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DianneA: Hi Juliet

JulietP: Hi

DianneA: Good to see you here today, what brings you here?

JulietP: To learn more about the teaching teachers forum

DianneA: I have my hands full of lunch

DianneA nods to Juliet

DianneA: welcome to today's Teaching Teachers

DianneA: first of all we need to do a round of introductions ...

DianneA: where are you from and what is your teaching area interest?

BJB2: I'm in Pennsylvania and am a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

DianneA: I am from Wollongong Australia, hence the lunchtime reference, and my area is professional development

JulietP: Houston. I'm currently student teaching.

DianneA nods

DianneA: so are you one of Mary Thompson's students?

DianneA: Mary is the initiator of this group

JulietP: No. Beyer. I had Dr. Thompson last semester

DianneA: I am taking a holding brief until she reclaims it

DianneA: sorry for the break brb

JulietP: No problem

DianneA: OK I am back

DianneA: Now, to fill you in about what happens in/at this group ...

JulietP: ok

DianneA: I see you are not yet a member of the group

JulietP: How do I become a member?

DianneA: Mary set this up to talk about teachers mentoring teachers and especially in technology

DianneA: is that of interest to you?

JulietP: Yes

DianneA: Fine, then let me show you how to join this group ...

JulietP: ok

DianneA: see in the main window the Welcome text, with the green I ID for the group ...

DianneA: click on that to open the group profile page

DianneA: and when that page is open, click on the Join This Group

DianneA: let me know when you are ready for the next step

JulietP: joined

DianneA: Great

DianneA: now can you scroll down in the profile page until you see the open door to this room, click on that to restore the room view window

DianneA: and tell me when you have that open

JulietP: Opened

DianneA: OK see the Featured Item box and the link to the Full Circle page ...

DianneA: that is worth checking out, by clicking on that link

JulietP: Should I check it now?

DianneA: Yes Juliet

JulietP: ok

DianneA: I notice it looks like it might have changed some since Mary established that link ...

DianneA: but if there are things of interest there it might be worth coming back to that site and checking later

DianneA: If you now look, Juliet, at the left hand menu ...

JulietP: ok, I added it to my favorites

BJB2: <http://www.techlearning.com/article.aspx?id=5552>

DianneA: you will see a Links link, click on that

DianneA: Ah! Hurray for BJ!!!

DianneA: I don't know what I'd do with out you BJ

BJB2: You might want to update that link, Dianne!

JulietP: can't find the link

DianneA: OK Bj I have changed that link

DianneA: Sorry Juliet

BJB2: which link, Juliet?

DianneA: let's start again

DianneA: can you refresh your room view ...

DianneA: by clicking on the welcome option in the left hand menu

DianneA: and then try ...

DianneA: clicking on the featured item link

DianneA: now do you see the Full Circle article?

JulietP: yes

DianneA: lovely!

DianneA: now for the other tip .. about the LINKS link in the left hand menu ...

JulietP: Got it

DianneA: if you click on the LINKS link in the left hand menu, a page will open with lots of other useful links to web pages dealing with mentoring in the technology area

JulietP: Checking

BJB2: also need to update Two Faces of Mentoring to <http://www.edutopia.org/two-faces-mentoring>

DianneA: so one of the purposes and processes of being a member of this group is to tap the recommended web pages ... since MaryFT has picked on these as appropriate to discussions within this group

DianneA nods to BJ

JulietP: okay

BJB2 . o O (I think Mighty Mentors is caput)

BJB2: Thanks, Juliet, for helping us update the links!

DianneA: Ooohhh BJ Juliet is catching MaryFT and me out on not keeping our links up to date

JulietP: You welcome

DianneA: Do you have this problem anywhere in your practice Juliet?

JulietP: Not yet.

DianneA: one minute while I delete Mighty mentors ...

BJB2 smiles...you will, Juliet! Always have plan B!

JulietP: Yes

BJB2 . o O (especially when you're dealing with technology)

DianneA: Now let me show you another part of the Group activity Juliet

DianneA: in the left hand menu there is a section for DISCUSSIONS

DianneA: please click on that

JulietP: There

DianneA: and notice that there are a number of posts there that also (1) share recommended websites for issues related to teaching teachers .. and perhaps the category is a bit broader than the technology focus; (2) exchanges between members of the group about issues of concern ...

DianneA: but not many of the second type

JulietP: Yes

DianneA: If this group was working really well there would be more of that kind of discussion, and to accommodate members who need advice between the monthly sessions ...

DianneA: but ...

DianneA rueful grin

JulietP: How often do they meet?

DianneA: this part of group activity hasn't developed for this group

DianneA: the group is scheduled to meet on a monthly basis

JulietP: Is the subscription free?

DianneA: what has been happening while I have been taking the holding brief, is that the discussion has been open to being wider than the technology focus

DianneA: and talking more about mentoring ...

DianneA: the fee is the same as for TI - free!!!

BJB2 . o O (but so many people have crazy schedules that it's difficult to get everyone together in real time!)

DianneA nods to BJ

DianneA: so, Juliet, can I ask you ...

DianneA: as you came today to find out more about the group ...

DianneA: did you also come, perhaps with something that you you would like to toss around in the group ..

DianneA: to see if the group has anything to offer ?

BJB2 . o O (there are 72 members of this group!)

DianneA nods to BJ, and that is why the discussion area might be more productive than a live session

JulietP: Not really, I was interested in the topic since it had to do with technology and teaching teachers.

