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SusanR: let's start with brief intros..where are you from..grades you teach or hope to teach and what brought you here

JenniferW5: I am from Houston Texas, I am currently student teaching 3rd grade

GinaW: I'm student teaching 4th grade near Houston.

AshleighA: I'm from Katy, I'm teaching 4th and I hope to teach 2nd or 3rd

VeronicaCo: I'm from Katy, teaching kinder

JennyEB: Ripley in West TN, 2nd

KristinSt: My name is Kristin. I'm from San Diego and teach kindergarten

AshleyED: My name is Ashley. I am from Houston...and will be a 2nd grade teacher. I hope to learn new and exciting resources to incorporate into my classroom.

CamilleL: I am presently teaching 6th grade Language Arts and Social Studies in a public school in the Bronx, New York. Have taught K through 9th. Not sure what to do next.

NancyEF: I'm from Franklin Indiana and am here as part of a preservice teaching assignment

GinaW waves to Ashley D

KristenB: I teach 2nd grade in Northern IL, am part of the E2T2 grant and was required to come to the site, now I am hooked, but this is my first formal chat, did tips and tricks Sun.--AWESOME!

AshleyED: Hi Gina. :)

AnnaS: I am teaching 2nd grade in Lombard, IL and am part of the E2T2 grant.

LauraCH: I'm a music teacher from IL, I teach 1-5 grade, also part of E2T2

GinaW: What is E2T2 grant?

LauraCH: Enhancing Education Through Technology

GinaW: Oh...neat

CamilleL: Wow, Laura, love to hear more about that.

JenniferW5: That's cool

LauraCH: We got a lot of technology and professional development through the grant

LauraCH: smartboards, computers, printers, the list goes on

KristinSt: wow..that sounds wonderful

LauraCH: It's been great for our school!

VeronicaCo: must be nice ;)

CamilleL: so exciting!

SusanR: On the agenda this evening is a cool new visual search engine, some newsworthy items and the main topic is "Earth Day Across the Curriculum"

JennyEB: color me jealous

AnnaS: Along with it comes A Lot of training.

KristenB: What date is Earth day exactly?

JennyEB: April 22

CamilleL: is it still the 22nd?

JennyEB: every year

SusanR: I have some GREAT resources for you this evening!

SusanR: Let's start with a new search engine

SusanR: should work great with smartboards

LauraCH: wonderful!

AlisaHe: I love smartboard activities!

SusanR: Can be used with students

AnnaS: Great! Can always use more ideas...

JenniferW5: Smartboards are great my class loves them

SusanR: It is called Searchme: A New Visual Search Engine

KristinSt: just what I needed :-)

GinaW: Wish my school had a smartboard

VeronicaCo: Are we just sharing our ideas on resources for this chat?

SusanR: However it requires a login and password

CamilleL: no

SusanR: Let me give you a blurb about it

AshleighA: sounds great

SusanR: Searchme lets you see what you're searching for.

SusanR: As you start typing, categories appear that relate to your query.

SusanR: Choose a category, and you'll see pictures of web pages that answer your search. You can review these pages quickly to find just the information you're looking for, before you click through.

SusanR: So please register for the site

CamilleL: sounds like a true time saver.

AnnaS: What a timesaver!

LauraCH: and it's safe to use with students?

AlisaHe: Is it free?

SusanR: It is free and still in beta

KristinSt: register now?

SusanR: But I was wowed by the site

SusanR: I did a search for fractions yesterday

AshleighA: My students are having to do an inventor project ... this would be a great way for them to find information about who they are researching

KristenB: Are we able to get to the link without losing the chat? Is it linked in this conf room?

SusanR: Basically users who query the engine are presented with previews of the webpages. This is a really great feature because you preview before you click and not have to worry about accurate title and description accuracy. It also offers some basic filtering options for adult content, and breaks down the query into categories so you can further drill down what you're looking for within the search. This saves valuable time in my opinion.

SusanR: So please register

SusanR: Here is the URL

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

VeronicaCo: I'm registered

GinaW: me too

AnnaS: I'm registered too.

