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BJB2: a suggestion before we begin...

BJB2: go to the Actions menu in the top right of this chat window

SusanR: Should we begin with intros, Bj

BJB2: and click on DETACH

BarbaraPh waves again..testing commands

BJB2 nods to Sue

JulieSK: thanks

SusanR: so we can gear the discussion to the needs of our HUGE audience

BarbaraPh: Why did we do that?

DavidWe hands Jeff a bowl of cherry tomatoes

SusanR . o O (nice bikes)

BarbaraPh: I am Barbara, I am a teacher-librarian. Currently in Australia but about to start a job in Singapore...

JulieSK: I am Julie, a math teacher in Atlanta, Georgia.

BJB2: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania

BarbaraPh: I am always after new ideas. Hi everyone, oh by the way I am new at this

JulieSK: me too

SusanR: welcome Barbara. We are visiting Australia in February.

DavidWe: I'm David Weksler. I help teachers learn more about technology - especially math and science teachers.

JulieSK: Nice David!

DavidWe: Bj and I were just at the NECC meeting in Philadelphia

DavidWe: Thanks, Julie

JeffC: I'm an unemployed educator in Oregon... but just had a job interview today (so cross your fingers). I'm an Education Technology Specialist and also volunteer on Helpdesk here at Tapped In.

JulieSK: Good luck with the job interview.

DavidWe smiles

SusanR: I'm Sue Roseman and I am the facilitator of the K to 3+ Great Resources sessions

SusanR: and Occasional Teacher (K to 8)

SusanR: . o O (would love to visit Oregon..on my list of places to travel)

JulieSK: I know this is a K-3 resource chat, but do you have any ideas for middle schoolers?

SusanR: Tonight's session..Sites that Sizzle

JulieSK: I teach 8th grade

DavidWe imagines that we can come up with SOMETHING for middle schoolers

SusanR: Our special guests, David and Bj will certainly be able to contribute to your Middle School needs

JulieSK: Thank you

SusanR: David and Bj recently returned from NECC

JulieSK: it will be appreciated

DavidWe looks at Bj

DavidWe: You go first, Bj, okay?

BJB2 thinks about what middle school events she attended.

JulieSK: Conferences?

BJB2: I know there was a LOT of digital storytelling, Julie

JulieSK: Did any of the storytelling have to do with Math?

SusanR: NECC is one of the largest technology conference for teachers and technology coordinators

JeffC: There's a Math Resources group here Julie... I'll send you a private chat message on how to join it.

JulieSK: Thanks

BJB2: you could use a digital story to tell the history of a math person...

JulieSK: how do you complete a digital story?

BJB2: or to 'prove' a solution to a problem

JulieSK: those are great ideas!

BJB2: a digital story is using images and text to communicate an idea

BJB2: there is a storytelling group that you can also join

BarbaraPh: So are we talking about powerpoint or something?

BJB2: digital stories can be done in powerpoint...or using one of the programs like photostory for window

BJB2: Mac also has a digital storytelling program

SusanR: What is it Bj

BJB2: iMovie

JulieSK: I participated in a workshop about iMovie earlier this summer

JulieSK: It's very cool

SusanR: Perhaps we should have a monthly Digital Storytelling calendar ASO, Bj

DavidWe: Sounds good to me

BJB2: http://www.storyphoto.com/multimedia/multimedia_links.html

DavidWe: There is a LOT of interest in using iMovie and using video over the web

DavidWe: Met an interesting guy in Philly with a cool site for DV (digital video)

SusanR: Bj, David.. did either of you come across some digital storytelling ideas or links at NECC?

BJB2: one of the events during the festival on July 20 will be about digital storytelling

JulieSK: I know Apple has some links on their website

DavidWe met Mr. Digital Video for Apple - George Cook

JulieSK: nice

BJB2: I also attended a Visual Literacy discussion at NECC led by Lynell Burmark

SusanR: What is the learning curve for imovie, David?

DavidWe imagines that there is always more to learn, but since it is an Apple product, it probably isn't too bad

JeffC: It's an easy program Susan... but hard if you don't have a Mac.

SusanR: I am a Mac person!!

DavidWe: Video is challenging: between sound and lighting - to do it well is something different than just DOING it

DavidWe agrees with Susan

SusanR: I have had experience with iphoto

SusanR: time consuming but intuitive

JulieSK: what is iPhoto?

