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BJB2: I think we also should make sure everyone is in the right room. Welcome to tonight's Arts and Literacy Discussion topic: National Poetry Month

BJB2: before we get started, everyone please introduce yourself and let us know your interest in the topic

AshleyBar: My name is Ashley Barnes and I am a student teacher.

BJB2: I teach remedial communication in Pennsylvania

AshleyBar: I am currently in the second grade and the students in my class are being introduced to poetry this week.

ConstantiV: I teach math in Kingsville, TX

AshleyBar: this is a small group

ConstantiV: yes it is

DavidWe: I'm David Weksler - a HelpDesk volunteer. I lead a math education discussion - I'm in New Jersey, close to New York City

BJB2: this is a nice group for these discussions. Too many people and the chat scrolls too quickly

AshleyBar: I'm in Houston, Texas

BJB2: I'll be leading this discussion today and sharing some poetry gems I've gathered over the years....

BJB2: I hope that if you have a resource you would like to share that you will please tell us about it.

BJB2: I'm going to start with The Favorite Poem Project

BJB2: when I show a url, hold down the ctrl key on your keyboard to override pop ups

BJB2: <http://www.favoritepoem.org/index.html>

ConstantiV: ok

AshleyBar: ok

BJB2: take a couple minutes to explore and then come back to this chat window and tell us what you liked the most about this site

BJB2 . o O (or didn't like)

MaureenB joined the room.

BJB2: welcome, Maureen. We're looking at <http://www.favoritepoem.org/index.html>

MaureenB: thank you

DavidWe waves to Maureen

BJB2: this site looks like it's for high school. any comments yet?

AshleyBar: I was just thinking this might be too deep or involved for an elementary student

BJB2 agrees with Ashley

ConstantiV: ok

MaureenB: I agree

BJB2: let's try something different Baseball Poetry and Baseball Songs

BJB2: <http://www.baseball-almanac.com/poems.shtml>

BJB2: again, might be a little advanced for elementary, but has some great ideas that can be adapted

BJB2: comments? questions?

AshleyBar: Baseball by James J. Metcalfe is a good poem

AshleyBar: great description

DavidWe . o O (Opening Day poems? "Take Me Out to the Ball Game")

ConstantiV: no

MaureenB: the new kid is good too

BJB2: ready for more?

AshleyBar: good call Maureen

ConstantiV: yes

MaureenB: ready

AshleyBar: ok

BJB2: Donald Hall: Online Materials is a guide to resources related to Donald Hall, the Library of Congress's poet laureate consultant. Hear Hall read poems and talk with interviewers. Read a biography and selections from his work. (Library of Congress)

BJB2: http://www.free.ed.gov/resource.cfm?resource_id=1873

ConstantiV: ok

BJB2: I like it that you can listen to the poems

BJB2: might inspire your kids to make a podcast

MaureenB: That is what I want to teach my student teacher to do with our poetry unit

BJB2: This site is pretty inspirational: BBC Arts

BJB2: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/arts/books/>

ConstantiV: let's see

BJB2: scroll down to poetry in the center of the page

ConstantiV: ok

BJB2: Out Loud, Poetree, DIY Poems, and Visual Poems are very cool

BJB2: I'll throw in a run of the mill Poetry site: National Poetry Month

BJB2: <http://www.infoplease.com/spot/pmonth1.html>

ConstantiV: ok

BJB2: there are sooo many poetry sites. I thought I would share a few that are a little less conventional

BJB2: Barbican: Can I have a word?

BJB2: <http://www.barbican.org.uk/canihaveaword/>

AshleyBar: WOW, there are a lot of resources for poetry: National Poetry Month

DavidWe: yes!

DavidWe smiles

BJB2: Since color is my favorite element, I thought I'd include this sparkler ColorSpeak

BJB2: <http://bulltown.com/colorspeak/1/>

BJB2: wonderful way to add 'color' to vocabulary

JeffC throws in the "Student Publishing Program" at
<http://www.marketsforwriters.com/225pm/background.html>

BJB2: thanks, Jeff

BJB2: for you limerick buffs....a word of caution for the first limerick you may see

AshleyBar: I love the colorspeak website

BJB2: The Omnificent English Dictionary In Limerick Form

BJB2: <http://www.oedilf.com/db/Lim.php>

ConstantiV: ok

BJB2: the next two sites are science related

BJB2: Harmony - John James Audubon

BJB2: <http://www.mcq.org/audubon/menu.html>

BJB2: I like the visual connection

BJB2: The next site is River of Words

AshleyBar: this would also be a great art connection

BJB2: <http://www.riverofwords.org/home/introduction.html>

BJB2: I agree, Ashley

ConstantiV: ok

BJB2: River of Words deals with water

BJB2: This site offers examples from 7 and 8 year olds

BJB2: so it would be good for elementary

BJB2: related to River is the Poetree at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/arts/books/>

ConstantiV: it should be fun for the little one's then, cool

ConstantiV: ok

BJB2: children took a word like LEAF and wrote an acrostic poem

BJB2: you could do that with a water term...or any word that relates to what is being studied

BJB2: Poessays are more involved and can produce critical thinking Poessays - critical thinking

BJB2: <http://www.kyoto-seika.ac.jp/ct/CT/critical.html>

ConstantiV: ok

BJB2: this one isn't very transparent and it took me a few minutes to understand what was trying to be accomplished

BJB2: I just have a couple more sites for you and then you can ask questions

BJB2: this looked promising Teaching with Poetry Tools

BJB2: <http://www.poetryforge.org/teaching.htm>

BJB2: here's for you tech geniuses iPoetry - Modern Interpretation of Classic Poetry

BJB2: <http://edcommunity.apple.com/ali/story.php?itemID=217>

DavidWe: cool!

BJB2: thought you might like that one, David

ConstantiV: cool

BJB2: Last one is an oldie but goodie....TeachersFirst Interactive Raven

BJB2: <http://www.teachersfirst.com/share/raven/>

ConstantiV: ok

BJB2: our time is almost up. Did you see at least one site that you think you'll be able to use in your classroom?

AshleyBar: definitely

AshleyBar: thanks

BJB2: any questions?

ConstantiV: bye thank you

DavidWe: Good discussion, Bjb!

BJB2: The next Arts and Literacy discussion will be on May 7

BJB2: thanks, David

DavidWe smiles

MaureenB: thanks for the great resources

BJB2: you're welcome, Maureen