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KarenL: I'm trying to upload a new image to our page. How do I do that (again)?:(

KarenL: I forget. I really should write down the steps.

BjB: go to Files in the blue menu on the left

KarenL: Hi Simona!

BjB: upload the file and then...

BjB: go to Notes and create an image note

KarenL: That's what I forget to do!

KarenL: Okay, I got it now. Now that it is in a transcript, in writing, I can refer to it again and again. . .

BjB: when you create the image note you want to feature the image note

BjB . o O (make a note for yourself and keep it unfeatured ;-))

NurgulA joined the room.

SevilM joined the room.

BjB: welcome, Nurgul and Sevil

SevilM: hi

SevilM: I hope this will be a good discussion

BjB waves hi to Maria...glad you were able to join this discussion

MariaM smiles

JennaD joined the room.

MariaM: I guess tapped in doesn't like my mac

SevilM: ok

KarenL: Hello everyone! Wow, we have a nice size group here!

SevilM: are we in the correct room?

BjB: I see we have a lot of night owls from Turkey, Karen!

KarenL: Maria, that's not true. . .I own a MAC, and Tapped In works fine. . .

BjB: yes, Sevil

BjB: it's just macs and some browsers, Maria

SevilM: thank you

BjB: We usually start Tapped In events with introductions

MariaM: hmmm...

KarenL whispers quietly, it's the browser. . .the MAC is perfect!

BjB: please tell Karen, our discussion leader, where you are located and what you teach

BjB winks at Karen...yep

MariaM: safari stinks. I'll use Firefox next time

SimonaW: Hello everyone...my name is Simona White...I am the Instructional Specialist at an elementary school in Elizabeth City, NC

JennaD: I'm Jenna, I live in Staten Island, NY and I teach preschool

BjB: I'm a retired communication teacher located in Pennsylvania

PaulD joined the room.

CatherinIS: My name is Cathy Schaefer and I teacher middle school math iin Hampton VA

SevilM: I am an elt student in Turkey

BjB waves hi to Paul. We're just starting introductions

MariaM: I'm Maria, I live in SI, NY too and I'm an Autism Educator at a Children's Hospital

SevilM: I study to become an English teacher

NurgulA: I'm Nurgül. I am an elt student in Turkey too

PaulD: OK ... I'm Paul. I'm a researcher at ETS (Educational Testing Service).

SevilM: nice to meet you Nurgül:)

NurgulA: me too :)

SevilM: welcome to everyone

BjB: Karen, did you have a topic for tonight's discussion?

KarenL: My name is Karen. I am a school librarian in an elementary school in Detroit, Michigan.

KarenL: Yes, I do. I will also leave room for other topics.

BjB: sounds good!

SevilM: **BjB** and Karen how the discussion goes because I do not know exactly

SevilM: can you please tell a bit?

BjB: a re**MinD**er if you are new to Tapped In, go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat and select DETACH

KarenL: Okay, next month is April. April is three big events: National Poetry Month, School Librarian Month, and National Library Week.

BjB: you can also go to Actions and select Larger Text

BjB: also, April is National Volunteer Month, Karen

SevilM: okay thank you

NurgulA: thanks

BjB . o O (when we recognize all the presenters in Tapped In!)

KarenL: Cool! We should probably check out that, too!

BjB: if you are not sure how to chat, please just listen to what Karen is saying

SimonaW: What types of activities do you do to celebrate National Library Month? I'd like to

share some of them with our Media Coordinator.

BjB: she will ask for questions and input

SevilM: ok

NurgulA: ok than

KarenL: Okay, let's talk about poetry, one of BJ's favorite topics! Oooh Simona, I thought you never ask! But let's do poetry first. Check out this url: <http://www.poets.org/npm>

BjB: The observances that Karen mentioned are mainly US based....but poetry is universal

BjB: when you click on a url hold down the ctrl key!

BjB: <http://www.poets.org/page.php/prmID/41>

SevilM: poetry is like a garden full of different flowers

BjB checks to see if everyone got that url?

SevilM: each poetry lover has a different taste from each poetry

JennaD: got it

KarenL: Sevil, that statement is poetic! You should write that down!

