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JulieDa: Are we going to discuss about Birthday Party in class to day?

BJ: We're going to celebrate my birthday, Julie!

BJ: we can also discuss how other cultures celebrate birthdays if you like

JulieDa: Oh. Happy Birthday to you.

BJ smiles. Thanks, Julie!

BJ: Are you participating in this discussion as part of a class assignment?

NathanR: yes but one of favorite class that I took in college was on Art history.

BJ: ahhh...cool, Nathan

FranciaV joined the room.

BJ cheers for Francia.

BJ: welcome, Francia. We're just getting started.

FranciaV: thanks! I feel so silly

BJ: why is that, Francia?

FranciaV: Did I miss the introductions?

BJ: nope

FranciaV: good... I feel silly because I don't know what I am doing but I am glad I made it

BJ: As Francia mentioned, we usually start all chats in Tapped In with introductions.

BJ: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

NathanR: cool

BJ . o O (this is my birthday party)

NathanR: happy birthday!!

BJ smiles. Thanks, Nathan

FranciaV: Happy Birthday BJ!!!

BJ: Julie, are you still with us?

FranciaV: I am a Spanish teac

JulieDa: yes

FranciaV: sorry my baby just walked in

BJ nods to Francia

FranciaV: Spanish Teacher in Houston, Texas

FranciaV: This is my second chat

BJ: Great, Francia...perhaps you can tell us some different ways that people celebrate birthdays

BJ: Julie, can you please introduce yourself?

FranciaV: I think we all enjoy a good party, right!

BJ: Nathan, you are also in Texas?

NathanR: I am a Texas history teacher living in Pearland (south of Houston)

FranciaV: Nathan, I lived in Pearland five years ago and loved it!

BJ: ahhhh...no wonder you enjoyed art history. Do you integrate the arts in your history classes?

FranciaV: We live in Atascocita now on the north east side of town

NathanR: of course. Francia that's cool-my wife and I love Pearland.

NathanR: One of my favorite pieces of art is Sam Houston sitting under a tree with Santa Anna next him

NathanR: after he is captured by the Texans.

BJ: I had asked that participants to the party bring their favorite art sites...do you have a special site, Nathan?

JulieDa: I graduated since 1989 from University of Houston, Major in MIS

JulieDa: I worked for the United Way of Texas Gulf Coast for 6 years. SSA for 2 years

BJ: Julie, what is MIS?

JulieDa: Since I have babies I have to quit my job

JulieDa: MIS is Management of Information System

BJ: thanks, Julie

MerileneM joined the room.

NathanR: Try this: <http://www.tfaoi.com/am/11am/11am38.jpg>

JulieDa: Now I would like return to school to get teacher certificate

BJ: Hi, Merilene. Welcome to the party

BJ: thank you, Julie, for your introduction

MerileneM . o O (hope everyone hears me say hello)

BJ: loud and clear, Merilene

JulieDa: Hi

MerileneM: hello, everyone!

FranciaV: Hello Merilene!

BJ looks at the site Nathan showed

NathanR: Hello

BJ: Merilene, this picture is one of Nathan's favorites

BJ . o O (<http://www.tfaoi.com/am/11am/11am38.jpg>)

MerileneM: I'm loading it right now

BJ: can you tell us why that painting is your favorite, Nathan?

BJ: Merilene, do you have a favorite art site to share? Could you introduce yourself and maybe show telepoetics?

NathanR: The story in my family is that the man sitting on the box is my great, great, great, grandfather. We are in the process of searching records...

NathanR: but he fought in the battle of San Jacinto and he was a doctor.

MerileneM: who are these people, Nathan

JulieDa: Wow

NathanR: This is a picture of General Santa Anna(blue jacket) and Sam Houston (sitting under the tree) right after Santa Anna was capture at the Battle of San Jacinto.

NathanR: The people in the background are Texans.

FranciaV: that is very cool

BJ: very cool that you have a personal connection to the artwork, Nathan!

MerileneM: what is the event, Nathan. if you have said already, I apologize for asking again.

BJ: I think you arrived after Nathan had explained what the subject was

NathanR: After the Battle of San Jacinto (1836) that ended the Texas battle for independence.

JulieDa: I just save the picture on my document if you don't mind?

MerileneM: thanks, bj & Nathan

BJ: Julie, what are you planning to teach?

JulieDa: I'm thinking of teaching 3rd grade Math

BJ: nice, Julie. Do you have any ideas about integrating art into math?

JulieDa: Not really

BJ: I like the way Nathan is able to teach history through painting

BJ: there are a lot of ways to meet the different learning needs of your students, Julie. An effective way is by using art

FranciaV: Me too. Any ideas on how I can incorporate art with Spanish?

MerileneM: Julie, one way of incorporating art into math is by dimensions (i.e. size of picture, distance)

BJ: I have some examples I can share

BJ nods to Merilene.

BJ: oh, Francia, there are many ways to integrate art into language learning

FranciaV: Go ahead, I am listening!!! ...

BJ: descriptions of the artwork, what the people are wearing, what they are doing...how are they feeling

NathanR: Francia-bring in Spanish art for the students to look at and observe the setting and background to the painting.

BJ: right, Nathan

NathanR: or today we have the internet so you could bring up more art for the students.

FranciaV: Great ideas!! Any particular artist that you might recommend.