DavidWe: I believe that regardless of the ease of use of software, you still need to play around with it before it gets comfortable and you can start to use it as a teaching tool

BJB2: Lynell has a handout at the NECC page at http://center.uoregon.edu/ISTE/uploads/NECC2005/KEY_10093562/Burmark_VLNECC05.2.pdf

DavidWe . o O (alternatively, get the 12 year olds to figure it out for you and you be the guide on the side)

BJB2: and her website is <http://www.lynellburmark.org/>

SusanR: extensive playing around and exploring is the key factor with new software

SusanR: extensive

JeffC: iphoto is a very cool program for arranging photos and creating web pages... mac only.

JeffC: . o O (extensive is what middle schools are... too many of them.)

JulieSK: I agree

BJB2 chuckles

JulieSK: they would love creating web pages!

JulieSK: I am still so new at this technology stuff!

JeffC: Here's a great site for creating webpages: <http://www.freewebs.com>

JulieSK: I don't know if I am capable of helping them when they need it

BJB2: most people are, Julie

JulieSK: thanks

SusanR: play and explore, Julie

DavidWe: Well, Julie, that's why we are here - to help lend you some experienced hands

SusanR: I have something to play with and explore

JulieSK: I'm finding that out

SusanR: a site that sizzles

JulieSK: ready

SusanR: I want your impressions

SusanR: whether it has a place in the classroom or your curriculum

SusanR: It's Montage a Google

SusanR: no relationship to google

JulieSK: do you have the url?

BarbaraPh: Do you mean does digital storytelling have a place generally in our classrooms?

SusanR: Two Google games for weekend diversion, both by Flash animator

SusanR: Grant Robinson

SusanR: I have the link

SusanR: I will let you play with it

SusanR: Have some fun with this

SusanR: a Flash-based montage creator that grabs content from Google image search. Minutes upon minutes of fun.

SusanR: Ready.. come back in a few moments and comment
<http://grant.robinson.name/projects/montage-a-google/>

JeannieA joined the room.

SusanR: Topic tonight is fairly general

DavidWe waves to Jeannie

DavidWe: Hi, Jeannie. Welcome

SusanR: Sites that Sizzle..can cover any topic

JeannieA: Hi, sorry to be so late. I wasn't watching the clock.

SusanR: Our special guests are David and BJ who were lucky enough to attend NECC

SusanR: Jeannie..take a look at montage a Google
<http://grant.robinson.name/projects/montage-a-google/>

DavidWe . o O (pardon the interruption - but I think it's the first time they've played the British National Anthem at an American All-Star baseball game)

SusanR: click on the collaged poster and enter keywords such as Van Gogh or Georgia O'keefe

SusanR: or whatever suits your fancy

SusanR: Where David

DavidWe . o O (just now in Detroit)

SusanR: "God Save Our Queen"

DavidWe nods

SusanR: that's ours as well we are part of the British Commonwealth

JulieSK: I typed in a few math words and came up with a beautiful picture

JulieSK: cool site!

BJB2: here's some comic relief from an actual middle school exam: The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespear. Shakespear never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He lived in Windsor with his merry wives, writing tragedies, comedies and errors. In Shakespear's famous play, Hamlet rations out his situation by relieving himself in a long soliloquy. In another, Lady Macbeth tries to convince Macbeth to kill the King by attacking his manhood. Romeo and Juliet are an example of a heroic couplet. Writing at the same time as Shakespear was Miquel Cervantes. He wrote 'Donkey Hote'. The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote 'Paradise Lost.' Then his wife died and he wrote 'Paradise Regained.'

BJB2: The inhabitants of Egypt were called mummies. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and travelled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere, so certain areas of the dessert are cultivated by irritation. The Egyptians built the Pyramids in the shape of a huge triangular cube. The Pyramids are a range of mountains between France and Spain.

JeannieA: Wow! That's awesome!

JulieSK: sounds typical

SusanR: btw..when we were in London this past fall we saw the Complete Works of Shakespeare

SusanR: a comedy

DavidWe . o O (in 15 minutes - the compressed version?)

SusanR: Compressed

DavidWe smiles

SusanR: they also do the Bible

JulieSK: I just watched Shakespeare in love

DavidWe: I was Demetrius and wore red tights in a high school production of "Midsummer Night's Dream"

SusanR: This is a Middle School math site for Julie <http://www.digicc.com/fido/>

DavidWe: Do you know about the Math Forum - www.mathforum.org - Julie?

JulieSK: yes, I've used math forum quite a bit

DavidWe: I was there at the beginning....

DavidWe smiles

JeffC: <http://scholar.google.com/> ...for searching research

SusanR: Would you mention Math Tools please, David

DavidWe: The other big web site for math AND science that I believe everyone should know about is the Eisenhower National Clearinghouse - www.enc.org

DavidWe: Math Tools

DavidWe looks at Susan

JeannieA: Will that provide full text articles?