SevilM: oo thanks..

MinD: hi

BjB thinks Karen should also add a folder in this room for the resources she's presenting tonight

BjB: welcome, Min.

MinD: sorry for my late

KarenL: Okay, BJ. Will do.

SevilM: I do not read so much poetry but I love who are reading:)

BjB: Karen is telling us about some observances that take place in April. The first is for Poetry Month <http://www.poets.org/page.php/prmID/41>

MinD: Got it

KarenL: Okay, are we ready for School Library Month and National Library Week?

BjB wonders if anyone has any special links to add for poetry?

SevilM: I like poem-a-day

SevilM: it sounds good

PaulD grins and points to my hobby website. <http://alliteration.net> ... I run it, though I haven't updated it in ages

MinD: What is this?

SevilM: is it your own site Paul?

PaulD: Yes. A collection on alliterative poetry. Beowulf, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, stuff like that. A lot of useful links out.

SimonaW: How about the poetry read-a-thon? Is anyone interested in participating in that?

SevilM: it's good

SevilM: you are interested in poetry huh?

SimonaW: Yes

SevilM: I like Beowulf so much also

KarenL: School Library Month
<http://ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aaslissues/slm/schoollibrary.cfm#resources>

SevilM: Karen I would like to ask you

SevilM: why April?

MinD: Good activity

KarenL: Some great ideas are flowing. . .cool! Why was April chosen for Poetry Month? I don't know. BJ?

BjB: luck of the draw? could be lots of reasons...conferences...

SevilM: April is the starting of the spring

SevilM: can it be the reason?

KarenL: Why was it chosen for School Library and National Library Week? Couldn't tell you that, either. I think it is mentioned in the history, though.

SimonaW: Some info about the history of poetry month is on the website

BjB: as good a reason as any other, Sevil

MinD: 哦

MinD: o

KarenL: That could be. . .sounds good to me!

KarenL: Did everyone get the link for the school library month?

SevilM: yes and all poetic thoughts are flowing in this month

CatherinIS: do teachers actually celebrate national poetry month

CatherinIS: I never even heard of it before

SevilM: yes I have the link

NurgulA: fall is suitable to write poem and spring is to read i think :)

SevilM: you are right

JennaD: can u send the link again please

CatherinIS: I think that it should be celebrated by all especially since most students struggle with poetry

SevilM: I didn't here in my country too

KarenL: Nurgui, March is reading month. So, you're on target. . .

KarenL: Well, I think these observances are pretty much U.S. based.

SevilM: I think Catherine is right

NurgulA: yes you're right

SevilM: because not all students love poetry

MinD: I love it.

KarenL: So true! I have a colleague who loves poetry and have students create their own poetry book. I'll have to remind her that April is poetry month and we could collaborate.

CatherinIS: it might be nice for national poetry month to have all subject areas take part in it

SevilM: I love it too but I do not spend enough time reading poetry can you?

JeffC: url?

SevilM: yes you're right Karen as

SimonaW: I think the collaboration across all areas is good...we've been trying to do more of it where I am

SevilM: teachers if we love poetry

SevilM: our students can love it

NurgulA: but some ss like writing some like reading and some like listening so I think every student interested in poems

BjB . o O (math and poetry is fun!)

SevilM: but I do not have fun in Maths unfortunately

KarenL: Or history! And, if you know some students who like to do a "rap", then imagine how they could "rap" a historic event or math problems.

SimonaW: the different forms of poetry allow creativity to flow from places the students don't realize

KarenL: "Rap" good, or bad, is a form of poetry.

SevilM: if our students will love poetry with "rap" why can't it be?

MinD: Remix the song with poem.

KarenL: So true! It is amazing the different forms of poetry exist.

CatherinIS: when students hear the word poetry they think boring

SevilM: it is a good idea, especially for young learners

CatherinIS: but when you want them to write a rap they get excited

PaulD: Rap is rhyming couplets. What they used to call heroic verse, actually, in terms of the

meter ... it's just an awful lot of it is really forced.

SimonaW: that's because they find it as a connecting point to what they know

SevilM: our job is to connect skills with students

SevilM: and rap is a good idea, really

SevilM: is there anyone who tried that in their educational career?

