

**Title of Session:** K-3+ Resources - 4 Blocks: Word Study

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**SusanR:** Welcome Shirley. What is the typical day of a Reading Specialist?

**ShirleyHe:** This week it has been to help the counselor. We get out next week.

**ShirleyHe:** But normally I work with 4-5 students

**SusanR:** Our government in Ontario has promised more literacy and math specialists in the coming year.

**SusanR:** What age level, Shirley.

**ShirleyHe:** My reading program is a 30 minute pull-out program for those students struggling. I'm a Master Reading Teacher also. I work with grades 2-5.

**SusanR:** We have a similar program..reading and language pods..small groups of students are pulled out for Reading difficulties and ESL

**SusanR:** Tonights session is on 4 Blocks..word study

**ShirleyHe:** that's basically what I do. This year my focus was 3rd grade because they have to pass the state test in order to pass. I do some word study with my 2nd graders.

**SusanR:** We have provincial tests here for grades 3 and 6. However, they do not have to pass them to pass the year.

**SusanR:** Here is the a quick list of Great sites to support word study..take a gander while we wait for late arrivals.

**SusanR:** <http://snipurl.com/BLWordStudy>

**ShirleyHe:** I like this website.

**SusanR:** I gathered 15 ..what I consider practical sites for both students and teachers

**BJ:** Shirley, Sue puts most of the resources she's found in the K-3 resources room...she'll probably tell you how to join that group at the end of this session

**SusanR:** Feel free to jump in share anything that really works for you in your classroom setting.

**ShirleyHe:** I have already joined and I was in Sue's last ASO

**BJ:** Shirley, you also might want to click on the ACTIONS menu in the top right of this chat window and highlight DETACH

BJ nods to Shirley...great

**ShirleyHe:** I was able to share a lot of the websites with some 2nd grade teachers.

**ShirleyHe:** I am detached

**SusanR:** wonderful, Shirley

**SusanR:** The most effective way I have found to teach vocabulary is to play "Wordo" which is a

**SusanR:** variation of Bingo.

**SusanR:** I give students a vocabulary list of 24 words.

**ShirleyHe:** I have used the hinks pinks with some of my students also

**JeffC** joined the room.

**SusanR:** I give students a vocabulary list of 24 words.

**SusanR:** It is called "Wordo", Jeff

**SusanR:** They put the words in random order on the Wordo sheet with a free space.

**JeffC:** cool

UverC joined the room.

**ShirleyHe:** Do they put all 24 words on the sheet?

**SusanR:** I read the definition and anyone in the class can say the word.

**SusanR:** The first person to get Wordo reads the words to me and wins a treat--candy bar, gum, etc.

**SusanR:** his is very popular with the students and is

**SusanR:** a fast, fun way to learn vocabulary.

**SusanR:** ..This

**SusanR:** [http://www.bestteachersites.com/web\\_tools/materials/bingo/](http://www.bestteachersites.com/web_tools/materials/bingo/) students can create their own Bingo cards here

**ShirleyHe:** It looks like the students or teacher type the words in on this site.

**ShirleyHe:** Is that right?

**SusanR:** Yes..let students create their own card and exchange them..

**SusanR:** and then play

**ShirleyHe:** neat

**SusanR:** I would highly recommend that you join a wonderful email discussion group

**SusanR:** called Mosaic of Thought.

**ShirleyHe:** how do I do that?

**SusanR:** Go to <http://u46teachers.org/mosaic/> to sign up

**SusanR:** ...an amazing group of teachers who love to teach reading and whose philosophy is based on the book Mosaic of Thought.

**SusanR:** You don't have to read the book before joining, but you might want to lurk for

**SusanR:** awhile and just read what everyone is talking about.

**ShirleyHe:** That sounds like a good idea. I have not read this book yet, but heard a lot about it.

**SusanR:** Most of the group have done extensive reading about how to teach reading and they often post book titles worth purchasing.

**SusanR:** The first great site on my track is

[http://www.blocks4reading.com/fourblocks/working\\_with\\_words.htm](http://www.blocks4reading.com/fourblocks/working_with_words.htm)

**SusanR:** lots of great ideas to implement "word wall" routines

**ShirleyHe:** Do you have any recommendations on word walls for me since I have 4 grade levels in one room at different times

**SusanR:** Have you seen Nifty thrifty ..

[http://www.k111.k12.il.us/lafayette/fourblocks/working\\_with\\_words\\_blocks.htm](http://www.k111.k12.il.us/lafayette/fourblocks/working_with_words_blocks.htm)

**ShirleyHe:** no I have not

**ShirleyHe:** is it at this website?

**SusanR:** Word Wall lists from K to 6

[http://www.k111.k12.il.us/lafayette/FourBlocks/word\\_wall\\_grade\\_level\\_lists.htm](http://www.k111.k12.il.us/lafayette/FourBlocks/word_wall_grade_level_lists.htm)

**JeffC:** For anagram fun some day... try: <http://www.wordsmith.org/anagram/index.html>

**SusanR:** and this one <http://www.teachers.net/4blocks/goodies.html>

**KarenL** joined the room.

**KarenL:** Hello?

**BJ:** Hi, Karen!

**ShirleyHe:** Would you recommend I put up 4 different word walls?

**KarenL:** Okay, I was checking to see if I was in the right place.

**BJ . o O** ( everyone is looking at some word wall sites )

**SusanR:** If I have various grade levels in one room I like to use edugames from eduplace

**ShirleyHe:** I've used eduplace some, the wacky web tales.

**SusanR:** a personal favourite is powerproofreading K to 8 levels

**MoX** joined the room.

**SusanR:** right from cloze procedure to wacky web tales

**SusanR:** <http://www.eduplace.com/edugames.html>

**SusanR:** I have used this site with grade 2 and grade 8

**ShirleyHe:** I have not used this one. I'm looking at it now.

**SusanR:** I have had success with PowerProofreading!

**JeffC:** Mo is an EFL student of Yaodong's from China... I've invited him here because he will be teaching English soon.