DavidWe: <http://www.mathforum.org/mathtools/>

SusanR: Thanks David

DavidWe: I'm not sure what you are asking, Jeannie?

DavidWe: Math Tools has downloaded applets (JAVA) that illustrate a wide range of mathematical ideas and concepts

JeannieA: The google site... can you get full text articles for research?

DavidWe: You don't need any particular software, just a web browser that supports Java

JulieSK: I used the math tools site for surface area

DavidWe nods

DavidWe: I'm not sure, Jeannie. I don't know that particular web site

DavidWe waves to Julie

JeannieA: I'm looking for some specific articles and not having much luck finding them at our local university site.

DavidWe: Hi, Julie. Welcome

DavidWe: Specific articles about...?

JulieC: Hi everyone.

JulieSK: Hi

DavidWe: We're discussing a range of things, Julie

SusanR: Welcome Julie

DavidWe . o O (other one, Sue)

BJB2 wonders if NCTM would have links to articles

JeannieA: Reading, strategies, struggling readers, reading-writing connections

JulieSK: NCTM does have some great links

JulieSK: Jeannie, you could go to galileo

SusanR: Jeannie, do check out the k to 3+ Resource Room for Reading Strategies

SusanR: I believe there was a session on that topic

JeannieA: Do you need membership? Do you have the web address?

BridgetM joined the room.

SusanR: why don't we head up to the K to 3+ Resource room and browse..must join first

DavidWe: Hi, Bridget. Welcome

JeannieA: Resource Room for Reading Strategies... Is that a room at Tapped In?

JulieSK: How do I explore the math resources room without logging out of this room?

BridgetM: hi - very late - sorry

SusanR: I did a few sessions on 4 Blocks

BarbaraPh: I have to go, Bye everyone

BarbaraPh waves

JulieSK: Bye

DavidWe waves to Barbara

BarbaraPh left the room (signed off).

DavidWe follows Susan's lead

SusanR: Jeff, would you like to escort Julie up to the Math Resource Room

JeannieA: How do you get to the Resource Room? Bye Barbara

JeffC: ok

JulieSK: I don't know how to go with you Jeff

JeffC: Julie... click the Favorite Places dropdown menu... highlight Math Resources... click the Go! button.

JeffC: Jeannie... when we get there... click the Online tab... highlight my name... click the little door icon.

JulieSK left the room.

JeffC left the room.

BridgetM: Susan are we all going to math rr?

JeannieA: Am I supposed to follow Jeff and Julie ?

SusanR: Math or K to 3 Resource Room..your choice

SusanR: I will head up to the K to 3 Resource Room..Bj will lead you there

BridgetM left the room.

SusanR left the room.

JulieC: My Favorite Places drop down menu does not have Math Resources. How do I get it there?

JeannieA left the room.

DavidWe: Well, Julie...

DavidWe: You haven't joined the Math Resources group, yet, so it isn't on your Favorites list

JeannieA joined the room.

JulieC: Gotcha!

BJB2: Julie, click on the ONLINE tab to the left of this chat window

DavidWe: You don't have to join the group, but you typically can't get into a group room until you do

BJB2: click one time on Susan R

BJB2: and then click on the door icon at the bottom of the frame

DavidWe goes to join Susan unless...

DavidWe . o O (BJ has another idea)

BJB2: I'll join you as soon as we take care of Julie

DavidWe nods

DavidWe left the room.

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BJB2 joined the room.

DavidWe: which book?

SusanR: How is Julie C doing, Bj?

BridgetM: Monster - I think - I can go look

BJB2: we're still working on it, Sue...getting close

DavidWe smiles

DavidWe: Need a hand?

SusanR: I will give her the reading Strategies sessions' links

JeannieA: So the website listed above about reading strategies will take me to links or something?

DavidWe: Jeannie you will receive a transcript of tonight's discussion, including the URLs, not long after you log out of Tapped In (TI)

JeannieA: Right.

DavidWe: It's quite a cool feature - you don't need to write stuff down

JeannieA: Does this session end at 8:00?

SusanR: Jeannie..each session has the links attached to the discussion

BridgetM: plus you can forward transcript to school

SusanR: I will be around to answer informal questions about the K to 3+ Resource Room, Jeannie

JeannieA: That's what I need to do.

JeffC joined the room.

SusanR: The online Tracks from Trackstar represent the links mentioned in our discussions

JulieC joined the room.

BJB2 cheers wildly

JeannieA: Can you get a copy of the information shown in this room too?

BJB2: not very speedy, but it worked, huh, Julie?

JulieC: You are awesome BJ

SusanR: poke around here ..Julie C and Jeannie

SusanR: the door is always open

JulieC: There is always a way!