BJ: what about Guernica? This is a painting about war

MerileneM: also, do not forget all the variations of Spanish speaking artists you can bring in

FranciaV: I thought of famous muralists as well... Diego Rivera for example

MerileneM: Frida Kahlo, of course

BJ nods...great examples

FranciaV: Oh yeah!

FranciaV: They would get a kick out of her work

BJ: I usually tell my kids that Rivera was one of the first graffiti artists

MerileneM: I am sure

FranciaV: I teach high school... not sure I mentioned that before

FranciaV: But, most of my students are freshman

MerileneM nods to Francia

BJ: and there is the movie about Freda

MerileneM . o O (and it is wonderful, too)

BJ: movies and script writing are another way to use art

FranciaV: That's right, but I don't they would allow me to show it in school

MerileneM: why not

FranciaV: The rules state G rating only

MerileneM: I see, Francia

BJ: also copyright issues would be involved

FranciaV: I guess I can always send out permission slips requesting parental consent...

FranciaV: That's true too.

FranciaV: You guys are great... I really appreciate all of the ideas.

BJ: but, you could still write your own scripts...and use digital cameras. What about digital storytelling?

FranciaV: I am really excited about next year

BJ: o O (we haven't forgotten you, Julie)

BJ: Julie, do you know about tessellations?

NathanR: Try this site out: http://www.mexconnect.com/mex_/arts.html

JulieDa: No, Madame

MerileneM is going to look at Nathan's site but really wants to hear what tessellations are

BJ smiles happily...thanks, Nathan!

NathanR: sure! I used it in a Spanish class that I took in college a couple of years ago.

MerileneM: cool site, Nathan. thanks. so what are tessellations, people

FranciaV: Thanks Nathan, this is a great website... I will share with my colleagues as well

BJ: ok...Julie's turn. give me a sec to get a url

MerileneM: . o O (well, I still don't know what tessellations are but....)

BJ: we'll get to that, Merilene

MerileneM: . o O ({ { * _ * } })

BJ: here you go, Julie <http://www.backflip.com/members/bjberquist/5490487>

NathanR: Merilene check this : <http://mathforum.org/sum95/suzanne/whattess.html>

BJ: . o O (you'll probably find that on the page I just showed, Nathan)

MerileneM: wow, when it rains, it pours. thanks, Nathan

BJ chuckles...by golly, it is!

BJ: those pages should give you some ideas for using art and math, Julie

MerileneM: thanks, bj! you're lucky to have real rain

BJ: so I hear, Merilene.

BJ: are you all familiar with backflip?

MerileneM: very cool links, Nathan & bj. Tessellations are really cool. I like the patterns.

FranciaV: (LOL) they are very cool... what is a backflip?

BJ: backflip is a bookmarking service that lets you create bookmarks online

BJ: so you can access your bookmarks from any computer

FranciaV: Is it like saving to your favorites?

MerileneM: looking at the tessellations on backflip, I think how wonderfully possible it is to use web design as a container learning module that can embrace so many topics

FranciaV: I see... very clever :D

BJ: you can make the bookmarks private so only you see them with a username and password, or you can make them public so anyone can see them

NathanR: that's cool.

FranciaV: very cool

BJ: it's free...it's similar to the idea of adding to favorites, but makes your favorites available from any computer anywhere

NathanR: BJ what is your favorite art site.

BJ: Nathan, I'll give you the mother lode
BJ: there are folders for social studies and for language learning
NathanR: where?
BJ: <http://www.backflip.com/members/bjberquist>
FranciaV: wow, that is what I call a great resource list... technology is "off da chain" to quote my students (LOL)
MerileneM: gosh, I got hung up on <http://www.cedarnet.org/emig/children/exhibit.html>
NathanR: Thanks-can I share it with my students and colleagues
MerileneM: the art of displaced and refugee children
MerileneM: incredible
MerileneM: lol with you Francia
FranciaV: I agree
BJ: Merilene, that was the inspiration for the creation of Blanket the World with Peace
MerileneM: hallelujah
BJ: you're welcome to share with anyone
FranciaV: thanks BJ
MerileneM: I believe I will take you up on that offer, bj
BJ: some of the sites may be dead, but a few at least should still be good
NathanR: thanks
BJ: everyone ready for cake and icecream?
BJ . o O (calorie free)
BJ . o O (and carbs free)
MerileneM . o O (yum yum & happy birthday to bj)
BJ: thank you for being here to help me celebrate!
NathanR: you're welcome!!!!!!
JulieDa: Hope you have a great day
FranciaV: Best wishes BJ
BJ chuckles...I milk these days for all they're worth...
MerileneM: happy birthday
BJ: and spread the celebration out for at least a week
FranciaV: I just want to say that I enjoyed our visit
FranciaV: Thank you for sharing
BJ: Thanks for joining us, Francia
BJ: any last questions?
FranciaV: My pleasure...
MerileneM: I shall start the happy birthday song: happy birthday to you
BJ . o O (before I head off to bed)
FranciaV: I am singing too!!
MerileneM: happy birthday to you
FranciaV: happy birthday to you...
BJ smiles happily...how lovely
MerileneM: happy birthday, dear bj
FranciaV: happy birthday dear BJ....
BJ: what nice voices you have!
MerileneM: happy birthday to yoooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo
NathanR: tooo yoooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo

