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SusanR: While we are waiting we can take a look at some of my Kindergarten Web Site...ings of the Day .. some useful resources

SusanR: <http://kinderworks.blogspot.com/>

SusanR: Welcome all! there have been some outstanding sessions here today.

BJ: a suggestion before we start:

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SusanR: Welcome all to Kindergarten: What's out there for me?

SusanR: We are looking at a kinder blog.. my collection of relevant web sites for kindergarten

SusanR: <http://kinderworks.blogspot.com/>

SharonMB: What does blog stand for?

SusanR: Would anyone like to answer the question? What is a blog??

BJ: blog is short for Web Log

PaulRG: online journaling

BJ: kind of an online diary

RoxanFD: Building lasting online goodstuff?

PaulRG: private/public

SusanR: A blog is a quick way of creating a web site.. it can be a journal..

MarieF: thanks bj

SusanR: Students can use it as a reflective journal.. or for creative writing...

MarieF: hmmm...this is kindergarten, right?

SusanR: Quick intros

SusanneN: Blogs can be made for free and are an easy and simple way to publish content

SusanR: You can use a blog as a classroom communication... newsletter etc

AngelaM: I am a kindergarten teacher in Northwest Georgia. This is my second

TappedIn Session.

RoxanFD: I am in Paris, Tx and help teachers with tech stuff and PIO for the district.

PaulRG: www.blogger.net

MarieF is a K teacher in So Cal and her school site's tech coordinator

SusanneN: I'm a moderator here today, and a grad student of education in Copenhagen, Denmark, also involved in social educators' exams, I used to work with preschoolers

PaulRG: I'm an ed specialist in tx-special education

SusanR: I am a K to 8 Occasional Teacher from Ottawa, Ontario.

SharonMB: I'm from Coffs Harbour, Australia and a Librarian

GloriaA: I am a science resource teacher having to provide instructional time for Kindergarten learners

SusanR: Have you heard of Robert Fulghum

MarieF anxiously awaits cool K resources to share with her grade level meeting at 1:00 PST

PaulRG: this is the correct url for blogger www.blogger.com

SusanneN: *** Tips : before we begin, if you want a larger window for your chat, find the Actions menu, scroll down and click on Detach ***

SharonMB: No, I haven't

SusanneN: Thanks Paul, you can find several Blogtools out there

MarieF: No, Susan

SusanR: here is a cool site of resources. My virtual handout is here. Can you find it?

SusanR: http://www.ocdsb.edu.on.ca/Teacher_Res/Kinder/kresources.htm

CherylC: No Susan

SusanneN: I just LOVE Fulghum!

SusanneN: All I really need to know, I learned in Kindergarten! That is the title of his amazing little book

SharonMB: The site looks wonderful.

SusanneN: Susan has got a great collection of links to share with us on that page

MarieF: um, where is the virtual handout, Susan?

SusanR: This site is structured .. so it's easy to navigate..

SusanneN: have a look and come back here - I think THIS page is the handout

SusanR: The handout is hidden here.. I am giving you a challenge to find it??

SusanneN: call me Sus - and Susan is usually Sue :-)

SusanneN: ooh, here in this TI room?

MarieF: argh...summer challenges....me thinks my brain is on vacation :)

SusanR: It's under Miscellaneous Links

<http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/fil/pages/listkindersu.html>

AngelaM: I think I found it..... lots of links

SusanR: This is it... <http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/fil/pages/listkindersu.html>

MarieF: heehee...thanks Sue!

SusanR: There is lots here... so just scan it for now....

PaulRG: thanks

KimFl: this is a great list!

SharonMB: It is worth being up at 5:15 a.m. for this info. Thanks

RoxanFD: Great ideas - thanks for sharing

PaulRG: where are you Sharon?

MarieF: are any of you actually using computer related lessons for small group instruction?

SharonMB: Coffs Harbour, NSW, Australia

RoxanFD: Trying to get our teacher to do so - some are on the bandwagon now.

SusanR: Let's take a gander at Hubbard's Cupboard <http://www.hubbardscupboard.org/>

GloriaA: These sites are chocked full of ideas and possibilities, Thanks

SusanneN: here in Denmark Europe it is 21.15 - always an interesting detail in a global group

SusanR: definitely a must-see site for kindergarten teachers. The site is filed with lessons, curriculum ideas, and activities. The site has reproduction worksheets, lessons plans, sample schedules and provides pictures to enhance the lesson plans. There is even a link

called Family Involvement, which offers practical suggestions for developing literacy at home with preschoolers.

MarieF: this site is especially wonderful for the beginning K teacher

SusanneN: mother hubbard's cupboard? sounds comfy and cosy

MarieF: I believe I visited this site when I switched from pre-k to k

GloriaA: The welcoming parent link is great

MarieF: hooray and it even has a 1/2 day schedule...seems all the online schedules are all day

SusanR: Is anyone teaching a full day kindergarten?

GloriaA: All schools in Washington, DC are full day

AngelaM: Yes, I teach full day kindergarten

JohnLi: All the schools in my California district are on full-day kindergarten, too.

RoxanFD: Our district is full day

SusanR: Here are suggestions for a full day schedule

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Aegean/2221/fdk.html>

SusanneN: but how many lessons would a full day schedule for US preschoolers have?

LouiseP: Levelland has full-day kindergarten too.

MarieF: Sus, please please please have lots of play lessons/time with your preschoolers :)

SusanR: I think Ontario is about to embark on a full day schedule?

MarieF gets off her soap box :P

SusanR: More sample schedules if you so desire

MarieF apologies to Sus for her DAP outburst

SusanR: http://users.stargate.net/~cokids/Classroom_Schedules.html

SusanneN: Marie, our Danish preschoolers do not have any lessons at all - not before the age of six! and even then., they are allowed to play quite a lot

MarcusK: really how does that work

MarieF: Hooray SUS!

SharonMB: How old are Kinder children in American?

SusanR: They need more time to socialize.... maybe we would eliminate some of the discipline problems we are having

SusanneN: Marcus, that works just FINE!! Kids learn all the time even without having planned lessons

MarieF: in CA they must be 5 by Dec. 2, therefore, many are four upon entering K

AngelaM: In Georgia, a child must be 5 on or before Sept. 1

MarieF nods in agreement with Sue

MarcusK: true very true

SusanR: You have heard of Robert Fulghum..... Most of what I really need to know about how to live and what to do, and how I learned in kindergarten.

MarieF: how about more resources for using With our students?

RoxanFD: In tx - students must be 5 by Sept 1

SusanR: I have to show this site.. and it is off to more cool resources

MarieF dreams of the day CA wakes up and moves the entrance date back to Sept 1

SusanR: <http://www.peaceful-river.com/stories/everything.htm>

SusanneN: but I must admit that some school teachers and many politicians in Denmark. want a preschool curriculum - which I am very much against if that means desk sitting and intellectual exercises.

AngelaM: We have such a strict curriculum in our district, most of my day is planned for me.. I am hoping to find resources so I can teach what I am required but do it in a fun way.

JohnLi: As always, there is a bill floating through our Legislature to move the kinder starting age in California to 5 by Sept. 1; but it would be chaotic to implement it until the 04-05 school year (lots of kids are already registered and parents have made plans). This may not stop the legislature, though, from trying to do it to districts on one month's notice, to save money. Hopefully, if they do, the state school board will just move the effective date back a year, to allow districts time to prepare.

SusanneN: but let us go on with Sue's suggestions and take up our discussion from there
MarieF: thanks John :)

GloriaA: Thank you for the Fulghum site; I've used it not having the author-Great

SusanR: Do you want you students online or connected ..try this one....Getting Your Students Connected..

SusanR: <http://www.avonmaitland.on.ca/~amdsbnet/kindergarten.htm>

MarieF: whoohoo! center activities!

SusanR: Superb Internet resources for kindergarten students...If you have computer buddies...use the site with them

SusanR: This could be a center.

SusanneN: computer buddies,. are those kids addicted to computer games?

SusanR: Great to use as a school/home connection

GloriaA: I see tremendous opportunities to emphasize Science in these sites, yet rarely targeted in the schedules I glanced over.

MarieF: hmm...one could save the activity image logo, print it out and place it above the computers so the students know which activity/s they are allowed to do today

SusanR: We have grade 5 students who come down to the class to read to K students

SusanneN: aha

SusanneN: sounds like a good match

GloriaA: The peer interaction works very well

MarieF: Sue, we have 5th reading buddies too :)

SusanR: Or pair off grade 3 students with the K students in the lab.

