

Title of Session: Kaitlyn's Professional Development Resources

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BJB2: Have you participated in other TI discussions, Amber?

AmberP: My graduate class requires me to participate in one.

KaitlynS: after the discussion, you will receive an email of the transcript for verification

BJB2: I'd suggest that you take a look at the stuff stored in this room above the chat window...

BJB2: Kaitlyn has a folder in the featured items

AmberP: ok

BJB2: once the discussion starts go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat and select DETACH

BJB2: you can also make the chat text larger from the actions menu

AmberP: great

BJB2: Kaitlyn, let's start with introductions, please?

KaitlynS: Sure, I'm Kaitlyn and have taught Deaf Education and students with learning difficulties and students with autism for the past 6 years.

KaitlynS: Currently working at a school in the United Kingdom.

BJB2: I'm a retired teacher located in Pennsylvania

AmberP: I'm a 2nd grade teacher in North Carolina.

KaitlynS: I'll start with one of my favorite website and one that is recognized by many states as a way to earn professional development points.

CandiceMos joined the room.

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

KaitlynS: Welcome Candice

KaitlynS: Would you like to introduce yourself to the group?

KaitlynS: I just posted the link <http://www.paec.org/teacher2teacher/> to go to.

CandiceMos: thank you I was just wondering...I'm now an Academic Technologist at a University

KaitlynS: Just so I know how much to go into with this site, is anyone familiar with this site already?

BJB2: Amber, hold down the ctrl key on your keyboard when you click on the url

CandiceMos: Am I in the wrong place? Is this just for K-12?

BJB2: <http://www.paec.org/teacher2teacher/>

BJB2: Candice, Tapped In resources are usually for K-20

AmberP: no I'm not familiar with it

KaitlynS: ok

KaitlynS: You do have to register with a name and email, etc.

KaitlynS: However, it is completely free.

KaitlynS: On the left hand side, you will see Teacher Credit Requirements by State

AmberP: basically you just watch a video for training?

KaitlynS: You can click on your state to see their requirements for earning points.

KaitlynS: They have teacher workshop style videos on a variety of topics. I've been through several of them and they are very worthwhile.

KaitlynS: There are then quizzes to take and follow up activities as well.

AmberP: sounds interesting

KaitlynS: They also have a principal's checklist in order to aide your administrator in reviewing your follow-up activities of implementation within the classroom

KaitlynS: It is very much supported by NCLB as well.

KaitlynS : - No Child Left Behind

KaitlynS : When you register with an email, your progress is sent to that email. You can then print it off for verification.

KaitlynS : Any comments or questions on this site?

AmberP : About how long are the trainings/videos?

KaitlynS : They do vary. Videos are compatible with Mac or Windows and are usually 2 parts about 20-30 minutes each.

KaitlynS : However, I quite enjoy them.

AmberP : ok

KaitlynS : With technology, I'm able to sit comfortably on the sofa in my own home or at a coffee shop with a laptop instead of driving to a workshop.

KaitlynS : <http://www.thirteen.org/edonline/concept2class/>

KaitlynS : This is another good one

KaitlynS : It's very much broken down to aide both you and your administrator for earning more of those high level points of implementation.

KaitlynS : There is a workshop menu to choose from.

KaitlynS : If you click on one of them, you will then see at the top right GET CREDIT.

AmberP : right

KaitlynS : There you will find a letter to the administrator.

KaitlynS : This is a letter explaining to your administrator about the program and about the online "workshop" you are doing.

KaitlynS : Again, this is completely free.

KaitlynS : There is a reading section with a few videos.

KaitlynS : And then an implementation section for follow up activities within the classroom.

AmberP : I like it

KaitlynS: Good :)

KaitlynS: Both have a lot of variety and are very broken down to get all aspects of professional development.

KaitlynS: You said you teach 2nd grade. This is a technology resource we use a lot here in the UK.

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

KaitlynS: Lots of interactive games that are ideal with a smart board.

KaitlynS: However, it does work with a mouse as well.

