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DianneA: what brings you to the session today, Laura?

LauraRo: I'm awake. I didn't realize it was almost time. This is my first session and it's an assignment from my global education prof.

DianneA nods

DianneA: OK if we get other starters we will have peers for you to talk with ...

DianneA: if not, we can customise this session to chat with you about what you want to chat about

BJB2 . o O (I was only teasing, Laura. Been a long day!)

LauraRo: O.K. Dianne. Sounds good! I knew you were teasing **BJB2**

DianneA: you are here already

DianneA: I am just seeing if there are any other starters

DianneA: Have you been to a Tips and Tricks tour, Laura?

LauraRo: No ma'am.

DianneA: OK then I am going to show you a trick or two ...

LauraRo: sure I'm ready!

DianneA: see the HERE tab and the ONLINE tab to the left of this chat space?

LauraRo: yes!

DianneA: click on ONLINE and tell me what you notice

LauraRo: I see there are many other users online.

DianneA: right

DianneA: now click on HERE and tell me what you notice

LauraRo: Are they joining us?

DianneA: no not today it looks

LauraRo: That answers my question. Looks like it's just us.

DianneA: right ..

DianneA: now under the HERE tab, highlight my name

LauraRo: ok. done.

DianneA: and then click on the green I icon underneath the HERE tab

DianneA: and tell me what you notice happens in the main window

BJB2 . o O (Laura, if you detached your chat, the web window (main) is behind your chat window)

DianneA: thanks BJ

LauraRo: I'm in your office now. Is that right?

DianneA: no ...

DianneA: you are in the Teachers in Training room

DianneA: but you now have my profile up in your main window

LauraRo: I understand now.

LauraRo: May I read your profile?

DianneA: and towards the top on the left hand side is a 'room view' button if you want to get that room view back

DianneA: the idea is that you do read my profile

DianneA: and then tell me ...

DianneA: is there anything in my profile that matches with what your current interests are with preservice work ...

DianneA: so we could chat about that

LauraRo: I see that you taught science. Did you teach all these grade levels or just one specific level?

DianneA: I taught science at high school level, here in Oz that is grades 7 -12

DianneA: the first four grades 1-10 were four strands of science

LauraRo: Oz?

DianneA: physics chemistry biology and geology

DianneA: Australia where I live

DianneA: the last two years 11-12 were elective and my specialty was Chemistry, though I also taught physics biology as well

LauraRo: Did you enjoy teaching at that grade level? I am leaning more towards early childhood. I have a lot of patience with the little ones but I find myself getting frustrated easily with the older kids.

DianneA: I can understand frustration with different ages ...

DianneA: I think as teachers we adjust to where we are working

DianneA: although sometimes that adjustment is not as easy as at other times

DianneA: tell me ...

DianneA: what do you enjoy most with working with the early childhood children?

LauraRo: I know that at this age they are like sponges...absorbing everything that is presented to them

DianneA nods

DianneA: anything else?

LauraRo: I just enjoy the response I get from the children after teaching them something new.

DianneA nods

DianneA: responsiveness is soooo important ...

DianneA: now let's try another trick or two ...

LauraRo: I am only a substitute teacher but I still get to interact with the children. Sometimes I even get to teach a lesson.

DianneA: first of all can you get back your room view window in the main window?

DianneA nods about substitute life

BJB2 . o O (click on Room View at the top of the web window)

DianneA: thanks BJ

LauraRo: thanks bj

LauraRo: Ok I'm there

DianneA: now in the room view window ...

DianneA: can you scroll down until ...

DianneA: you see Featured Passageways

DianneA: and the link to the K-3+ Resource room

DianneA: and click on that

LauraRo left the room.

DianneA left the room.

BJB2 left the room.

Room: K-3Resources

BJB2 joined the room.

DianneA: Right!

DianneA: notice what happened!

DianneA: you have moved to another room

DianneA: now another trick ...

LauraRo: Ok

DianneA: see the link to the K to 3+ Resource Room group in the welcome box ...?

DianneA: click on that

DianneA: and the group information page will open

LauraRo: ok. I am there now.

DianneA: and when that is open click on the Join this group link and tell me when you have finished that

LauraRo: I've joined that group.

DianneA: good ...

DianneA: now under the HERE tab, highlight your name and click on the green I icon to notice what has happened to your profile

LauraRo: I see I'm now a member of this group.

DianneA: right ...

LauraRo: wonderful! What is this resource room?

DianneA: and now click on the Room view button to restore the window for the group room

DianneA: first of all this is one of the more active groups at Tapped In

DianneA: and Susan Roseman and other k-3+ teachers are sharing resources for teaching k-3+ here

DianneA: so if you scroll down in the main window and under Featured Items ...

DianneA: you will see a folder labeled Art ...

DianneA: click on that

LauraRo: I'm there.

DianneA: now you will see links to other websites that these experienced teachers recommend

DianneA: click on one of those to notice what happens

LauraRo: very very neat! I'm loving this.

DianneA: great!

LauraRo: This is definitely going to be of great use to me! Thanks Dianne!

DianneA: Laura, this is one of the uses of Tapped In

DianneA: first of all, there are sessions like today's that try and share resources

DianneA: tell me how did you find out about this session?

LauraRo: Through the Tapped In calendar

DianneA: right then you know how to find sessions on the calendar

LauraRo: yes ma'am!

DianneA: those sessions are one of our major sharing options

DianneA: being a member of a group is another major sharing option

DianneA: and there are lots more groups like this one

DianneA: and coming in to Tapped In and exploring groups and their rooms and their links are great ways of getting good ideas for using computers etc in the classroom

LauraRo: I see that this group is for teachers, Is there any groups that are primarily for students?