LauraCH: I'm also registered

AshleighA: I'm registered as well

JenniferW5: I'm registered

AlisaHe: Me too!

SusanR: Try a search on earth day or fractions or whatever your needs are

KristenB: What does beta mean? Like submit?

BarbaraMu: WOW how cool!!!!

JenniferW5: this is great

SusanR: Use the slider at the bottom of the screen to view the pages

AlisaHe: I'm registered.

AshleighA: this is really neat

VeronicaCo: oh, this is cool!

GinaW: That is neat

LauraCH: I really like this!

SusanR: notice the highlighting of your search query

AshleyED: This is very helpful!

SusanR: categories are at the top of the screen

LauraCH: It reminds me of the iTunes view, with the pages lined up behind each other

JenniferW5: This would be amazing for students to use (with supervision)

SusanR: exactly Laura

AlisaHe: I really like this. I think it would be a huge timesaver!

KristinSt: I'm having some trouble...

KristinSt: I'll keep trying

JenniferW5: it's a lot like vista

JennyEB: trouble for me too, on a Mac

LauraCH: It would be fun to page through it on the smartboard

SusanR: That is THE cool tool of the day

AnnaS: It's going to really save time and be helpful

LauraCH: and engaging

SusanR: Use the arrows to zoom

CamilleL: Sue, why do you say it's safe for kids -- everything filtered out?

SusanR: and the up and down arrows

AlisaHe: My students would love to page through this with me on the smartboard!

JenniferW5: you could use this to introduce the idea of reliable and not reliable sources

AnnaS: Is this really free? It is wonderful!

SusanR: not sure if it is completely safe for kids

CamilleL: it's not.

JenniferW5: as a whole group

AlisaHe: Will this continue to be free?

SusanR: Could be used as a home school connection for projects

SusanR: I do hope it is free, Alisa

VeronicaCo: I really like this search engine

AlisaHe: Me too!

CamilleL: could you explain how you do your searches here, sue?

LauraCH: I think the "safe" part about it is that you see the categories first, and those seem filtered, so when you type in "assessment" you don't get inappropriate results

RosieT: this is a bit overwhelming for me! a first-time user, for sure! it will take a while to figure it all out!

AlisaHe: Rosie, did you register on the site?

KristinSt: I haven't been able to try it, my browser froze

SusanR: play with it and explore..right click opens the link in another window

CamilleL: my concern is the words are more like a free association, and could possibly lead to inappropriate sites for kids unless filtered out by the school, perhaps.

RosieT: yes, I tried, but had trouble installing adobe 9, so I don't know my status right now. did you experience anything like that?

AshleyED: It's nice to have a little more peace of mind knowing that our students will not be exposed to inappropriate material.

KristinSt: yes

KyleMK: Alisa, What are you in? Rosie and I registered but can't figure out where all the "cool" stuff you guys are looking at is located. Can you help?

AshleighA: I know that at my elementary (and many others) many things are filtered so this site might be blocked and therefore not accessible for everyone

CamilleL: no, I have adobe 8 and it works

AlisaHe: Our school blocks a lot of sites too. I'll have to try it tomorrow.

SusanR: Let's see if this works

SusanR: I did a search for fraction ideas

SusanR:

<http://beta.searchme.com/#/0/&pi=0/&q=Fractions/&ci=all/&session=318D3A2919612A2C3ABAFB3987FE2B8B43A78C17/>

RosieT: surely not a site like this, ya think?...

AlisaHe: You never know!!!

AlisaHe: Did you girls get it?

SusanR: My suggestion use for your own personal searching

AnnaS: I found a lot of resources for our dinosaur unit!

AlisaHe: If not, I can help you tomorrow!

KyleMK: Our computers at school keep telling us that we must have administrative privileges to download Adobe 9.

AlisaHe: I am at home.

CamilleL: why are you getting that? it works in adobe 8!

KyleMK: Lucky you!

VeronicaCo: My school tends to block many resources that are not already in their resource library

AnnaS: Can you get them put into the library?

AlisaHe: You can not download on the student computers

KyleMK: Okay, we're going to try our computers. I'll have to go upstairs. Be right back.

