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RogerMG: Hi all . . .Yes. Please read the following pdf, located in featured items, Files, on the OTL homepage 'Online Learning Skills (Linear, Circular, Systemic)

BJB2:

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HinaM: Is it the teach and learn circular skills?

BJB2: yes, Hina

HinaM: oh thank you :)

RogerMG: I notice that most here are attending the University of Houston . . .is it an assignment to attend this discussion forum?

MarisolCa: Yes, it is an assignment

RogerMG: Hi George. People are currently reading the pdf I put up in files regarding circular learning

StephenDa: but we can chose what interests us and for me this sounded interesting

RogerMG: thanks Marisol and Stephen.

RogerMG: Has everyone had a chance to look at the pdf file.?

GeorgeK: yes

MaryRoseR: just finished reading it

DalilaT: Yes

RogerMG: OK . . .one of the skills online learners need to have is to help one another . . .so, would someone help Ashley and Victoria find the file.

BJB2: Roger, would you like to start with introductions?

JeffC looks under his desk.

RogerMG: Let's wait a bit.

JessicaK: Its right above this chat under files

AshleyRi: I found it.

StephenDa: I found it on the menu on the far left side of the screen

RogerMG: Great Ashley.

RogerMG: Thanks Stephen.

RogerMG: Has everyone 'Detached'?

CandiS: yes

MaryRoseR: yes sir

JessicaK: Yes

RogerMG: OK. Let's start the intros. I am Roger Goodson and I am a Prof. at a small university in California. Most of the courses I teach are blended, two thirds f2f and one third online. I have been teaching online for about eight years now.

GeorgeK: I teach management at Lewis University in Illinois

JessicaRep: I am an elementary school student teacher at the University of Houston.

JessicaK: I am student teaching in Houston, TX. I graduate in December.

HinaM: Hi, I'm Hina Moosa. I am currently a student teacher at Arizona Fleming Elementary School in Houston, TX. I am teaching 1st grade.

StephenDa: I am a 6th grade student teacher in Houston and am attending the University of Houston; I graduate in December

MariannaH: I am in Houston, TX student teaching in Katy ISD-Bear Creek Elementary-Kindergarten.

AshleyRi: Neat! I am a student teacher from the University of Houston teaching Kindergarten at Williams Elementary.

VictoriaA: I am student teaching in Houston, TX at the Rice school. I am currently in a 6th grade English class

MelissaJJ: I am currently a student teacher at Post Elementary. I am teaching third grade la, reading, and social studies.

DalilaT: I am a student teacher in Houston, TX. I am placed with bilingual 4th graders right now.

BlancaH: I am Blanca Hernandez from Houston, Texas. I am a student teacher at King Elementary, I am in 2nd grade. I graduate in December.

MarisolCa: I am student teaching at Herrera Elementary in Houston Bilingual 4th grade

MaryRoseR: Hello I am Mary Rose and I am currently student teacher in Klein ISD and I too am graduating in December.

ThaihoaH: Hi I'm Thai Hoang. I am currently student teaching at Colony Meadows Elementary in Houston, TX. I am teaching 1st grade.

CandiS: I am a kindergarten student teacher at Williams Elem in Katy, TX

MaryRoseR: I am in Kindergarten.

CandiS: I attend University of Houston, and I graduate in December

RogerMG: Thank you and welcome to OTL. One of the important things to have students do when working online is to introduce themselves . . .we do that in all TI forums. Why do you suppose that is . . .even for people who know one another f2f (face-to-face)?

MaryRoseR: so we know who were talking too

MariannaH: that is great

MaryRoseR: too familiarize ourselves with the group

ThaihoaH: it's easier to talk to people when we know more about them

BlancaH: to learn something about each other

BJB2: and because it's easy to dehumanize people who are online

RogerMG: Good . . .keep going

JessicaK: I agree with BJB

StephenDa: Some may not know people well enough by their names; some people

remember people best by their faces

VictoriaA: It helps to build relationships, even if they are in cyberspace.

JessicaRep: So that everyone gets to know who everyone is talking to.

