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BjB: what interests you about storytelling, Erin?

ErinS: This is my first time using the calendar, so you might have to walk me through the process a little

ErinS: anything and everything, I guess. I'm about to enter into my first year of teaching...

BjB: congratulations! What grade?

ErinS: and I'm looking for anything that can help get my kids interested in writing

ErinS: Thanks...I'll be teaching a 4/5 split

ErinS: (both 4th and 5th graders)

BjB: perfect. I had come across a quilt site that I wanted to share tonight as a focus for writing

ErinS: Oh, cool!

ErinS: share away! =)

BjB: the name of the site is The Art of Quilting Yesterday and Today

BjB: before we continue, you might want to go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat window and click on detach

ErinS: oh, that's new!

BjB: when I show you the url, hold down the ctrl key on your keyboard to override any pop up blockers

BjB: <http://www.womenfolk.com/>

BjB: that's the main site

ErinS: okay

BjB : let's take a look at <http://www.womenfolk.com/historyofquilts/>

ErinS : alright, I am there

BjB : quilts can be the foundation for any writing topic

BjB : the quilt squares can include writing with pictures or designs

BjB : you can use construction paper for quilts with your students

ErinS : that should appeal to my visual learners for sure

BjB nods...always good to offer a variety of ways to do an assignment

ErinS : yeah, that's what I've found so far

BjB : the Newbery Honor book Show Way is another cool introduction to quilting

BjB : <http://www.jacquelinewoodson.com/pb.shtml>

BjB : scroll way down to the dog on the left

ErinS : okay

BjB : would be a good topic to do in March for Women in History

BjB . o O (or April?)

ErinS : yeah, that would be cool

BjB : I also went to Amazon and did a search for quilt

DavidWe joined the room.

BjB : got a whole bunch of great books

BjB waves hi to David

DavidWe waves to Bj and Erin

BjB : we're talking about quilts for storytelling

DavidWe . o O (great topic!)

BjB : one book that I found very interesting was The Moon Quilt, Sunny Warner

BjB : <http://www.amazon.com/Moon-Quilt-Sunny-Warner/dp/0618055835>

BjB : I was intrigued by the symbolism

ErinS : I've used Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt in a classroom before and the kids responded well to it...

ErinS : I could see using that for this project idea as well

BjB nods. There appears to be a quilt story for just about every culture and topic

BjB . o O (nice for bridging cultures)

ErinS : http://www.amazon.com/Sweet-Clara-Freedom-Quilt-Borzoj/dp/0679823115/ref=pd_bbs_sr_1/103-0184821-6745461?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1178760189&sr=1-1

BjB : thanks, Erin

ErinS : and a tie in for US History

BjB : <http://www.backflip.com/members/BjBerquist/13817706>

BjB hopes not too many of the sites are bad

DavidWe smiles

BjB : <http://www.teachervision.fen.com/childrens-art-activities/lesson-plan/5613.html>

BjB . o O (that's good)

ErinS : The edsitement looks interesting

BjB : edsitement usually has some good ideas

ErinS : the teachervision looks good too...

ErinS : I like the branch off you can do with other subjects (Math, Science, etc)

BjB nods...here's one on geometry
http://newali.apple.com/ali_sites/ali/exhibits/1000077/Professional_Standards.html

ErinS : oh yeah! That's awesome for talking about tessellations

BjB : here are the rest of my quilt sites...

<http://www.backflip.com/members/BjBerquist/7881335/page=1/sort=0>

BjB . o O (haven't checked those sites in a long time...so a bunch may be dead)

BjB : <http://members.aol.com/mathquilt/index.html>

BjB . o O (Math Quilts)

ErinS : excellent...these are great!

BjB : Faith Ringgold's story quilts are great

BjB : <http://www.tfaoi.com/aa/2aa/2aa137.htm>

BjB : looks like a porn site took over one of the urls...I'm in the process of deleting that now!

ErinS : LOL

ErinS : that's never good

BjB : nope. Could make for an interesting quilt

ErinS : LOL...yeah, for sure

ErinS : doubt my kids parents would appreciate it though!

BjB nods solemnly

BjB : the Quilt Study Center is good for some ideas <http://www.quiltstudy.org/>

BjB : I probably added the ethnology site because it has fabric arts which could be a related social studies lesson

BjB : <http://www2.bishopmuseum.org/ethnologydb/index.asp>

BjB : here's a 5th grade lesson on Quilts Around the World
http://eprentice.sdsu.edu/J03CW/park/tlc_majorpark.htm

BjB : they use the Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt in the lesson!

ErinS : that's neat...I need to be teaching regions of the world next year, so that looks like a good one for me to bookmark

BjB : oh, here's a Carol Hurst site <http://www.carolhurst.com/subjects/quilts.html>

BjB . o O (all the urls will be in your transcript)

ErinS: oh, right

ErinS: that's useful! =)

ErinS: wow, there are a lot of books about quilts!

BjB nods. I discovered that when I did the search on Amazon

BjB : this quilt site looks good

http://memory.loc.gov/learn/community/am_newsletter/article.php?id=33&catname=teaching%20ideas

BjB : OK...sorry about hurling urls. I wanted to give you a sense of how you can use quilts in storytelling...

BjB : but the stories can be cross curricular

ErinS: no, it's great....lots of ideas to choose from

BjB : which encourages writing across the curriculum as well

ErinS: and I love finding ways to incorporate art into the curriculum

BjB : quilts can be used as 'graphic organizers'

BjB : I hope you feel that your participation in this topic was well spent, Erin...

BjB : and that you'll join us for other calendar events

ErinS: yes, thank you very much!

ErinS: enjoy the rest of your evening!

BjB : thanks for joining the discussion

ErinS: see you soon!

ErinS: =)

BjB waves goodnight