AlisaHe: You have to be logged in as a teacher to download.

VeronicaCo: Susan, do you have another interesting search engine that you can share?

SusanR: Are we ready to move on?

JenniferW5: yes

GinaW: yes

VeronicaCo: yes

AshleighA: I'm ready

LauraCH: yes

AlisaHe: yes

AshleyED: yes

AnnaS: Sure!

SusanR: I would suggest the search engine Kartoo

CamilleL: o.k.

SusanR: but please keep it for later <http://www.kartoo.com/>

GinaW: ok

SusanR: It clusters your results

SusanR: so earth day across the curriculum

SusanR: is next on the agenda

JenniferW5: that is so neat

AlisaHe: Very nice!

SusanR: Take a look at the earth day activities on the mathwire site

SusanR: see if there is anything that works for you

AshleyED: These are great!

SusanR: April is also Poetry Month

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

KristinSt: I have a new computer, so I'll try the search engine again

JenniferW5: Wow what a great resource!

AshleighA: Very interesting

AlisaHe: Great resource!

SusanR: Notice the Earth Day Math Activities

AnnaS: The kids are always looking for new games.

AshleighA: I also like that you can provide your e-mail and get updates when new resources are added

SusanR: btw all links and urls will be in your transcript

RosieT: that's great--I feel like I've missed out on so much! thanks!

VeronicaCo: I have entered my email to receive updates on mathwire!

JennyEB: had to shut down to get searchme running. If I missed any urls can you put them in files?

VeronicaCo: Awesome!

SusanR: Earth day ties in nicely with Math

AshleighA: this would work get during math centers where my students can browse the site to find interesting information!

AshleyED: I feel like these activities can be adjusted to fit any grade level.

KristinSt: okay, wow

KristinSt: I just used the searchme site

KristinSt: this is great for kids

AnnaS: I'll be adding many bookmarks on my computers tomorrow!

JennyEB: OMG this searchme is fantastic!

SusanR: Check out the earth day activities on searchme

JennyEB: I'm e-mailing my tech people immediately

SusanR: mathwire has some great ideas for earth day

AshleighA: Yes, this would be great for an integrated unit plan

VeronicaCo: I agree

SusanR: for example get your kids outdoors

SusanR: <http://www.googlepower.com/content/free-learning-resources/seasonal-math/earth-day>

LauraCH: I found some great stuff when I did a search for earth day music on searchme

AlisaHe: This would work great for center time

JenniferW5: There is something for everything on the math site

KristinSt: The math site looks good for older kids. I'm still looking for kindergarten games

AnnaS: Math games on the last site are different than I'm used to seeing.

SusanR: Kristin, I do have some kinder games..I will email you

SusanR: after the session

VeronicaCo: All these resources are very good, but I like the searchme :)

VeronicaCo: I would like kinder games as well.

KyleMK: The book pals site was good when children want a book read aloud to them.

KristinSt: wow! thank you!

AshleyED: I'm glad to have been informed of some new resources. I feel that sometimes we are at the mercy of the internet.....we see the same ideas over and over again.

SusanR: I was quite taken with the searchme site, Veronica

KristinSt: I can't wait to try the search me site with my kids...

SusanR: For literacy I suggest your students play Free Rice

KristinSt: we are researching next week

AnnaS: I think the searchme site was the biggest hit.

AlisaHe: I agree!

JenniferW5: That is an awesome site

SusanR: well this might be a hit with students

SusanR: Free Rice

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

KristenB: Scholastic has some great FREE already made Smartboard activities in the teacher tab search Smartboard (later) on their site.

RosieT: I have only looked at two sites, and they are wonderful! I haven't even made it to the searchme site.

AnnaS: You definitely have to go there.

AshleyED: OH WOW!!! What a great way to integrate language, social studies and humanity into a lesson.

KristinSt: the free rice site looks interesting and motivating

AlisaHe: Free rice is a great website!

VeronicaCo: I am currently donating rice!!

JenniferW5: This is an amazing site...What a lesson in helping others

JeffC: my 7 and 9 year olds play all the time.