SimonaW: I agree

KarenL: yes, Sevil, you got it! And, I know students love to rhyme, but if they focus on the beat, more so than the rhyme, then rhyming may come a bit more natural.

BjB: <http://www.trottermath.net/humor/poemmath.html>

SimonaW: yes...I did when I taught 7th and 8th grade English...it was really great

SevilM: this means they can love it then?

MinD: OMG

SevilM: was it efficient on students?

SevilM: how did they react and did they love it*

SimonaW: yes..it also helps to channel the energy of those students who have to beat or tap on the desk

NurgulA: they can love it and they can continue outside the class each other

CatherinIS: and it helps them remember key concepts

KarenL: So true!

SevilM: yes, good point.. rhythms help us to remember

SevilM: don't forget alphabet song :)

KarenL: Or the numbers song, one two, buckle my shoe. . .

SevilM: yes certainly

SimonaW: one class was particularly funny because they were really interested in making sure that they rap had substance and gave a positive message to other students

NurgulA: yes they can enjoy it

SevilM: I think it creates a positive classroom atmosphere also isn't it?

NurgulA: yes Sevil you're right

MinD: yes

BjB: this is a fun math poems page too: <http://mathstory.com/Poems/Mathpoemspage.html>

SevilM: Karen I cannot understand exactly the poetry math

SevilM: How is it used?

KarenL: Okay, I'm expecting some of you to share these ideas in our files.

SevilM: can you explain because it seems interesting

KarenL: Thanks, BJ for sharing that link!

BjB: Sevil, poetry often has rhythm or a beat....so counting is important

JennaD: does anyone have ideas geared for younger students

SevilM: hmm

BjB: and you can express ideas or teach lessons using poetry....did you see the first link I showed you?

SevilM: yeah I looked it too

BjB: <http://www.trottermath.net/humor/poemmath.html>

SimonaW: The math poetry is cool...

JennaD: yes

BjB: poetry can be very inter/cross disciplinary

JennaD: I have to admit that poetry is not one of my strengths so I tend to stay away from it

BjB: you could have the whole school celebrate poetry month

SevilM: you say that we can use poetry in every field of teaching actually!

BjB: yes, Sevil

SevilM: great

SevilM: BJ what do you do for this month then

SevilM: maybe it can be idea for us

MinD: great

BjB: just as you would differentiate lessons using sound or video, you can also use math

BjB: I'm retired, Sevil...no lessons for me any more

MinD: Retired?

SevilM: I recommend you meanwhile, to read poetry math. They are great!

BjB: since we're halfway through the hour, perhaps Karen would like to focus on Librarians week?

SevilM: ohh, it's bad

MinD: I have not work yet....

KarenL: Sevil, but you could do a "google" search for poetry lessons, click search, and see what comes up.

SevilM: because we need teachers like you!

MinD: Yes

SevilM: I use role plays in my lessons

JennaD: when is librarians' week?

SevilM: and students like too much but I can use poetry too

CatherinIS: our librarians like to do book talks

SevilM: it will be nice

KarenL: Oh, yes. Okay, National Library Week. Let's check out that website <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/offices/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.cfm>

BjB . o O (Librarians Month...sorry, Jenna. April)

MinD: Students like role plays.

KarenL: Well, there is School Library Month and National Library Week. . .

KarenL: still celebrating libraries, either school or public

MinD: They want to play as any role except student.

SevilM: certainly you are right

SevilM: last link is broken Karen

KarenL: Oops! wrong link. try this:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.cfm>

SevilM: thank you..

BjB: good catch, Sevil. Thanks

SevilM: not important!

SevilM: are there any activities in public for this month?

SevilM: how are celebrations going on can you tell me?

MinD: thank you

KarenL: It varies with each public library system. I don't know if academic or special libraries do any particular celebrations. . .

KarenL: Some may invite local authors to either speak about the importance of libraries, or write to congressmen about libraries. . .

SevilM: is there any funny activity that attracts youngsters?

KarenL: congress people, I mean.

NurgulA: hmm if we knew we could celebrate in our country too.

KarenL: Some may invite youngsters to come to the library, read aloud a book, and do some kind of activity. . .