MelissaJJ: so people know who they are talking to and for people who are new get know the person also

MariannaH: to help us connect

GeorgeK: to see who we are today, maybe not ourselves

MaryRoseR: to get to know one another and help each other out in the future

BJB2: makes people more accountable when they are 'identified'

BlancaH: it promotes friendship and identity

MarisolCa: To find out more things we have in common

DalilaT: to be able to connect with others

HinaM: so that we may know who we are talking to. it's a good way to build professional relationships

JessicaK: To see what people are doing in the education field

BJB2: one more to Blanca's list is "community"

RogerMG: Good . . .you're all quite correct . . .and all of these things are important to the establishment of a 'community.' whether it be online or not.

RogerMG: Victoria used the phrase 'to build relationships' which is at the core of community. How many of you participate in social networking through facebook or some other app?

VictoriaA: yes

VictoriaA: I do

ThaihoaH: I deleted my facebook

MaryRoseR: I do

MarisolCa: not me

MariannaH: I do

JessicaRep: Yes

CandiS: facebook

MelissaJJ: Yes

GeorgeK: a tad, but I am introverted, even on the internet

StephenDa: Not very often

HinaM: I do

MariannaH: facebook

AshleyRi: I do.

JessicaK: I have facebook and Myspace

BlancaH: facebook but not very often

DalilaT: facebook, but I don't use it

AshleyRi: I have MySpace

RogerMG: One of the things you will not that people do in facebook and other social networking venue is to establish an online identity.

JessicaK: Yes

BlancaH: You are certainly right!

AshleyRi: Very true.

StephenDa: Yeah

MaryRoseR: very true

HinaM: that's true

MariannaH: yes

VictoriaA: This is very true. When I first joined myspace, I spent quite a bit of time establishing my profile page.

MarisolCa: I agree

JessicaK: me too

DalilaT: that's true

AshleyRi: Yup, to make sure it resembles you.

BJB2 . o O (the first thing I do when leading tours in Tapped In is show people the ID page and how to edit it)

RogerMG: Some are 'party people', some focus on 'sports', others on 'personal relationships'. So, we're concerned about how we appear online to others, and in doing so invite other to dialogue with us about our interests.

HinaM: we have to be very careful how we appear online

MariannaH: it is great to know what other peoples interest are!\

StephenDa: like interests will talk with like interests

MaryRoseR: I do agree with Hina

JessicaK: especially as teachers

HinaM: especially since we are teachers

MaryRoseR: I am very careful of what I post online

JessicaK: me too

DalilaT: I am also careful about what I post

BlancaH: I do too.

CandiS: haha same here

RogerMG: It's good to be careful . . .it is, after all, public.

StephenDa: I don't very often put any detailed information online

MelissaJJ: yes very public..you never know who could be looking at it

AshleyRi: I have my profile on 'private'.

ThaihoaH: yea, the reason why I deleted my facebook was because I felt like there might be things on there that I do not want parents or other teachers see

MaryRoseR: same here

JessicaK: I keep everything on private

ThaihoaH: although it was on private , people can see you through networks

AshleyRi: What do you mean?

MariannaH: I did not know that

CandiS: I had my account on facebook blocked from everyone

MaryRoseR: I'm only friends with people I actually know..

MaryRoseR: hehe

JessicaK: me too

DalilaT: me too

BlancaH: Well, just be careful with what you post

HinaM: me too

RogerMG: Now, one thing I have noticed about my students and facebook, and myspace, is that when they 'should' be working on online assignments, they are actually communicating with others in facebook, or rearranging photos in their online albums. Now, I know none of us would do that when we're supposed to be working seriously online . . .errrr, right :-)

ThaihoaH: haha

MaryRoseR: haha of course

StephenDa: yeah.... sure

MaryRoseR smiles

BlancaH: right!

HinaM: of course :)

MariannaH: definitely not!!

VictoriaA: errrr, right:)

JessicaK: lol...of course

AshleyRi: ha!ha!

JessicaRep nods

CandiS: that's what I do too

CandiS: hhaha

MarisolCa: I see that all the time at school!

DalilaT: right!

AshleyRi: When I get bored, I get on Myspace. They should have never created that site!

JessicaK: Same here...I agree... I waste way too much time

RogerMG: Now ...think about the piece I asked that you read on circular skills. How does that writing relate to these sorts of behaviors, online.

