

**Title of Session:** ArtsSites-Blanket the World With Peace Project

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**BJ:** tonight's discussion is about Blanket the World with Peace

**BJ:** a digital quilt on the theme of peace through the resolution of conflict

**BJ:** Joanna, you're welcome to stay and join the discussion.

**BJ:** I'm leading the discussion. I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

**BJ:** could you tell me a little about yourself, Vicki?

**BJ:** o O ( you too, Joanna, if you'd like to stay )

**VickiAB:** I am a preservice teacher at the University of Houston

**BJ:** what do you hope to teach, Vicki?

**JoannaO:** I am also a preservice teacher at the University of Houston

**VickiAB:** 2nd to 4th grade

**BJ:** and you, Joanna?

**JoannaO:** I would love to teach kindergarten or first

**VickiAB:** will this discussion be geared for the lower grades?

**BJ:** smiles. Then let's look at the peace blanket from your perspective

**BJ:** have either of you looked at the peace blanket url?

**JoannaO:** no

**VickiAB:** no, I am sorry but I have not. I just happened to be online right now and thought I would check out the discussion

**BJ:** no problem...I just needed to know where to start

**JoannaO:** from the beginning please!

**BJ:** <http://www.cedarnet.org/emig/peace/>

**BJ:** click on that url to open a new window

**BJ:** The peace blanket is a digital quilt.

**BJ:** It is based on the theme of peace through the resolution of conflict

**BJ:** schools and organizations are invited to submit a digital quilt square...

**BJ:** that represents the theme

**BJ:** the submitted square can be one link deep...so it can link to a school url or to more information about how the submitting class used the theme

**JoannaO:** That is really neat

**BJ:** the group that organized the project is hoping to get submissions of digital squares that represent all the arts...music, dance, theater, and graphic art

**BJ:** it's open to all ages

**ChanelR** joined the room.

**BJ:** Hi, Chanel.

**BJ:** We're discussing the Blanket the world with peace project

**BJ:** would you like to join the discussion?

**ChanelR:** I have no idea what that's about

**BJ:** take a look at <http://www.cedarnet.org/emig/peace/>, Chanel

**VickiAB:** why is the link not working for me?

**ChanelR:** not working for me either

**BJ:** The Blanket the World With Peace project is a digital quilt with the theme of peace through the resolution of conflict

**BJ:** hmmm...not working for me either!

**JoannaO:** It worked for a little while

**BJ:** might be that the server is down.

**JoannaO:** perhaps their server is down

**JoannaO** Joanna smiles

**VickiAB** smiles

**BJ** . o O ( great minds? )

**ChanelR:** that's interesting..what an interesting idea

**BJ:** schools and organizations are invited to submit a digital square

**BJ:** based on the theme

**JoannaO:** The theme being world peace

**VickiAB:** ok

**BJ:** peace through the resolution of conflict is the theme

**BJ:** conflict can cover a lot of territory

**JoannaO:** So does that mean that these blankets could be based on other themes?

**VickiAB:** yes it can

**JoannaO:** I see

**VickiAB:** (conflict)

**BJ:** for the K-2 group maybe that is friendship

**BJ:** or diversity

**VickiAB:** what a great idea!

**JoannaO:** diversity, including culture

**BJ:** what other ideas could you use for peace through the resolution of conflict?

**BJ:** Chanel, you are a teacher?

**ChanelR:** nope..student

**BJ:** what are you studying?

**ChanelR:** I am a Deaf Education major

**BJ:** excellent!

**VickiAB:** that is so neat!

**ChanelR:** Its a lot of fun..I really enjoy it

**BJ:** the quilt project might be a good one for you

**BJ:** the submitted digital squares can be one link deep...let me see if any of the links work for you

**BJ:** <http://www.cedarnet.org/emig/peace/>

**ChanelR:** BJ are you a teacher?

**BJ:** <http://ti2.sri.com/archive/projects/hatsoff/>

**VickiAB:** nope

**ChanelR:** still didn't work

**BJ:** yes, I'm an art teacher, Chanel

**ChanelR:** computers...this is a great project for an art teacher..are you doing this for your class?

**BJ:** I did the page that I just showed you...Hats Off to Peace

**BJ:** my kids made hats. I had the kids choose cultural identifiers and design symbols for their identifiers

**ChanelR:** great idea

**BJ:** the project is looking for all kinds of arts...dance, poetry, literature, drama

**JoannaO:** It has to involve a thematic lesson plan, correct?

**BJ:** yes

**JoannaO:** So it could pretty much be a picture of a dove

**JoannaO:** which is a symbol of peace on its own

**BJ:** something to do with peace through the resolution of conflict. The digital square could be a dove...and link to a page with other works by the children

