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SusanR: Welcome Emily

FredK joined the room.

FredK: Hi everyone

BJB2: Hi, Fred!

SusanR: Welcome Fred

FredK: I am curious about tonight's topic

FredK: I just finished putting in an electric plug in the Kitchen

SusanR: Tonight's session Wire Side Chat and Back to School Resources

BJB2 wondered about Fred's hairdo

SusanR: cool Fred

FredK: The best part is that it works

JeffC joined the room.

FredK: Hi Jeff

JeffC: Hi Fred

ValareeI joined the room.

JeffC: Hi Val

ValareeI waves

JeffC: Val teaches 4th grade... but I told her that if she was good that you guys would let her stay.

SusanR: I have a great site for you, Fred since you just put an electric plug into your kitchen

ValareeI: haha

SusanR: http://www.makezine.com/

FredK: I tutor for the Pushmataha County Literacy Council in SE Oklahoma

FredK: That one reminds me of Popular Mechanics

SusanR: hubby subscribes to the magazine

SusanR: some nice projects there for the classroom as well

FredK: Lot more to it than PM

SusanR agrees..worth a lengthy exploration

FredK: Yes

SusanR: At this point I encourage participants to introduce themselves.

SusanR: it helps build a sense of community.

SusanR: and we can gear the discussion to your interests

SusanR: I am a K to 8 Occasional Teacher, former Tech Integrator and dedicated grade 1/2 teacher

JeffC: I'm on Helpdesk here... Val just sent me a message that she had to leave, but I told her to stay logged in for the transcript. She teaches 4th grade.

EmilyW: I am a helpdesk volunteer

FredK: I tutor ....

SusanR: I guess that's it..a small intimate group

SusanR: All teachers are stretched for time, but none more so that those working with our younger students.

SusanR: I hope you will come away from this session with many ideas to help in your planning for the new school year.

SusanR: Let's explore way cool tech tools that will motivate students and save you time!

SusanR: Let's start with a search engine called Grokker

SusanR: a new kind of search engine

SusanR: packed with features

SusanR: acts as a navigational tool, to sort through deeper data that the typical search engines never touch upon.

SusanR: let's explore and play with it..and search for your areas of interest

SusanR: come back in 5 minutes and comment

SusanR: oh btw you can filter by date, category, time span, source, relevance, key word, type of document, and much more

EmilyW: link? (I know the address but it might help to include it for the transcript)

SusanR: http://www.grokker.com/

SusanR: I chose to key in ... Literacy Lesson Plans

SusanR: Notice you can post to del.icio.us if you have an account

SusanR: there is more to life than Google

EmilyW: but this searches yahoo in a different way

SusanR: searches Yahoo and Wikipedia and Amazon

SusanR: notice the outline view which is expandable

SusanR: or if you prefer a map view

SusanR: once you peruse a site and find it relevant you can add it to a working list

JeffC: reminds me a bit of kartoo... I like the fact that you can immediately add sites to delicious.

SusanR: yes, very much like Kartoo; but more efficient

SusanR: the email feature..and a further search within the outline

SusanR: by domain..by date

SusanR: The more I played with it…the more I thought I would use it along with Google

SusanR: quite full featured

FredK: I was somewhat overwhelmed by the 141 results for Literacy tutor training

FredK: I didn't try the tools yet

SusanR: zero in by using the outline format

FredK: I expanded and contracted

SusanR: 7 lessons for Tech and Literacy

SusanR: you can dump the results onto a separate website for others to view

SusanR: save the results to your desktops or send to friends

SusanR: for students ... I recommend

SusanR: OneKey - Search Engine for Students http://www.onekey.com/

SusanR: comments???

EmilyW is exploring

JeffC: not completely safe

SusanR: there is a non profit domain, Emily

SusanR: nothing is completely safe on the INTERNET, Jeff

EmilyW: it's not safe

EmilyW: where Sue?

JeffC: I don't like it when search engines say they're "kid safe"... because you can still find all kinds of nasty things by just playing around... although "porn" is filtered... "sexx" isn't... neither is "sex"

SusanR: oh

SusanR: what grade levels do you support, Fred

FredK: "Fun Math " brought up some of my favorites

SusanR: as a Literacy Coach

FredK: We focus on adults

SusanR ok

FredK: But some of them are at the lower grade levels

SusanR: jalbum may serve as a useful tool

SusanR: may prove to be a useful tool for developing online albums of your digital images

SusanR: claims to be the easiest to use and most powerful tool in this category, and it's free.

SusanR: http://jalbum.net/

JeffC: It is better than google for kids, but like anything, it's not 100%.

SusanR nods to Jeff

FredK: It wasn't clear if we have to download it or can it be used online

SusanR: download I believe, I used an earlier version with success, Fred

FredK: I'll try later

SusanR: Next tool is Google Video

FredK: looks like a good tool for using picture stories

SusanR: http://video.google.com/videosearch?q=lesson+plans

SusanR: again preview these video before showing students

SusanR: If you are using a smartboard for example

SusanR . o O (Paris Hilton)

SusanR: Welcome Robin

RobinLe: Thank you

RobinLe: What are we talking about tonight?

SusanR: Back to School ideas and resources and tools

SusanR: we are nearing the end of the session

RobinLe: ok

SusanR: so I will post the online Track or resource list

RobinLe: ok that's cool

SusanR: http://trackstar.4teachers.org/trackstar/ts/viewTrack.do?number=295361

SusanR: view in text or frame format

JeffC: http://snipurl.com/roseman06

JeffC . o O (I'll never remember the trackstar one, so I made a redirect)

SusanR: Thanks Jeff ..we spent some time talking about Grokker as a unique search tool which will produce different results ..ie for planning http://www.grokker.com/

SusanR: Thanks

JeffC . o O (search engine for Heinlein fans?)

SusanR: what topics would you like to see discussed in coming months, Robin and Fred

RobinLe: hmm....anything that will help with being a school with little to no resources at all

FredK: What you presented today was just the ticket. Do some more of the same.

FredK: The "wired" still leaves me with a "?"

SusanR: just a catch phrase

RobinLe: Like "Fire Side Chat"?

BJB2: Sue, you might want to let everyone know about the guest for next K-3

FredK . o O (Just plug in)

SusanR: Special guest is Jen Wagner who will offer her expertise on Online projects and collaboration

BJB2: Thanks, Sue.

SusanR: http://snipurl.com/roseman06

BJB2 waves goodnight

SusanR: check out her newsletter for some great projects

RobinLe: cool

RobinLe: thanks

SusanR: http://www.technospud.com/