BlancaH: haha you are so funny Ashley!

StephenDa: many would agree for one reason or another

AshleyRi: Waste of time, but I do not know why I get on it still.

MarisolCa: they become repetition

StephenDa: Students do it so often they feel that it becomes part of their schooling

RogerMG: Ok . . .those are right, and what else . . .

MelissaJJ: we get on myspace or facebook so much that it becomes a habit that we would rather do than school work

BlancaH: I know and I don't understand why they spend hours and hours looking at them.

HinaM: that's so true...it's like an addiction

CandiS: but we did use facebook to get us through Quest 2

DalilaT: this is the same situation that happens at school when students are supposed to take notes but are drawing in their notebooks

VictoriaA: it's part of the cyclical learning that was mentioned.

JessicaK: It's a bad habit

ThaihoaH: haha facebook is a good communication way though

MariannaH: it can be a distraction on the things that are more important

ThaihoaH: but I decided it was not worth the risks that could come from it

ThaihoaH: I used to be on facebook all of the time

RogerMG: BUT . . .as a teacher I want them to stick with the assignment and . . .learn . . .gosh darn!

JessicaK: Their focus is not on the right thing

MaryRoseR: the arrangement of the room could help prevent students from going off task

StephenDa: Agreed but it is hard to try and break them of their habits because they have been doing it for a long time

JessicaRep: Focus is key.

VictoriaA: surfing the online community networks instead of working on a paper is the equivalent of the student that is drawing in class to look like they are taking notes.

JessicaK: I agree

AshleyRi: The students need to be engaged.

MaryRoseR: make the assignment interesting

RogerMG: It appears they have learned some circular skills VERY well . . .how to look busy online and be totally involved in something else.

MaryRoseR: pull the interests of the students and adapt the lesson

JessicaRep: I agree.

JessicaK: Active and Engaging

HinaM: that's true...as long as they are engaged they won't be tempted to do something they are not supposed to be doing

BlancaH: true Jessica

StephenDa: Even if they are engaged many still just go off and zone out

JessicaK: Redirect behavior?

MariannaH: Students should be monitored at all times

CandiS: and it's hard to adapt lessons to all of their interests

AshleyRi: Not if it keeps their interest.

VictoriaA: it's not just our students either. How many times have we ALL zoned out in a 90 college class?

MaryRoseR: haha

DalilaT: true!

JessicaK: true

StephenDa: not..... often.... really!

MaryRoseR: it could depend upon the day...

HinaM: lol true

MaryRoseR: everyday is different :)

ThaihoaH: I went to a faculty meeting today, and I felt like I was a college student

ThaihoaH: zoning out and such ahah

StephenDa: Depends what they have going on in their lives

HinaM: I agree every day is different

RogerMG: The question becomes, how can we extinguish or 'transfer' these sorts of circular skills into some creative online learning activities . . .

AshleyRi: lol

MelissaJJ: anyone can be off task. I don't care how interested you are

ThaihoaH: you have to get the kids to do different things

JessicaK: They may have their mind on bigger issues that are keeping them from focusing

ThaihoaH: stand up, sit down, stand up

ThaihoaH: sing

HinaM: I had to record a lesson today, and the morning was just horrible, but in the afternoon it felt like I had a different class altogether. The difference was that I had their attention

BlancaH: it also depends on your classroom management skills as a teacher too!

MariannaH: Maybe have a fun scavenger hunt on topic that interest them

ThaihoaH: or else they get distracted. esp kinder and 1st

CandiS: there are too many restrictions on the computer or internet rather for students to do much

JessicaK: Being off task every once in awhile is ok, it's the students that are always off task that I worry about

MaryRoseR: very true

RogerMG: Thaihoa . . .those are examples of the system skills they have learned . . .stand up, sit down, you are being watched, 'I control what you learn' etc.

MaryRoseR: the filter they use at our school is lightspeed

VictoriaA: if we allowed students to create their own projects on the internet, they may be more inclined to participate

RogerMG: Good suggestion Victoria.

JessicaK: Have more ownership over the projects

AshleyRi: So, what do you suggest we do?

AshleyRi: That sounds fun.