MinD: Where are you come from ? Nurgul?

NurgulA: Turkey

SimonaW: since it's also volunteer week, maybe some volunteers could read to the students as they celebrate National Library Week in the public schools

MinD: I have a few turkey classmates.

KarenL: Simona, that is a great idea! A wonderful collaboration!

NurgulA: Really nice than:)

SevilM: I think these days should be more attractive for youths because the ultimate aim is to attract them at first

CatherinIS: or we could have students volunteer to help in the library

CatherinIS: some of our students have adopted a shelf that they are in charge of keeping clean

SimonaW: that's a good idea

SevilM: yes they should smell the air of library you say!

KarenL: Nurgul, does Turkey have public or university libraries?

NurgulA: yes of course

SevilM: I'm from Turkey too and of course there are

JennaD: for younger kids maybe high school students can volunteer to dress up as well known characters

JennaD: and then read some classic stories

SevilM: ooh Jenna it is so good and in our country it is done

SevilM: there are people who do this as a job

KarenL: Sorry, Sevil. My oversight.

SimonaW: yeah...I remember that we had a character parade for the younger students and they read the books that the characters came from

KarenL: The people who do this as a job, are they teachers or librarians?

SevilM: no there are like actors and they are paid for this job

JennaD: the students must have been so excited

SevilM: they go to kindergarten

SevilM: and primary schools

SevilM: of course especially kindergarteners,

KarenL: Now that is very interesting. What do the librarians do? Do they come to the primary schools and read to children or do the children go to the library?

SevilM: they like so much being read by a bear or a Robin Hood for example

SevilM: children sometimes go to libraries via their schools

SimonaW: I do think it's sad that most of our upper grade students didn't know fairy tales

JennaD: what books do they read then?

KarenL: Now that is fascinating! The librarians couldn't dress up as a bear or Robin Hood and read to them?

SevilM: In Turkey there is a great interest on fairy tales and stories for children

SimonaW: that's a good idea...I'll share it with her

KarenL: Some librarians in the U.S. dress up like Dr. Seuss and read his stories.

MinD: Why dress up as Dr. Seuss?

JennaD: most schools celebrate his birthday and wear the hat from the cat and the hat

SevilM: of course fascinating

KarenL: Sevil, this is truly fascinating information! Like Simona, a lot of our students don't really appreciate fairy tales.

SimonaW: we do celebrate Dr. Seuss, but we celebrate with activities for the entire month of March

KarenL: You know, The Cat in the Hat, costume. . .

BjB: International School Library Month: <http://www.iasl-online.org/events/islm/>

SevilM: Simona should have been in Turkey then!

JennaD: I know we made green eggs which was also fun bc Easter is around the corner

KarenL: Some librarians do that on March 2nd, during March is Reading month.

KarenL: Now that is cool!

KarenL: about the green eggs. . .

JennaD: thank you!

SevilM: green eggs?

JennaD: the kids LOVED it

MinD: green egg?

SimonaW: our 4th grade just did an activity on green eggs and ham...it was cool!

JennaD: you dip hard boiled eggs in food dye

SevilM: how did you use it?

JennaD: and then the kids decorate their eggs

KarenL: Sevil and Nurgul, have you heard of the international children's digital library?

SevilM: ooh yes I got it

JennaD: and you read the story green eggs and ham to them

SevilM: no

SevilM: I would like to learn

PaulD: If you're doing Dr. Seuss, don't forget about Fox in Sox. It's underappreciated I think!

NurgulA: no L did not

KarenL: I think you would find this website very interesting. Here is the link
<http://www.icdlbooks.org>

BjB wonders if Green Eggs and Ham is available on ICDL in different languages

SimonaW: gotcha

MinD: cha

SevilM: I will look up

SevilM: green eggs is a good idea for story telling also

NurgulA: I will look at too

SevilM: I like it

KarenL: Hmm, that is a thought. . .

KarenL: it's a great site for international books, and most of them are written in their original language.

SevilM: can we download and use them?

SevilM: very lively site thanks for your sharing

KarenL: Well, I think you can. . . just be careful about the number of copies you download. Could be a copyright issue.