**SusanR:** These sites are useful for EFL/ESL students

**SusanR:** Have you seen this one from the UK..skillswise

**SusanR:** ...words and grammar

**SusanR:** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/words/grammar/>

**KarenL:** ooh, I like the wacky web tails.

**SusanR . o O** ( madlibs takeoff )

**SusanR:** Jeff, this one is for you...<http://www.vocabulary.com/>

**SusanR:** for the older student

**ShirleyHe:** The Power Proofreading has a lot of potential for my students. They like to play "games" on the computer anyway.

**SusanR:** There is a recording sheet..you have a fairly complete grammar set of activities for consolidation

**ShirleyHe:** I like the characters at this site Sue - Canny Nym.

**SusanR:** Sometime ago I requested the Character Ed vocabulary list words and they were sent to me by email

**ShirleyHe:** Where did you request it from

**SusanR:** vocabulary.com

**ShirleyHe:** ok

**SusanR:** not offered at this time..I have the list I think

**KarenL:** I like vocabulary.com too!

**SusanR:** I can post it in the K to 3 Resource Room

**ShirleyHe:** That would be wonderful Sue.

**KarenL:** These are some excellent sites. How did you find them, Sue?

**MoX:** hi, everyone

**SusanR:** ABC Brainstorm can be adapted for any grade level or subject area and can be used to increase vocabulary

**ShirleyHe:** hello Mo

**MoX:** hi

**MoX:** can I join yours?

**SusanR:** welcome

**SusanR:** students list words and ideas related to a given topic - a great collaborative activity, Jeff

**SusanR:** check out this site

**SusanR:** <http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/go/readquest/strat/abc.html>

**SusanR:** . o O ( note the ABC Printout )

**ShirleyHe:** I know I keep saying this - but I really like this site and printout.

**KarenL:** this is pretty cool! You could probably apply the abc concept to other topics as well.

**SusanR:** it's practical!!

**MoX:** in fact, this is hard for me. English is not my native language

**SusanR:** additional strategies can be found here, MO

<http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/go/readquest/strat/>

**KarenL:** awesome!

**MoX:** thank you

**SusanR:** Handy site see substitute teachers, Karen

**CindyL** joined the room.

**SusanR:** Alphabet Organizer from READ\*WRITE\*THINK can be used by students for thematic units or just to develop vocabulary

**BJ** waves to Cindy

**SusanR:** welcome Cindy

**CindyL:** hello

**CindyL:** waves back

**SusanR:** if you missed any sites I have an online listing which I will give you at the end of the hour

**MoX:** o, it is a long one

**SusanR:** We are about to look at the Alphabet Organizer..

**KarenL:** I'm ready.

**SusanR:** [http://www.readwritethink.org/student\\_mat/student\\_material.asp?id=35](http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/student_material.asp?id=35)

**SusanR:** great online interactive sites for students

**SusanR:** . o O ( Requires Flash )

**SusanR:** for K to 8 students

**SusanR:** . o O ( a versatile site )

**SusanR:** . o O ( only limited by one's imagination )

**ShirleyHe:** o O

**SusanR:** . o O ( sites mentioned this evening can be found on this TRACK

<http://www.snipurl.com/BLWordStudy> )

**SusanR:** Jeff introduced me to the benefits of TRACKSTAR

**JeffC:** Susan introduced me to snipurl

**ShirleyHe:** Once again Sue, you did an excellent job.

**JeffC:** I'd been using tinyurl up till then... thanks Susan... great session.

**SusanR:** Thanks Shirley

**SusanR:** I know there is a lot to ingest!

**ShirleyHe:** Summer is coming up so I will have time to ingest and digest hopefully.

**SusanR:** Use the track at your leisure!

**ShirleyHe:** Thanks

**SusanR:** and do pop into the K to 3+ RESOURCE ROOM and browse

**ShirleyHe:** That I plan on doing.

**SusanR:** . o O ( next month Infusing Tech into the literacy curriculum )

**SusanR:** 2 sessions I believe

**ShirleyHe:** I look forward to that one also.

**SusanR:** June's calendar is up and running

**SusanR:** and questions or web site suggestions

**ShirleyHe:** I don't have any at this time. I may after my mega search.

**ShirleyHe:** Thanks Sue!

**SusanR:** Feel free to post any suggestions in the K to 3+ Resource Room!

**ShirleyHe:** Thanks and good bye

BJ waves goodnight

**SusanR:** Goodnight all

**MoX:** 88

**SusanR:** Hi Linda.

**SusanR:** I will stick around for a few moments to answer questions