DianneA: now do you have any questions you would like to ask of me or BJ?

DianneA: oh yes ...

DianneA: there is a whole separate site for students ...

DianneA: it is called the K-12 campus ...

LauraRo: how do I get there?

DianneA: and is set up so that it is quite secure

DianneA: OK let's check some of that out ...

LauraRo: Are my own children allowed to join?

DianneA: we can only go into public spaces for the moment ...

LauraRo: ok

DianneA: Laura if you want to set up a class group for your children we can arrange that ...

DianneA: are you doing home schooling?

LauraRo: that would be awesome. My children attend public school.

DianneA: OK, first tip about where to find the K-12 campus ...

DianneA: up in the middle of your main window is a tab labeled Tapped In

DianneA: please click on that

LauraRo: ok. done

DianneA: that opens the campus map ...

LauraRo: right!

DianneA: now see the link there to the K-12+ campus ..

DianneA: please click on that

LauraRo: ok 'm there

DianneA: please click on that link

LauraRo left the room.

DianneA left the room.

BJB2 left the room.

Room: SAC_Reception

BJB2 joined the room.

DianneA: notice you cannot see **BJB2** ..

DianneA: until she arrives!

BJB2 . o O (hee hee hee)

DianneA: and the other 18+ people at Tapped In proper have 'disappeared'

DianneA: that means that when students are here they cannot see other teachers at Tapped In

DianneA: and vice versa ... that is what we mean by 'security'

LauraRo: I see. So they can only see the teacher in their group?

DianneA: while we see two other people here we cannot join them

DianneA: unless they invite us to join them ...

DianneA: that is another step in security

BJB2 . o O (only the teacher and her students can enter their classroom)

DianneA: notice there are some Featured Passageways to other public rooms ...

DianneA: but no access to individual class rooms unless the teacher sets it up for you, personally

DianneA: does any of these Featured rooms look to be of interest to you Laura?

BJB2 recommends NASA Resources

LauraRo: I was looking at professorgarfield for my 1st grader!

BJB2 smiles...that is an incredible site!

DianneA: OK let's try both .. but Prof Garfield first

DianneA: click on the link

LauraRo left the room.

DianneA left the room.

BJB2 left the room.

Room: Garfield_Grp

BJB2 joined the room.

BJB2: http://www.professorgarfield.com/pgf_home.html

DianneA: right what do you notice here Laura?

LauraRo: anyone is invited to join

LauraRo: oops I mean you must be invited to join

DianneA: right

DianneA: have you tried the link to another webpage here?

LauraRo: no

DianneA: try that then

LauraRo: I clicked on the link that took me to the website.

DianneA: when you are ready let's move back to the students reception room

LauraRo: I'm ready!

DianneA: ok find that link in the Featured Passageways

DianneA: and click on that

LauraRo left the room.

DianneA left the room.

BJB2 left the room.

Room: NASA_Grp

BJB2 joined the room.

DianneA: and if there is a Join this group link there click on that

DianneA: BJ ..

BJB2 . o O (I think you have to be invited to join, Dianne)

DianneA: when I click on the group link ...

DianneA: I do not see the Join this group

DianneA: that explains that...

LauraRo: I see.

BJB2: that is because this is a classroom in the K-12 student campus

DianneA: so Laura, you need to send an email to SharonWB and ask

BJB2: you can email Sharon...right, Dianne

DianneA nods makes sense

BJB2: Sharon is wonderful! She's a teacher rep for NASA

BJB2: and also works with www.TeachiT-LearnIT.org

DianneA: so there is access to public rooms BJ but not K-12 campus groups! interesting learning for me!

DianneA: Now Laura

BJB2: the reason we are able to enter this room is that Sharon made the room open to all visitors

LauraRo: Oh So I would need to email Sharon and ask if I can join...

BJB2: correct, Laura

DianneA: as a member you can create a group for yourself ..

DianneA: much as you opened a private office

DianneA: let me tell you how you do that ...

BJB2 suggests that Laura participate in Jeff's Saturday tour of the student campus

DianneA: but also let me say ...

DianneA: if you want to ...

LauraRo: Ok..then I could post my own links to web sites and such

DianneA: BJ has just said it for me

DianneA: it is advised that you do join JeffC's tour for the student campus to learn how to do that

DianneA: it will operate a bit like today's session

DianneA: instructions and doing

LauraRo: I think I will join on Saturdays tour. This tool will be a great help and learning opportunity for my children.

DianneA: one final tip for today ... that will help with the campus tour

DianneA: and that is how to operate a private chat

DianneA: highlight my name under the HERE tab

LauraRo: ok

DianneA: and then click on the talking head underneath the HERE tab

LauraRo: oh that was easy!

DianneA: and take you cursor there and type a word or two and send that to me

LauraRo: One last question! What is one difference between education in Australia and education in America

DianneA: one difference?

DianneA: hmhhh

DianneA: I don't know if I can think of one difference .. other than that at the moment our crews are enjoying a cold and wet spring vacation

BJB2 . o O (no No child left behind act?)

BJB2 . o O (and teaching to the test syndrome)

DianneA: no but plenty of other useless sorts of programs, BJ with similar targets

BJB2 sighs

DianneA: yes ...

DianneA: we are beset with things that are counterproductive to real education too

DianneA: OK, sorry folks, but I must away ... other things in the pipeline

DianneA: bye Laura, thanks for coming today

BJB2 hugs goodbye....bedtime for me. No baby today

BJB2 . o O (maybe tomorrow)

DianneA: bye Bj thanks again

DianneA: yes always tomorrow for babies