RoxanFD: Our k campus is by itself

SusanR: We use grade 3 Reading Buddies

SusanR: I have used Buddies with grade one students.

SusanneN: hi again Marie

SusanR: Another site is Jan Brett's page...over 2000 activities

SusanR: When you are ready...

AngelaM: ready

SusanR: Welcome SusanM we are about to look at Jan Brett's Page. Newly added is the Pocket Calendar. There are over 2,000 pages of activities, artwork, and projects!!

MarieF: oh, am I allowed to share a resource?

SusanR: http://www.janbrett.com/activities_pages.htm

SusanR: Absolutely Marie..these resources are to be shared

MarieF: no I mean can I post one for YOU :)

SusanR: Please jump in and share, Marie.

MarieF: ok, this is my Intel Teach to the Future unit plan for K and 5 buddies regarding gardening

SusanneN: Please remember that all the internet addresses (URLs) will be saved with the chatlog, and all members will have that mailed right after this session

MarieF: http://www97.intel.com/scripts-edweb/teaching/unitplans/search_unitplaninfo.asp?id={3CAF5BC1-B543-4323-8ED8-C50E8CF13C76}

MarieF: anyway if you go to

http://www97.intel.com/scripts-edweb/teaching/unitplans/search_unitplans.asp

MarieF: and type in k-5 garden

GloriaA: It won't work for me either!

MarieF: you will get to my unit

SusanneN: if you wish to copy and paste, please find the Actions menu, scroll down and "freeze" the text in the pasteboard

MarieF: ah well,,, just so you know, the intel search site is FULL of wonderful K unit plans, I downloaded many the other day

SusanneN: great, Marie

SusanR: Thanks Marie. We should check it out

SusanR: An amazing site for helping children learn to read!

MarieF passes the magic web wand back to the moderators humbly

SusanneN: now, we seem to have a lot of sites to explore!

SusanR: and A particularly important and valuable feature of this site is the availability of professionally produced printable materials including the little books and writing journals to download - at no charge.

AngelaM: is it starfall?

SusanR: ...<http://www.starfall.com/>

AngelaM: Yea...I love starfall

SharonMB: I will have lots of info for the Kinder teachers when school resumes on Monday. Thanks

KimFI: my son loves starfall!

MarieF: we have these materials, but we haven't started using them

MarieF: do those of you that use the booklets (free mailed) feel that they are grade level appropriate?

SusanR: I ordered some of the materials and was quite impressed. I have passed them along to our grade one teacher.

MarieF: yeah, that's what we were thinking Sue

AngelaM: We used them for the first time last year. They are really a good match for my curriculum.

MarieF: we gave them to the summer school 1st grade teachers

SusanR: class sets were ordered... no charge for delivery

MarieF: Angela, are you a k teacher?

AngelaM: yes.

MarieF: hmm...when did you intro them to your students, Angela

AngelaM: Like I mentioned earlier we have a strict curriculum.

SusanR: A great idea Marie.

AngelaM: We used them after Christmas. After all letters and sounds are introduced

MarieF: we actually wanted to send them home for summer work for our newly graduated Ks, but we forgot....

SusanneN: summer work, argh!

MarieF: wow, Angela, I'm impressed...those booklets seemed a bit advanced at first glance, guess I'll have to look at them again

SusanR: Angela, if you have a strict curriculum you should take a look at PBS

TeacherSource... it was featured earlier at TI

SusanR: all the resources can be aligned to state standards

AngelaM: We use a phonics program...Saxon Phonics and it teaches blending of CVC words after about 3 weeks of school.

MarieF: hmmm that's a helpful site, Sue, do you have the link available?

MarieF: OY! CVC in three weeks!

MarieF faints dead away

KimFl: Angela, do you do that with kindergarteners or 1st graders? (Saxon phonics)

MarieF: please tell me it's oral blending and not reading blending

SusanR: Here is the PBS TeacherSource search site

AngelaM: Kindergarten through third grade uses Saxon Phonics as part of our district adopted curriculum.

SusanR: <http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/search.htm>

KimFl: ok

SusanR: Some schools swear by Saxon math and phonics... also used for remediation by parents

AngelaM: No I mean reading.....3 letter words with short vowel sounds. By the end of the year most of our children are reading

MarieF: anybody using a SmartBoard with their K students?