MaryRoseR: I've noticed that children enjoy computer lab...but we all don't have the luxuries to give a computer to each child

CandiS: my kindergarteners don't like using the computer much

VictoriaA: I think we don't give students enough credit. When we control what they learn and spoon feed them, they become more dependent on us for ALL the answers

MaryRoseR: the starboard...works wonders

HinaM: my class does not go to computer lab often

RogerMG: Ashley, this is not a 'one size fits all' that's what we try to do in the regular f2f classroom and it tends to breed circular and systems skills for many/]

DalilaT: same here I only have three computers in my room

MariannaH: We have laptop carts that students can use as a whole class

JessicaK: They are great on the computer but we don't have much time

HinaM: and we don't have any computers in the class for the children so they barely get a chance to work with technology

BlancaH: there are some other ways, by instance you may arrange to have an extra hour in the computer lab at school

AshleyRi: Most classrooms only have 3 computers.

MelissaJJ: We have computers and lap tops but they are treated as a privilege

CandiS: the younger kids have such a hard time typing, it takes such a long time for them to even get logged on

HinaM: I agree

RogerMG: Blanca, that's a possibility.

StephenDa: I try to use an airliner when I can in my classes and they are always focused just incase I let them use it for an activity

JessicaK: I have three computers in my classroom and they use it every day

HinaM: by the time they log on, it's time to go

CandiS: my school has 3 computers per class, but one of them is always in use by the teachers

ThaihoaH: my 1st graders can barely type,

AshleyRi: lol

ThaihoaH: it takes them 20 mins to write a sentence or two

StephenDa: Obviously the age of the students is a big factor on what they can do

AshleyRi: Yes, one teacher always uses the third computer!

CandiS: in the 4th grade class I was in last semester, the students were unable to type as well

JessicaK: I agree with Stephen

RogerMG: Taihoa . . .if they can't type, they can still use a mouse, right?

VictoriaA: Even if there is a limited number of computers, there are still possibilities. For example, instead of writing a report on reptiles. Students could create the layout for a powerpoint presentation and work in groups.

MaryRoseR: I'm with kindergarteners and they have been working on a program that helps them learn how to use a computer

EloisaM: My pre-k students need constant supervision when they are on the computer

JessicaK: I've seen kindergarteners use the internet to do research

ThaihoaH: I noticed that they love starfall though

RogerMG: Good suggestion Victoria.

HinaM: starfall is a good website

ThaihoaH: it's a good interactive site for them

EloisaM: Wow really Jessica?

JessicaK: It can be done if we show them and have high standards

JessicaK: Yes I was blown away

DalilaT: some students will wonder off on the internet

ThaihoaH: my kids can be frustrated in the computer lab

MariannaH: the kindergarten students love starfall

RogerMG: Do you have a URL for starfall, Hina?

ThaihoaH: because they cannot find all the keys, cannot type, their hands are too small and they have trouble spelling

JessicaK: The websites were saved for them but they answered questions on a worksheet by reading the web page

ThaihoaH: www.starfall.com

HinaM: www.starfall.com

MarisolCa: cool, thanks

RogerMG: Thanks Thaiboa and Hina.

EloisaM: Thanks!

ThaihoaH: there's the one with the word families, like ot

AshleyRi: We use starfall too.

BlancaH: Starfall is a great website, use it!

JessicaRep: We use Starfall everyday in our class.

ThaihoaH: it's really good in that it shows a picture of a pot and it has the kids drag the p to the ot

MariannaH: it is great !

JessicaK: What is Starfall?

ThaihoaH: the kids love it

ThaihoaH: it's a site for reading and phonics

JessicaK: Oh cool

EloisaM: I will try it with my students.

ThaihoaH: it has great alphabet development too

ThaihoaH: I love it

MelissaJJ: We use Kid Biz and Gigi

MarisolCa: is it for all grade levels?

CandiS: I think starfall is the only thing that my kids can use that isn't blocked

HinaM: can you give us the url for that Melissa?

BlancaH: what's that Melissa

VictoriaA: is this site geared towards the elementary set?

RogerMG: Do you have URLs for those Melissa?

MaryRoseR: we use learning.com and it helps the students learn how to use the mouse how to click and drag...where the letter and number keys are

MaryRoseR: etc...