KristinSt: What grade level would this represent?

JenniferW5: me too

AnnaS: I think I will be using some new words soon that nobody will understand!

JeffC: the vocab goes up and down in level of difficulty based on your answers.

AshleighA: This would definitely be geared towards the higher level grades

SusanR: Have the students work in pairs

AshleighA: but what a great way to increase vocab!

JenniferW5: that's for sure

JennyEB: ARGH!! What site are you talking about?

SusanR: they can use an online dictionary at the same time

JennyEB: I had to leave for a minute

KristenB: Thanks Jeff, I figured my second graders would have trouble...that means it is good for any vocab level!

GinaW: getting distracted by the vocab quiz :))

LauraCH: free rice is great

SusanR: Give free rice to hungry people by playing a simple word game.

KristenB: multitasking=)

LauraCH: it will be great for my reading group

AnnaS: I knew some words that I never heard of.

JenniferW5: me too

CamilleL: wonderful idea! who sponsors it?

VeronicaCo: I think we are having too much fun donating!

LauraCH: it looks like advertisers donate, right?

AnnaS: My enrichment group will love this. They are so competitive.

MaureenB waves to all

KyleMK: The free rice site is awesome! What a great way to encourage people to increase their vocabulary. I like the way it reviews any words that you miss the first time. Kids can feel great about donating to charity while they are improving their vocabulary.

LauraCH: the about section has more info on who sponsors

JeffC . o O (enriched rice, Maureen? ;-)

GinaW: I think my GT kids would like it. They really enjoy word work

SusanR . o O (Free Rice sponsors the World Food Program, both of which are reputable and authentic agencies in their own respect)

LauraCH: very cool

CamilleL: thank you, Laura.

MaureenB . o O (saw the site great idea)

AlisaHe: This would be great for gifted children and those who always finish their work early!

KristenB: Vocabulary is a huge focus in our school, due to our demographics...this will help at all levels.

CamilleL: thank you, Sue.

SusanR: I have a video you may want to show to students

SusanR: The Top Ten Things That Kids Can Do To Make A Difference...

JenniferW5: that sounds neat

CamilleL: perfect -- used this phrase today!

SusanR: From TeacherTube..a valuable resource

SusanR: Mrs. Souza's second grade students at International School Bangkok made this movie to promote EARTH DAY.

LauraCH: I love Teacher Tube. I use it to host videos of music activities we do in school.

SusanR: Be patient while it loads

SusanR: http://www.teachertube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=3b725e29567adc0779f1

KristinSt: free rice is really neat

KristinSt: this could be good SAT work

KristenB: Never heard of Teacher Tube...I use You Tube, but have to be very careful for appropriate viewing...Is TT filtered?

AlisaHe: You tube is blocked at our school

SusanR: Videos are screened for appropriateness at TeacherTube

JeffC: redirect for the teachertube site:
<http://snurl.com/toptenthings> [www_teachertube_com]

AshleighA: my students would enjoy watching this

KyleMK: Alisa, The rainforest math site has a lot of good information.

SusanR: You can embed it on your own classroom site

VeronicaCo: This is cute.....it would be a great way to introduce the lesson

AlisaHe: Thanks, Kyle!

AnnaS: I am going to show this to my 2nd grade class.

JennyEB: ditto

SusanR: or embed it in a wiki as I did

LauraCH: This will be good for me to share with Student Council

JenniferW5: this is so cute...I will show it to my 3rd graders

CamilleL: now that's an idea, Laura.

KristenB: I'm going to make my students brainstorm and do our own video! (Second Grade) They will love it!

CamilleL: even better!

AlisaHe: That's a great idea

AshleighA: I was thinking of that same idea

KristinSt: teacher tube looks interesting

HollyH: Since I signed in late, how can I access the discussion before?

KristinSt: I'll have to look at how to use this

KristinSt: It is not familiar to me

LauraCH: Anna, once Matt and I get the green screen up and running, our students could make their own video with lots of fun backgrounds that are environmentally related

KristinSt: wow! you have a green screen?

VeronicaCo: Great model, for the students to complete in the class.