GloriaA: These resources are going to be great for the Kindergarten teachers in my building who always feel there are not enough resources for them...Thank you SusanR

AngelaM: I am not familiar with smartboard

MarieF: oh, it is a giant touch screen that works with you computer and an LCD projector

AngelaM: well we don't have those but we do have touch screens at individual computers.

SusanR: Before you leave ...the sites mentioned here can be found on

Trackstar http://trackstar.hprtec.org/main/display.php3?track_id=161037

SusanneN: Smartboard is really cool!

MarieF: that's cool angela! I got mine through a grant...I'm the only one in the school with one

SusanR: Every classroom should be provided with a Smartboard.

MarieF hid all of the cords before summer recess so no one could "borrow it"

SusanR: How do you use yours in the K classroom, Marie?

MarieF agrees with Sue again

AngelaM: If I am not mistaken the graduate school I attend just received a grant for smart boards

MarieF: well, last year it was part of the computer center and the kids used it in groups of two to visit interactive learning games online

SusanR: Some of the ritzy elementary private schools have them here.
SusanR: I would love to visit your classroom, Marie.
MarieF: but this year, I am changing the configuration of my room so that it will behind the small teacher kidney table....my partner and I plan to teach direct lessons and explorations using it with a small group of students
SusanR: .. and of course they are popular in private industry.
MarieF: my dream was to use it as a resource for the students learning, not just a giant game screen :)
MarieF: esp since K students are not really ready to "surf the web" on their own :)
SusanR: last but not least.. scan this mega resource THE SPECIAL K PAGE...<http://www.linktolearning.com/kindergarten.htm>
MarieF: Sue, if you're ever in the San Bernardino Area, let me know :)
SusanneN: right Marie, let them have something to go for in their later career as students,
MarieF: lol sus
SusanR: There is a debate going on... whether primary students should be so exposed to technology in the early grades
SharonMB: Is this the last site as I need a couple of hours sleep but don't want to log off if I'm going to miss anything?
MarieF: ahhh.....Fool's gold
SusanneN: sharon, go brush your teeth and let your computer open for another five minutes
MarieF: would anyone like the premiere article dam*ing tech use by young children? it will help you build your own defense :)
SharonMB: OK
SusanR: Thanks all.. if you have any questions or wish to email me.. my email address is on this track..http://trackstar.hprtec.org/main/display.php3?track_id=161037
SusanneN: marie go ahead
AngelaM: Thank you a lot
GloriaA: yes, I would
LouiseP: Thank you.
SusanneN: Sue thanks a lot for sharing so many wonderful and well researched links with us today/night!
MarieF: ok, hold on...gotta check my biblio program
PaulRG: thanks
SusanneN: sharing -a a typical US kindergarten thing :-))
SusanneN: I enjoyed the discussion, too :-)
SusanR: Thanks SusanneN.. you were a big help
SusanneN: and thanks to those of you who are still here, for joining us
GloriaA: thanks
SusanneN: besides, Sue, do you still have sessions in the regular TI calendar?
SusanR: Yes, I am doing Visual Arts K to 3+..next week I believe
SharonMB: Thanks for the session - very enjoyable.
SusanR: Come back for the K to 3 Visual Arts ASO ..check the calendar
SusanR: wrap up site for those who are still around ...
http://trackstar.hprtec.org/main/display.php3?track_id=161037
AngelaM: goodbye

SusanR: Thanks all good afternoon/goodnight

SusanneN: bye Angela and all of you!

MarieF: sorry that took forever

SusanneN: one hour passes fast, don't you think so?

MarieF: here is the Fool's gold article contents

MarieF:

http://www.allianceforchildhood.net/projects/computers/computers_reports_fools_gold_contents.htm

SusanR: Any last minute comments or questions..

SusanR: or sharing ...

SusanneN: ok, I think I read it last year, Marie

SusanneN: thanks for bringing it back into my memory!

MarieF: any research worth its snot regarding young children and tech must address the concerns of this group who are totally against tech in k

SusanneN: Bye Marie, nice meeting you!

SusanR: Thanks Marie. I respect those teachers who feel their time is better spent away from technology...especially in the early grades