SimonaW: thanks for the site..

SevilM: ok

MinD: Thanks.

SevilM: so colorful here

SevilM: you can look at Turkish books

SevilM: they are available

SevilM: is there anyone who knows Nasreddin Hodja?

BjB: finding Turkish books and then finding the same books in English might be a useful ELT tool

MinD: No

KarenL: No, tell me more. . .

SevilM: he is a so cute person that nearly all Turkish anecdotes come from his thoughts

KarenL: does he have a website?

SevilM: you write google his name and you can search

NurgulA: everyone knows and likes him

SevilM: he is so enjoyable man and you will like it

KarenL: Okay, BJ, you got this?

BjB nods to Karen

BjB . o O (very coolwe are all getting an international education)

SevilM: it's enjoyable

MinD: Yes.

KarenL: <http://www.readliterature.com/hodjastories.htm>

SevilM: I want you to know about Turkish culture because there are every field in it

BjB: ahhh....Nasreddin Hodja is a trickster!

SevilM: you can find anything you wonder

JennaD: it's good to obtain as many resources as possible

BjB: <http://www.pitt.edu/~dash/hodja.html>

SevilM: yess:)

KarenL: Sevil and Nurgui, I want to know about more cultures. . .

KarenL: Thank you for sharing this.

SevilM: not important

BjB looks at the clock on the wall.

KarenL: Nasreddin Hodja sounds like Anansi the Spider in African folktales.

SevilM: how is it? Anansi the spider?

SevilM: can you tell a bit more

BjB: The next K-12 Language Arts discussion will be on April 27...

KarenL: Anansi the spider is a trickster, too.

JennaD: will the transcript automatically be sent to our email address

SevilM: look up Nasreddin hodja's anecdotes you will have fun !

BjB: but, because the time zones are an issue, please join this group and post to the discussion board so we can learn more!

BjB: yes, Jenna

KarenL: except Anansi is not wise. He is very lazy. . .

NurgulA: there is also Keloglan and he has very enjoyable movies and books

JennaD: Thank you guys so much

KarenL: I will! I will share them with my colleagues, too!

SevilM: oh no Nasreddin hodja is so intelligent man and every word of him carries a meaning.

BjB: does each culture have trickster tales?

KarenL: Thank YOU guys for coming! I hope you enjoyed this session!

SevilM: please do it because we have a colorful culture

SevilM: I enjoyed so much

SevilM: thanks for your thoughts

NurgulA: yeah we enjoyed

BjB: Thanks, Karen, for leading the discussion. I enjoyed how everyone shared

SevilM: thanks Karen!

SimonaW: this was great...will try to be here on the 27th...thank you so much

NurgulA: I have learnt so many things

KarenL: Thank you, Sevil and Nurgui, I have learned something great from you!

BjB: . o O (I did add a folder for Libraries and Poetry Month...)

SevilM: how will we get transcript bj

BjB: and Jeff put the School Library month on the whiteboard

BjB: just log out, Sevil. The script will be emailed to you

SevilM: Karen you are great thank you for your sharing data actually!

NurgulA: thanks a lot

KarenL: Simona, I love your thoughts and ideas! Join us again when you can. Sevil and Nurgui, please join us again when you can!

SevilM: I liked poetry math so much I will use it

NurgulA: of course

BjB hopes our Turkish friends don't have an early class!

KarenL: And you two can add some files and information about Turkey on our group page.

SevilM: unfortunately we have!

SevilM: we are here for you!

SevilM smiles

NurgulA smiles

MariaM smiles

BjB groans....sweet dreams...even if they will be short

SevilM: thank you so much

NurgulA: thanks again

MinD: thanks

KarenL: I'm sorry Min! Thank you for coming!

BjB: Karen, a folder for Cultural Diversity?

SevilM: sweet dreams and nights

MinD: sorry?

KarenL: That sounds great!

SevilM: in Turkey there is a idiom

NurgulA: Min say hi to your turkish friends

SevilM: see me in your dream !

KarenL: Yes, I thought you may have thought I overlooked you. I didn't.

SevilM smiles

MinD: No. I am good.

KarenL: Okay, good night everyone! and "see me in your dreams!"