AmberP: Excellent...Our school has a smart board but I've never used it because I didn't know what to use it for. This will give me great ideas!

KaitlynS: Definitely take a look at this then!!!

KaitlynS: I find a lot of my struggling readers are very motivated with these activities.

KaitlynS: They also have excellent math resources as well.

AmberP: fabulous

KaitlynS: BJ- Does Tapped In offer any discussions for using a smart board?

BJB2: the K to 3 Resources group has some stuff

KaitlynS: Or do you have any beneficial resources regarding that?

KaitlynS: Excellent- thank you.

KaitlynS: Amber- Do you know how to access the K-3 Resources found in Tapped In?

AmberP: I haven't tried, but I'm sure I could figure it out.

BJB2 thinks Amber should join that group!

KaitlynS smiles

KaitlynS: another favorite for the smart board is Starfall.com

BJB2: Sue has lots of great resources for K-3+ classroom teachers

KaitlynS: www.starfall.com

KaitlynS: There we go!

AmberP: I've used starfall before. That's great for my lower readers

AmberP left the room.

AmberP joined the room.

BJB2: hmmm...Amber found the K-3 Resources room :-)

KaitlynS: I find the students are very motivated with the interactive stories when using the smart board.

AmberP: sorry. I tried visiting the k-3 room

KaitlynS: No worries at all.

KaitlynS: This is your time to explore and ask questions.

AmberP: I guess I can't go look while I'm chatting here?

AmberP: I'm new with this whole tapped in thing.

BJB2: nope...you can only be in one room at a time, Amber

AmberP: got it

KaitlynS: I have several of the links in my Kaitlyn's Prof. Dev. Resources.

AmberP: ok

KaitlynS: If you click on that folder, you will be able to access them as well.

KaitlynS: You are welcome to email me if you have any questions.

AmberP: thank you

KaitlynS: Being an elementary teacher,

KaitlynS: www.planetesme.com

KaitlynS: might be a good resource for you.

KaitlynS: She has several categorized book recommendations and several ideas of how to extend each book.

AmberP: wow

KaitlynS: Her book How to Get Children to Love Reading is absolutely fabulous I must say.

AmberP: ooo I'll have to check that out

KaitlynS: I believe the author is currently writing several new books, so her website hasn't been updated recently. However, her info is still relevant.

AmberP: ok

KaitlynS: Do you have any websites or technology you currently use that you find useful?

KaitlynS: I know you said starfall.

AmberP: one site that I discovered this year that my kids absolutely loved was tutpup.com. it's a math site where kids can practice their math facts

KaitlynS: oh wow, that one is new to me.

KaitlynS: very nice!

BJB2 likes the way Amber is sharing some of her favorite sites too!

BJB2: Amber, Tapped In is best for collaboration among educators

KaitlynS: I know with the push of inclusion in the education system and in regards to autism www.autismnetwork.org is a great site.

KaitlynS: It has lots of connections with the University of Kansas (so I may be a bit biased that this is a great website). ;)

AmberP: nice

KaitlynS: However, it has several modules you can pick and choose from.

KaitlynS: When I did my credit of points for this, I had a conversation with my administrator.

KaitlynS: Showed him the link

KaitlynS: Then kept track of my hours of reading.

KaitlynS: Then I verified that implementation of one module and the affects it had on my classroom.

AmberP: that's neat

KaitlynS: I've taught middle school/high school for 5 years and then just this year changed to elementary aged students so I'm still always looking for new and exciting resources.

KaitlynS: BJ- Since Amber wasn't able to do the K-12 tour, do you have any further suggestions of elementary based groups within tappedin that would be of benefit?

BJB2: in addition to the K to 3+ Resource Room I'd suggest the K-12 Language Arts Group

KaitlynS: Thanks for sharing!

AmberP: great!

KaitlynS: (I needed that as well!)

BJB2: K-3 meets on June 23 and Lang Arts meets on Wed, June 17

KaitlynS: Are you familiar with the calendar Amber as to finding when the different discussions happen?