HinaM: that's pretty neat

StephenDa: I'm in 6th grade world cultures and we only have one computer in the room for teacher use. So I try to use technology that they can interact with in class whenever I can

HinaM: it would be helpful for the younger class

MarisolCa: I'll try that MaryRose!

MelissaJJ: No I do not have the URLs.

MaryRoseR smiles

RogerMG: If you have URLs for these sites try to get them in here so people can pick them up again in the transcript.

ThaihoaH: kids overall love computers but when they can't type its hard for them

EloisaM: That's true.

StephenDa: but they love to use smartboards and airliners for activities

RogerMG: We can only start with what they can do . . .the mouse.

JeffC: and they can all point and click.

ThaihoaH: what's airliner

MariannaH: what is airliners?

MelissaJJ: true

HinaM: it's good to start small with the basics

JessicaK: Which I think should start early

MarisolCa: Airliners????

JessicaRep: And even the mouse is sometimes tricky for the little ones.

JeffC: jets, planes

RogerMG: Hina . . .yes . basics.

ThaihoaH: So Alan, what grade are you in

StephenDa: an airliner is like a small smartboard tablet you can carry around and use like a smartboard

EloisaM: My students really like using the Promethean Board. Since they are so short, they use the wand. They absolutely love it!

ThaihoaH: oh coool

BlancaH: wow!

ThaihoaH: what is a promethean board?

MariannaH: great

HinaM: that sounds like fun

ThaihoaH: I never heard of that

DalilaT: wow

VictoriaA: Thai- similar to a smartboard

StephenDa: they love using it whenever they can

ThaihoaH: oh ok

ThaihoaH: do you click it with a wand?

ThaihoaH: my kids would love that!

EloisaM: It is like a smart board but far more sophisticated. It is through a projector on the ceiling which is plugged into the main teacher's computer. It looks like a big white screen on the wall. Teachers create flipcharts and students can interact with it using a special pen or wand.

ThaihoaH: I've never seen it or heard of it

RogerMG: OK. We have about 5 minutes left in this discussion. If people are willing, and can do this, spend it discovering and posting the URLs for these sites so people here can have access to them. We're ending 10 minutes early so people can get the transcript before the start of FROL, which is the next forum at 5:00 PDST.

ThaihoaH: we have a smart board, but I have not had the chance to access it

DalilaT: I have never heard of it before

EloisaM: It is very popular but very expensive for schools to purchase.

VictoriaA: Roger, I have a question. In the reading, you note that above average students figure out early on in online classrooms that 'cyclical' skills will not suffice in their online success.

VictoriaA: How did you come up with this info?

RogerMG: that's correct.

MaryRoseR: It was my first time to use the smartboard this semester and I always have the children come up and use the pen to do different online activities

JessicaK: I have never used a smartboard but

BlancaH: neither do I

MelissaJJ: <http://www.kidbiz3000.com/> ..if you click above it tells you about this program

JessicaK: I hear so much about it...I hope I can use one soon

MariannaH: The URL's will be a great resource to use later on in the classroom

AshleyRi: I have never used a smartboard :(

StephenDa: here is a url that talks about airliners <http://www2.smarttech.com/st/en-US/Products/AirLiner/>

BlancaH: I agree Marianna

VictoriaA: I feel that I fall into the average kids group. I know how to feign interest and answer questions on command, but my first online class was QUITE an adjustment.

MariannaH: Smartboards are awesome!!

RogerMG: This is from my own experience in teaching online. My classes consist of undergrad students ranging in age from 18 to 22. Some are self-motivated learners and they pick up on it quickly. The others take longer and require more extrinsic motivation, whereas the others are more intrinsically motivated.

CandiS: Ashley, I think at our school, the teachers are more worried about the kids getting on imagination station for us to see any of these other tools

HinaM: Thanks Melissa and Stephen

VictoriaA: I'd have to say that your observation is pretty dead on.

CandiS: if we even have them that is

ThaihoaH: how many smart boards does your school have

ThaihoaH: We have 3 but I haven't used them yet

MaryRoseR: there is a smartboard in every classroom

ThaihoaH: Wow

MaryRoseR: where I am at...

HinaM: wow that must be nice

ThaihoaH: in every classroom???

