalieLR: fabulous! I love that I don't have to be a member or commit to anything, just surf the net and find the good stuff

SuzanneKA: 4teachers.org is my all time favorite site, for ALL of its resources.

SusanR: This calendar from 4teachers.org is designed to enhance teacher and student communication through an online, teacher-managed calendar..

SusanR: Assign-A-Day makes communication with students a breeze!

SusanR: <http://snipurl.com/3m25>

GailH: that is really cool.

JenniferK2: I love snip url!!! Great site for sharing long urls

SusanR: I created that one for a K to 3+ Great Resources session last winter..it gives you the general idea

RenataS: what a wealth of material

SusanR: Schoolnotes.com complements school websites by allowing teachers to post school

SusanR: information on the world-wide-web without worrying about HTML or FTP

ChristyB: What a great way to communicate with students and parents!

SusanR: <http://snipurl.com/classpage>

SusanR: easy to update

MichaelBur: I have used something like this in the past and you will be surprised how much parents actually will get involved. As long as they know about the assignment, things get done.

SusanaO: I looked in one for spelling and it had a lot of great ideas

SusanR: Here is the main page <http://schoolnotes.com/>

SusanR: It is non threatening, Michael

MichaelBur: Yes, very easy to use

SusanR: I must not neglect science.

SusanR: Let's move on to the environment and science.

MichaelBur: thanks

SusanR: To help educators teach about habitats, this National Geographic site offers photos, maps, related links, and, most important, lesson plans, arranged by grade level.

SusanR: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geographyaction/habitats/educators.html>

SusanaO: any website that offers good lesson plans is great

SusanR: For example, under Fresh Water for Grades 3 to 5 the lesson is "Create a Wetland Scene"

SusanR: Besides this page specifically for educators, the site offers even more habitat-related materials, including "Explore Your Habitat," "Games and Activities," and a "Photo Gallery."

SusanR: when I approach a site I first look for lesson plans

GabrielaC: as first year teachers, we are in search for lesson plans that do work

SusanR: The entire site will not only facilitate your teaching about habitats, ecology, biodiversity, and much more but also inspire you. ...a great place to refresh your knowledge before launching into that new unit.

GailH: I love the Three Little Pigs in earthquake land.

GabrielaC: how cute

AshleyH: love it

NatalieLR: These are great sites!

SusanR: And now for Art! The Artist's Toolkit, a production from ArtsConnectEd and it's a good one!

MichaelBur: Just went on Oceans, very interactive. The kids will really enjoy this.

SusanR: Each section (Line, Color, Space, Shape, Balance, Movement/Rhythm) allows students to watch animated demonstrations, view examples, and create their own.

Includes an encyclopedia of Visual Elements (line, shape, color, space, and texture) and Visual Principles (balance, emphasis, movement/rhythm). This site does require the Flash plugin

SusanR: <http://www.artsconnected.org/toolkit/>

GabrielaC: I'm glad we get the transcript of the chat because this laptop is quite slow for me to check on the websites at this moment

MichaelBur: I like how the viewer can watch the artist actually work

RenataS: wow, no end to the plethora of treasures

SusanR: and if you are teaching portraits...as I did in June..I used this to complement my unit If you are teaching portraits in Art..I have used this one successfully with grade 4

SusanR: <http://www.sanford-artedventures.com/play/portrait1/portrait.html>

GailH: The warm and cool colors part is wonderful.

BjB: ArtsConnectEd does a monthly tutorial here in Tapped In

CynthiaHL: Wow, our art teacher will love this site. She's always looking for ways to teach art concepts.

RenataS: you are amazing Susan, what a collection

BjB: o O (next session is August 2)

NatalieLR: this is incredible!

RenataS: phenomenal

SusanR: You should tackle an online collaborative project..I highly recommend the "Flat Stanley" project

MichaelBur: a list of these sites should be included in the curriculum of every educational program

SusanR: The Flat Stanley Project is very simple. It's based on Jeff Brown's picture book "Flat Stanley". <http://flatstanley.enoreo.on.ca/>

SusanR: Students make a paper Flat Stanley and mail it, along with a blank journal, to someone on the List of Participants or to a celebrity or politician. The recipient treats the visiting Stanley as a guest and takes it places. After a few weeks Stanley is mailed back with a completed journal and perhaps some photographs, post cards, and souvenirs.

RenataS: this link seems to be broken

MichaelBur: give it time, it should work

SusanR: <http://flatstanley.enoreo.on.ca/>

SusanR: do give it time to load

JenniferK2: OH! This is a GREAT project! My kids will LOVE this.

CynthiaHL: I just love the pictures of Flat Stanley traveling all over the world. The kids would really enjoy seeing that.

GailH: I like the first grade class and Antarctica.

SusanR: other collaborative projects can be found here...

http://trackstar.hprtec.org:80/main/track_frames.php3?track_id=216854&nocache=1828257234

SusanR: <http://snipurl.com/backtoschool>

SusanR: This was a whirlwind session. Thanks for attending.

JohnLi: Let's all give a round of applause to Susan for sharing all these wonderful resources!

SusanR: The hour went too quickly

RenataS: absolutely awesome

CynthiaHL: Thanks Susan!!

LSueGst7: thanks Susan.

MichaelBur: thanks for all the wonderful sites

BonitaMC: Thanks Susan

RenataS: thank you so much

MacC: Thanks Susan. This was great.

GabrielaC: thank you Susan for all the great sites

JessicaMF: thanks for your hard work, some great sites here I have never seen

TimW: thank you Susan-great information!

DianneCM claps

GailH: I particularly like how you took us to such great levels on the sites--not too high, and not too specific.

GailH: Great job!

LindaRM: thanks so much

CynthiaSA: thanks

SusanSi claps too

HelenK: great stuff - I can hardly wait to share these resources with colleagues who couldn't make the session