

**Title of Session:** K to 3+ Resources-Character Ed

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**SusanR:** Tonight's session is Character Education

**BJB2:** Maybe you would like to start with intros, Susan?

**BJB2** . o O ( and a reminder to go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat and select DETACH? )

**SusanR:** I am from Ontario, Canada; a substitute teacher. grade 2/3 educator and tech integrator

**SusanR:** and Tapped In groupie for 9 years or so

**BJB2:** I'm a retired art and communication teacher located in Pennsylvania. I'm one of Sue's groupies!

**SusanR:** Jessica, can you tell us about yourself and what brought you here

**SusanR** . o O ( I have glanced at your member info )

**SusanR:** I wonder if Jessica is lost in cyberspace!

**JessicaF:** I'm currently a student in Kingsville, TX

**SusanR:** childhood education?

**JessicaF:** am studying for Early Childhood

**JessicaF:** really want to teach kinder or first

**SusanR:** Is character ed part of your curriculum

**JessicaF:** not right now. I am in this session for a class that I am taking in Kingsville

**SusanR:** well I have some great resources for you

**JessicaF:** cool!

**KarynLT** joined the room.

**BJB2:** good job, Karyn. Welcome to the discussion!

**SusanR:** one is some youtube videos that you can use for discussions or class warm ups

**KarynLT:** thanks. now what?

**BJB2:** Susan is leading this group...the topic is character education

**SusanR:** Character Education is the topic

**BJB2:** she's going to be sharing some resources.

**SusanR:** perhaps some Classroom Management tips if we have time

**SusanR:** resources as well

**BJB2:** when she shows you a url, hold down the ctrl key when you click on the url

**BJB2:** this overrides pop up blockers

**SusanR:** part 2 will occur on the 4th Tuesday of the month as well

**BJB2 . o O ( October 27 )**

**SusanR:** would you use these youtube videos with your youngsters?

**BJB2 . o O ( October 28 for Karyn )**

**BJB2** waits for the url

**KarynLT:** thanks BJ

**SusanR:** here's a sample <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NX-4VR4dAI>

**SusanR:** watch for a bit and return with your comments

**SusanR:** these videos can be embedded in a blog if youtube is blocked in your school district

**JeffC:** embedded youtube blogs will still be filtered though

**JeffC:** at least that's my experience in this district

**SusanR:** there is something called kickyoutube, Jeff

**BJB2:** use Zamzar to capture movies from YouTube that were appropriate for h.s. viewing

**JeffC:** yeah... and there are proxy servers too... ways around... best if you're going to have a video to upload it to <http://www.teachertube.com> if possible.

**SusanR:** There is <http://www.squared5.com/>

**BJB2:** go to Zamzar and copy the embedded code from any online movie

**SusanR:** MPEG Streamclip is a powerful free video converter, player, editor for Mac and Windows. It can play many movie files, not only MPEGs; it can convert MPEG files between muxed/demuxed formats for authoring; it can encode movies to many formats, including iPod; it can cut, trim and join movies. MPEG Streamclip can also download videos from YouTube and Google by entering the page URL.

**BJB2:** enter the code on the page that they provide along with your email

**JeffC** wonders how many teachers worldwide would take the time to get permission, download videos, reformat them, then repost elsewhere?

**BJB2:** they will then transform the film's designated file type to another one...that you choose.

**SusanR:** It's free encoding/decoding software which might be of interest to any of you who are using video

**SusanR:** Karyn, Jessica what do you think?

**BJB2** . o O ( this was discussed at the last ArtsConnectEd session )

**JessicaF:** I think it's really neat!

**SusanR:** perhaps the class could brainstorm positive character traits they would like to see in their classmates with wordle

**SusanR:** [http://www.wordle.net/show/wrdl/1224058/Character\\_Education](http://www.wordle.net/show/wrdl/1224058/Character_Education)

**BJB2** wonders if Karyn and Jessica are familiar with wordle?

**KarynLT:** no I don't know it

**JessicaF:** I am not familiar with it either

**BJB2** hopes Sue will explain Wordle

**JessicaF:** what do I click on once I am there

**SusanR:** This will explain it

**SusanR:** It's many uses across the curriculum

**BJB2:** thanks, Sue

**SusanR:** <http://skillsworkshop.blogspot.com/2008/07/using-wordle-in-classroom.html>

**SusanR:** students and teachers adore it

**KarynLT:** leaving now. thanks for the ideas

**BJB2** waves bye to Karyn

**KarynLT** left the room (signed off).

**SusanR:** there is even a guess the wordle challenge for most grade levels

**SusanR:** <http://guessthewordle.pbworks.com/>

**SusanR:** take the time to play with the site and you will see the possibilities

**SusanR:** <http://www.wordle.net/>

**JessicaF:** what grades does wordle work best for?

**BJB2:** I like how you can use wordle with so many topics...like you demoed for character ed, Sue

**SusanR:** all

**BJB2:** Wordle works with all grades, Jessica! The teacher can have the little ones brainstorm words and type them in on a smartboard