BJB2: you also might want to click on ADD TO MY FAVORITES at the top of the screen

SusanR: this room represents 2 or so years of twice monthly discussions

BJB2 . o O (or actually join the group)

JulieC: Done thanks.

SusanR:

[http://trackstar.4teachers.org/trackstar/ts/listTracksForAuthor.do?listControl=clear&filter\(createdBy\)=org.altec.trackstar.om.TrackUser;track_user_id\[90617\]&pageSize=20](http://trackstar.4teachers.org/trackstar/ts/listTracksForAuthor.do?listControl=clear&filter(createdBy)=org.altec.trackstar.om.TrackUser;track_user_id[90617]&pageSize=20)

SusanR: just testing. I will have to snip that URL!!!

JeffC: looks like a job for SNIPURL!

BJB2 nods

SusanR: Can you snip it Jeff

JeffC: give me a minute... what would you like for an alias?

SusanR . o O (38 tracks for 38 sessions here)

SusanR: anything Jeff..use your imagination

JeffC: <http://snipurl.com/tracks38>

JeannieA: Is there a secret to opening the Word documents listed above?

JeffC: (can't use a number to start a snipurl... learn something new every day)

SusanR: click on the word doc and download to your desktop, Jeannie

SusanR: should work

JeffC: Just click on them Jeannie... it will open the Word doc.

SusanR: right Jeff

JeannieA: Thanks.

SusanR: or <http://www.4teachers.org/archive/?cat=3>

SusanR: Click on End of the Year Games and Resources..can be used to kickstart your school year

JulieC: All that trouble to get here and now I have to go. At least I'll be able to find my way back! Thanks BJ. Have a good evening everyone.

JulieC left the room (signed off).

JeannieA: Is there information for 5 step writing?

SusanR: There is The Writing Process, Jeannie

SusanR: one moment

SusanR: Try this <http://senior.billings.k12.mt.us/6traits/>

JeannieA: How do you know the topic of discussion for K-3 Resources sessions? I feel like I'm dragging you off the topic.

SusanR: I usually do have a topic..summer..just sharing

JeannieA: Good!

SusanR: I like your suggestion ..The Writing Process

SusanR: will do a session on that

BridgetM: Susan, is there a site like billings site for elementary?

SusanR: Check out the 4 Blocks Writing session

BJB2 . o O (don't forget about WriteTalk, Sue)

BJB2: WriteTalk is this Thursday

SusanR: That's a sizzler, Bj

BJB2 agrees with Sue

SusanR: a site I always refer to is Read*Write*Think

JeannieA: Six-trait writing has more to do with the focus of the writing and its specific elements doesn't it? I think five steps has to do with the process--prewriting, editing, publishing, etc.

JeannieA: I've been to that one, and it is great.

JeannieA: What is the topic of discussion

JeannieA: Oops--Thursday.

JeannieA: Is 4 Blocks coming up soon?

SusanR: I plan to repeat sessions and update the links

DavidWe nods

SusanR: what about Graves and the writing process

SusanR: Donald Graves

SusanR: Lucy Calkins

SusanR: or am I dating myself

JeannieA: I haven't had any exposure to them.

SusanR: let me dig up the link.. one moment while I close a few windows

JeannieA: Are these authors or Tapped In resource personnel?

DavidWe: I don't know them, Jeannie

DavidWe . o O (as far as being Tapped In folks)

SusanR: authors

JeannieA: Thanks.

SusanR: do a google search on Graves and Lucy

SusanR: it may provide inspiration

JeannieA: That I know how to do.

SusanR:

http://www.edtechleaders.org/Resources/Readings/UpperElemLiteracy/Wood_Computer_sWriting.htm

BridgetM: finally back from looking at 4 blocks writing - Susan, these are great

JeannieA: I'm going to sign off for now. You all have been so helpful. Thank you.

JeannieA left the room (signed off).

SusanR: Hope to see you at the tapped in Festival

DavidWe: Good job, Sue

SusanR: Thanks David and Bj

DavidWe: Happy to be here

SusanR: I will pour over the transcript..some good stuff suggested

JeffC just found one of Sue's tracks on Four Blocks Literacy:

<http://snipurl.com/fourblocks>

SusanR: For the best sources on how to set up a writer's workshop in your classroom, see the work of Donald Graves and Lucy Caulkins.

SusanR: I am surprised Jeannie had not heard of those two famous names

JeffC doesn't know them himself... but then again... I don't read much.

SusanR: they were the innovators

JeffC: of four blocks?

SusanR: precursors, I believe..4 blocks is just a fancy name for the same old thing