BJB2 . o O (click on the Tapped In tab at the top of your web window and then click on calendar in the blue menu bar)

AmberP: I refer to the one sent to my email.

BJB2: I'd suggest you look at the online calendar, Amber!

BJB2: it's the most up to date

KaitlynS: Right, the calendar that BJ just showed gives you the entire month.

BJB2: and you see all events in your time zone

AmberP: thanks

KaitlynS: You can click on each and see a brief description of them in order to help you find which discussions would be most beneficial for you.

KaitlynS: My former school agreed to give me professional development points for turning in my verified transcript of different discussions.

BJB2: oh, very cool, Kaitlyn!

AmberP: oh wow

KaitlynS: And then further implementation points for using one idea learned from the discussion.

KaitlynS: It was nice as well because I was able to teach the school about Tapped In as a resource as well.

BJB2: Amber, TI can't give credits because it's not affiliated with any university, but local school districts will often be willing to accept transcripts as prof development

BJB2: . o O (all ya gotta do is ASK)

KaitlynS: Exactly!

AmberP: I'll have to look into that.

KaitlynS: Technology is a hot buzz word now as well.

BJB2: and if you have any questions, feel free to email me at bjb@tappedin.org

KaitlynS: So when I presented to my admin, I was sure to talk about all of the benefits of using technology in the classroom that I'd be learning!

AmberP: 'thanks!

KaitlynS: Bj- I'm looking at the calendar and was curious if the learning with lyrics discussions were still happening monthly?

BJB2: yes, but Johnathan is taking the summer off

KaitlynS: Right!

BJB2: did you see his latest?

KaitlynS: No, but I saw one a few months ago. Highly Highly Highly recommended Amber!

KaitlynS: When school starts up again, definitely check that one out.

AmberP: What's it about?

BJB2: <http://www.edmestoncentralschool.net/uploads/jchase/musicvideotoo.htm>

KaitlynS: Beat me to it!

KaitlynS: Thanks :)

BJB2: John teaches social studies in a middle school in NYC

KaitlynS: I did an assignment like this in 8th grade. We used Beatles, Meatloaf, etc

KaitlynS: Learned how the music and history coincided!

BJB2 nods

KaitlynS: I also used a lot of music with my deaf students.

KaitlynS: The lyrics used as "poetry" units.

BJB2: oh, share the url of the kids signing, Kaitlyn...I love that

AmberP: wow...I'm impressed

KaitlynS: I'm sure this could easily be adapted to an elementary unit....?

KaitlynS: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKnF9CCYQPQ>

KaitlynS: this is the youtube one

BJB2: I think that video is no longer available due to copyright issues

KaitlynS: <http://www.d-pan.com/index.html>

KaitlynS: I was able to view the youtube one just now.

BJB2: that one is ok...it's the Beautiful one that isn't available

AmberP: me too

KaitlynS: Did you have any other questions Amber or anything else you are looking for?

BJB2: this is probably the one I was thinking of anyway...isn't it wonderful, Amber?

AmberP: love it

AmberP: no more questions

KaitlynS: excellent

AmberP: Thanks for all of your help! You both have been such a pleasure to talk with.

BJB2 smiles. Likewise, Amber!

KaitlynS: Remember, you will receive an email of this transcript to the email you registered with.

KaitlynS: So, it will have all of the links in there as well.

AmberP: oh great!

BJB2: something else to remember is that Tapped In is a community...

KaitlynS: In addition, you can go to the folder with resources and links as well.

KaitlynS: Definitely!

AmberP: Thanks!

KaitlynS: It definitely has the collaboration aspect!

BJB2: it's a place to meet colleagues as well as a place to access resources. The PEOPLE are the most important resource...and now you're one of those people ;-)

KaitlynS smiles

KaitlynS: It was a pleasure talking with you as well Amber!

AmberP: Thanks again! Have a great day!

BJB2 waves bye. Thanks, Kaitlyn! See you next month?

KaitlynS: You as well.

KaitlynS: I'll plan on July 11th still

BJB2: ok, cool, I'll put you down for July 11 at this time

BJB2 hugs bye