**SusanR:** or it can be used with smartboards for brainstorming a topic

**SusanR:** teacher generated or student generated

**JessicaF:** I have a 4 year old who is really wanting to start to read. Would this be good for her?

**SusanR:** you can type in basic words

**BJB2:** type in the text from one of her favorite storybooks, Jessica

**JessicaF:** she is sounding out letters and can read words like tad, cat, dad

**SusanR:** they can be arranged horizontally on the wordle

**BJB2:** the words that appear the most frequently will be larger

**SusanR:** type a word more than once and it becomes the focus by becoming larger

**BJB2:** or type in the names of her friends to create a design...or family members

**BJB2** thinks Jessica can think of lots of ways to use wordle!

**SusanR:** spelling words

**JessicaF:** I hope so

**SusanR:** rhyming words

**JessicaF:** I am going to give it a try!

**SusanR:** short vowel words etc

**SusanR:** you may enjoy decorating a room with these mini posters from fablevision

**SusanR:** <http://www.fablevision.com/northstar/miniposters/index.html>

**SusanR** . o O ( never too early to start with character education and values )

**SusanR:** with wordle you can create a poster for outside your class door

**JessicaF:** I LOVE these new websites! Thanks!!

**JessicaF:** I will definitely use these in my classroom. The posters are neat!

**BJB2** . o O ( The North Star is a lovely book, Jessica )

**SusanR:** Peter Reynolds has a lovely site filled with educational materials that can be used at home and with your students

**SusanR:** <http://www.fablevision.com/northstar/>

**SusanR:** I have used the North Star clip art for my class worksheets

**BJB2** . o O ( Peter started out as a Pepperdine student using Tapped In :- ) )

**BJB2:** did you have anything else to share tonight, Sue?

**BJB2:** . o O ( or are you giving Jessica time to look at the site? )

**SusanR:** Peter Reynolds has a blog as well <http://fablevisionlearning.com/blog/>

**BJB2:** he's very approachable and will answer emails from your class

**SusanR:** He has put out an animation package as well

**BridgetV** joined the room.

**SusanR:** Make character ed part of your literacy program with these great book

**SusanR:** <http://instech.tusd.k12.az.us/counseling/elcurriculum.asp>

**SusanR:** Welcome Bridget

**BridgetV:** thank you

**SusanR:** Character Education across the Curriculum is the topic

**BridgetV:** am I too late for this session

**SusanR:** 9 minutes or so left

**BridgetV:** ok I'll come back at another time.

**JessicaF:** Thank you so much for this information. I can't wait to use it on my child and my future students.

**BridgetV:** how do I sign out of here

**BJB2:** Bridget, Sue has shared several sites...let me enter the urls in the transcript for you...

**SusanR:** Using wordle to brainstorm  
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**BJB2:** <http://skillsworkshop.blogspot.com/2008/07/using-wordle-in-classroom.html>

**SusanR:** and some great mini posters to use with students for discussion  
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**BJB2:** did I get them all, Sue?

**SusanR:** and if you want to carry the concept further across the curriculum

**SusanR:**

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/04/gk2/climbmountain.html>

**SusanR:** and last but not least some timely topics <http://www.teachersfirst.com/hot.cfm>

**BJB2** likes the resources at TeachersFirst

**JessicaF:** thanks. These will keep me pretty busy.

**BJB2:** Thanks, Sue...great resources as always!

**SusanR:** posters can be created with glogster

**JessicaF:** bye

**BJB2:** next K-3 Resources discussion is Oct. 27

**SusanR:** what topics would you like to see discussed in the upcoming months. I welcome your suggestions

**BJB2:** holidays? calendars?

**BJB2:** why don't you post that request to the discussion group, Sue?

**SusanR:** a good idea

**SusanR:** I think I will

**BJB2** waves goodnight

**SusanR:** Thanks, Bj

**BJB2:** Bridget, did you want to logout or move to another room?

**SusanR:** great support

**BJB2** blushes. Thanks, Sue