**BJ:** I do a whole lesson on symbols

**BJ:** what other symbols represent peace?

**BJ:** what about the crane for Japan?

**ChanelR:** you make you students think about life..I think its a great idea

**JoannaO:** backed up by a lesson with resolution of gangs through community organizations, such as the boys and girls club

**BJ** smiles...good, Joanna

**BJ:** I also use a lesson that the resolution of conflict includes communication, education and justice

**BJ:** by designing their hats with cultural identifiers, the students are educating people to who they are

**BJ** . o O ( cultural, religious, social identity )

**BJ:** see if this works <http://www.cedarnet.org/emig/peace/DOHS.HTM>

**ChanelR:** if you want symbols for peace..what about like the rainbow..hasn't that been used in protests as like a hope for a better world..one of my teachers in high school was talking about it

**BJ** nods to Chanel. There are many symbols for peace.

**BJ:** symbols can be very powerful ...think about the universal understanding when people see the Nike swoosh

**BJ:** what about the two fingers in a v for peace?

**ChanelR:** I was just thinking about that..that's been used for years

**JoannaO:** what about the American flag

**BJ:** Here's the link to another quilt square

<http://www.cedarnet.org/emig/peace/nitzberg.htm>

**JoannaO:** or American troops

**JoannaO:** that would be peace to Americans anyway

**BJ** nods. Keeping the project in the K-2 classroom, what other things could you do in addition to friendship or community

**JoannaO:** how about classroom management

**JoannaO:** having the kids make up their own rules

**BJ** smiles...good idea.

**BJ:** Chanel, do you have any ideas for using this project with deaf students?

**ChanelR:** If you can get kids to write something..you could create a link to a page of writing from kids..like..what peace means to them

**BJ:** yes!

**BJ:** what about sensitive topics like abuse or bullying?  
**BJ:** those can be included in peace through the resolution of conflict  
**BJ . o O** ( abuse would be for older children, but bullying could be covered in 2nd grade )  
**VickiAB:** I think those are great topics/themes for younger children  
**ChanelR:** you asked about deaf children...I know that in the deaf community..the ILY (I Love You) sign is very powerful to them...it creates smiles, and shows caring. I went to visit a deaf classroom and some of the kids had ILY pins  
**BJ:** oh, that could be an exciting image to work from, Chanel!  
**BJ:** family is also a good topic for the younger kids  
**VickiAB:** how could you incorporate the topic of community into this project?  
**BJ:** you could use diversity...different cultures living together  
**BJ:** or grandparents, parents and children...diversity of ages  
**BJ:** anyone else have an idea?  
**ChanelR:** or go back to symbols..use symbols from various cultures  
**ChanelR:** and communities  
**BJ** nods to Chanel.  
**VickiAB:** thanks, those are all really good ideas!  
**BJ:** Vicki and Joanna are interested in working with K-2 grades, Chanel  
**ChanelR:** thats cool..thats what I wanted to do..but I may want to teach 3-6th  
**ChanelR:** I still have a few years to think about it though  
**BJ:** let me get you the url for some Peace resources  
**VickiAB:** great!  
**JoannaO:** could we use our roles in different situations  
**BJ . o O** ( if you ever get the main quilt page, this is linked under Resources for Teachers )  
**BJ** nods to Joanna  
**BJ:** <http://www.backflip.com/members/bjberquist/9639445>  
**BJ:** the goal of the peace quilt is to have an international collection of digital squares from a wide variety of ages and cultures and reflecting the diversity of the arts  
**VickiAB:** how long is this project expected to continue?  
**BJ:** hopefully for a very long time, Vicki!  
**JoannaO:** is it aimed at a particular age level  
**BJ:** all ages, Joanna  
**JoannaO:** so it will definitely be diverse viewpoints  
**VickiAB:** I am looking forward to exploring it in depth after this discussion  
**BJ:** great, Vicki!  
**BJ:** any other questions?  
**BJ:** You can email me at [bjb@tappedin.org](mailto:bjb@tappedin.org)  
**JoannaO:** No, you have been very informative  
**VickiAB:** thank you, no questions!  
**JoannaO:** it was really nice to stay in this discussion  
**ChanelR:** thanks for the info! I have no more questions  
**JoannaO:** thanks for the invitation  
**BJ:** good luck with your studies...I look forward to seeing you in Tapped In again.  
**VickiAB:** thank you so much  
**BJ** waves goodnight

**VickiAB:** goodnight

**ChanelR:** thanks..goodnight

**JoannaO** waves back