DianneA: OK, tell me a bit more about you and technology ...

DianneA: why is this an interest for you?

JulietP: I am somewhat ok with using technology , but would like to improve on it.

DianneA nods

DianneA: is there any particular aspect of improving in focus at present for you?

DianneA: if not, can I ask another question ...

JulietP: Yes. At the school that I currently student teach they use an overhead called the Elmo and a kind of Wii remote too. I'm not sure of you are familiar with that, but would like to know more about that.

DianneA: what is of interest to you about 'teaching teachers'?

DianneA: thanks, then let's focus on your technology question for today ...

DianneA: tell me a bit more about Elmo please

DianneA: I have heard of interactive whiteboards, is it the same at that sort of thing?

JulietP: It's like an overhead projector that is red in color, I guess that's why it's called an Elmo. It projects prints in colored and can zoom in to make prints larger.

DianneA nods

DianneA: now tell me if I have understood your earlier remark ... what you are saying is .. that children can use Wii remote hardware and produce changes to what is screened by Elmo?

JulietP: The Wii remote i saw it used briefly. I don't know much about that.

DianneA: so my next question is ...

DianneA: can you tell me what my next question should be about?

DianneA looks to BJ

DianneA: would you like to handle this one BJ?

DianneA grins at BJ

BJB2: I think your next question would be, how does the technology aid or improve your teaching?

JulietP: Not really.

DianneA gold stars to BJ

DianneA: actually ...

DianneA: I wasn't going to ask "can you tell me ..." when I first started out ...

DianneA: I was going to do what Bj suggested .. ask you which was the most important bit of 'not knowing' for you ...

DianneA: was it a technology not-knowing ...

DianneA: or was it a teaching/ using technology in the classroom- not-knowing

DianneA: then I surprised myself and asked the other question .. can you tell me what my next question should be ..

JulietP: Teaching using technology

DianneA: and then I found that opened up a whole can of worms ...

JulietP: Any new ideas

DianneA: it left open asking about the technology itself, OR asking about using technology in teaching ... OR .. and this is the bigger thing ...

DianneA: it left open asking about how you find out about something when you don't know ... OR even a question about what I was doing with you here and now that is a part of teaching, and which therefore I could apply to you when thinking about mentoring

teachers ...

DianneA: BUT right now, we are tending to run out of time ...

DianneA: So Juliet .. one thing you can do .. in the group ...

SusanR joined the room.

DianneA: is try posting your question to the discussion area and see who else is really interested in this question

DianneA: they may know more than I ..

BJB2 waves hi to Sue

DianneA waves to Sue

DianneA: as Bj reminded me earlier, Juliet, ...

JulietP: Okay. When is the next meeting?

DianneA: you might really benefit form meeting Sue ...

DianneA: and finding out about her K to 3+ resources room

JulietP: Hi Sue

DianneA: our next meeting will be the same time same day same week next month

DianneA: and check it out on the calendar

JulietP: I will. Thanks for your time

DianneA nods to Juliet

BJB2: Thanks, Dianne, for leading this discussion

DianneA: don't forget to check out K to 3+ resources .. it has lots of tips

DianneA: for using technology in K to 3+ classes

BJB2: and thanks, Juliet, for taking time from your busy schedule to participate in this discussion

JulietP: Yes

BJB2: and Susan can help you do that, Juliet

JulietP: Thanks BJ

SusanR: Oh I was called away from the computer ..sorry..hello everyone

JulietP: Okay.

BJB2: Juliet, do you want to look at the K to 3 group now?

BJB2 . o O (do you have a few more minutes?)

JulietP: Hi Sue. Yes

BJB2: Sue, go to the group room and Juliet and I will join you

SusanR: I will head over to the K to 3 Resource room in a moment, Juliet

BJB2: Juliet, when you see Sue leave, click on the ONLINE tab to the left of this chat

SusanR left the room.

BJB2: then click one time on Susan R and the door icon

JulietP left the room.

BJB2 left the room.

Room: K-3Resources

BJB2 joined the room.

BJB2 smiles and hands Juliet a gold star!

SusanR: welcome

BJB2: now scroll down on the long welcome note above this chat

JulietP: Yeah!

JulietP: Done

BJB2: to the sentence near the bottom that says This is the group room for k to 3 resource room. There is a green i in that sentence

BJB2: click on the green i

BJB2: you should now see the group ID page...same as in Teaching Teachers...just click on join this group

BJB2: when you are done, click on Room View at the top of the screen to bring you back to the welcome screen

BJB2 smiles happily. Good job!

JulietP: I'm back

BJB2: now, do you know about the drop down menu in the top right of your screen next to the Go! button?

BJB2: if you look at that menu, you will see that the two groups you joined today are listed in that menu

JulietP: Yes- Actions

BJB2: you can use that menu to move to any room listed from any location in Tapped In...not Actions....there is a favorite places menu in the top right of your web window

BJB2: there is a door icon on the left of the menu and a Go! button on the right of the menu

JulietP: Okay I see it

BJB2: that makes it very easy to come back here when you have time and look at the tons of resources Sue has placed in this room

BJB2 . o O (you can look now, too, if you want!)

SusanR . o O (checks Juliet's profile)

JulietP: I was going to ask that question.

BJB2 heads out. You're in good hands with Sue, Juliet...she's a marvel!

BJB2 . o O (visiting mom this week)

BJB2 waves goodnight.

SusanR: Ok go ahead, Bj

JulietP: Thanks so much.