StephenDa: a few that can be checked out

MaryRoseR: yes...

MariannaH: at my current school that don't have any. They are very expensive.

JessicaK: Expensive!!

HinaM: yeah we only have 3 at my school

CandiS: Mary Rose, what school are you at again?

HinaM: I haven't had a chance to work on it yet

BlancaH: I don't think we have smartboards either.

MariannaH: I heard they cost about \$2000

MaryRoseR: We have them because they were funded by grants ...I am at a title 1 school

RogerMG: Victoria has pretty much stated what my experience as a teacher has been . . .it's a real eye-opener for the average student . . .almost a bit of a shock when the old circular skills no longer work.

ThaihoaH: wow

MaryRoseR: Kaiser

RogerMG: Thanks for the airlineers url Stephen.

CandiS: wow that's pricey..

ThaihoaH: we rarely use any technology at all

MarisolCa: yes, thanks Stephen.

MaryRoseR: I use it as much as I can

CandiS: same here

ThaihoaH: most days, the only technology we use are the morning announcements, as sad as that is

HinaM: we use technology during math

HinaM: because of the envision program

EloisaM: We use technology all the time at my school. I can't imagine teaching without the Promethean Board. Sorry that not everyone has heard about them. They are the best!

MaryRoseR: yes...

CandiS: haha, I think the most technology I've used in this classroom is the CD player

MariannaH: we use technology only at center time and computer lab time

MaryRoseR: what do you think of that Hina

VictoriaA: So true, I was used to 'getting by' with little effort and receiving maximum results. But that online class made quite an impression on my transcript, if you know what I mean.

JeffC: there are alternatives to smartboards

StephenDa: I try to use as much tech. as I can because that seems to be what a lot of my students can get into

JeffC: elmo: <http://www.elmousa.com/>

RogerMG: Thaihoa, it's interesting that the rest of the world, particularly the work world, is embedded with technology everywhere, and some schools are suffering from lack of it.

RogerMG: Thanks Jeff.

JeffC: there are others... one actually transforms a whiteboard into a smartboard and costs about 700

ThaihoaH: one of the 1st grade teachers on my team cannot use kidspiration

MaryRoseR: hehe

JeffC has to run... will get the info on the smartboard alternative later...

ThaihoaH: she had to have me help her use it

RogerMG: OH .. .that's a lot Jeff :-)

MariannaH: why not Thai

HinaM: I wish we could incorporate technology more often

AshleyRi: Thanks for the links.

HinaM: but it always seems to be that we run out of time

MelissaJJ: we have a lot of technology at my school but I hardly see anyone use it..sad

ThaihoaH: she doesn't know how to use it

CandiS: I think its time for me to log out! thanks for the links!

ThaihoaH: we learn all these technology techniques in college

BlancaH: teachers don't have time to use technology

HinaM: there is never enough time in the day, and my teachers are focused on scores for different tests

ThaihoaH: but at the schools we're at, no one uses it

MariannaH: that is sad

HinaM: more than technology

JessicaK: Or they weren't taught

ThaihoaH: esp in the younger grades

ThaihoaH: the most I see is United Streaming for videos

EloisaM: Older teachers are resistant about using technology. It's understandable.

JeffC: found it... ebeam: <http://www.e-beam.com/>

JeffC: turns a whiteboard into a smartboard... portable...

VictoriaA: Melissa- you're almost at an advantage if no one else uses it. They you can have your choice of tech toys, with no competition.

JessicaK: we use united streaming a lot

MariannaH: the teacher loves to use United Streaming

RogerMG: OK. We're out of time here. Let's end this so the transcript can go out as agreed upon at the start. I will be moving over to FROL if anyone cares to follow. Thanks a lot for your participation in this forum. It's been fun for me and, as usual, a learning experience.

VictoriaA: thanks Roger!

HinaM: thank you roger

MaryRoseR: thanks Ro ger take care

BlancaH: thanks Roger!

MelissaJJ: thank you so much!

JessicaRep: Thank you.

GeorgeK: bye all

MariannaH: thanks for the information!

EloisaM: Thank you Roger.

JessicaK: Thank you Roger!

ThaihoaH: Thank you Roger!

DalilaT: THANKS ROGER

JessicaK: Bye!