KristenB: Did you get a green screen through E2T2 or other funds?

AnnaS: Great idea! You're always on top of things.

SusanR: exactly, Camille ..create your own video

LauraCH: we have the tools for it, yes. Through E2T2

MaureenB: how did you get a green screen

MaureenB: nice

LauraCH: It's called Visual Communicator

LauraCH: I think.

MaureenB: a new toy to think about

JennyEB: I got green screen software from Stupendous software but haven't got it going yet

JennyEB: any clues you could share

LauraCH: Matt, our lead teacher, is more up on it than I am

JennyEB: would be great

AnnaS: Laura, what exactly is a green screen?

RosieT: I like the planetfesto site. my students and i have just started talking more about being "green", and I'm sure they'd love to participate in the ribbon project.

JennyEB: weatherman stands in front of it

LauraCH: Well, the actual screen that's green is just a backdrop

HollyH: Susan, how can I access the discussion that occurred before I was able to log on?

LauraCH: students can stand in front and we record them, then add backgrounds on the computer

SusanR: Holly I will be glad to send you the transcript

AnnaS: I remember Matt talking about that before.

AlisaHe: Yes, we are going to use it for our school cable channel.

HollyH: Thanks so much.

KristinSt: Are you high school teachers?

SusanR: with 4 minutes left to the session I will welcome comments

LauraCH: Jenn and Matt and I made a fun video for This Land is Your Land. Matt strolled across pictures of places in America. It's hilarious. We'll have to share

AlisaHe: I teach third grade

RosieT: For how long do we have access to tapped in?

CamilleL: Sue, the kartoo website is great too! Thank you!

AshleyED: Thank you for sharing such great resources!

AlisaHe: Thank you so much for all of the excellent resources!

AnnaS: Thanks, Susan, for all the great resources.

SusanR: So to wrap up..use the searchme site and kartoo to find web resources and lesson plans

CamilleL: thank you, guys, for clearing up some cobwebs in my head at this point.

GinaW: Yes, thanks. I especially like searchme

KristenB: This is so great to get ideas and tweak them to fit your curriculum and grade level. Do these topics on the calendars have a different topic each time? You could do this all the time and save so much time surfing.

LauraCH: Yes, the resources in this session were wonderful. Can't wait to use them

JennyEB: This has been the WILDEST tapped in session I've ever been in. Thanks all you e2t2 people and Susan

KristinSt: Thank you for the searchme site! I can't wait to try it with my class.

SusanR: and mathwire is always topical with user friendly resources

AshleighA: I'm excited to share these with my students

AnnaS: I saw there is a K-3 Resources group.

MaureenB: me too me too

VeronicaCo: the resources were great!

RosieT: Susan, thanks for the resources. It will be fun researching them for my students.

SusanR: and I post occasionally here <http://kinderworks.blogspot.com/>

AnnaS: How often are different resources discussed?

JennyEB: searchme is awesome and we'll be making a 2nd grade video too! Can't wait to check the blog. thanks again

KyleMK: The writingfix site that Susan suggested is really a neat way of teaching kids to be better writers. I like the way they have a choice of their setting, characters, and plot. Then a particular skill is introduced with a particular piece of literature.

LauraCH: Yeah, is this a regular session?

CamilleL: thanks so much for all these resources on your website, sue!

JennyEB: wait, wait, WHAT WRITING SITE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SusanR: any suggestions for future topics??

BJB2: The next K-3+ Resource discussion is April 22

LauraCH: Earth Day!!

VeronicaCo: hey that's on earth day

AnnaS: Thanks, BJB!

KristenB: Didn't catch the writing site either

JennyEB: THANKS

JennyEB: TTFN

SusanR: sorry updated http://writingfix.com/writingfix_for_kids.htm

LauraCH: Thank you Susan!

KyleMK: Susan, This was very informative. Thank you!

KristinSt: thanks and good night all!

KristenB: Thank you, bye.

VeronicaCo: Good night!

AnnaS: I appreciate all the info, Susan!

AnnaS: It's been fun chatting...

SusanR: Thanks all..an enthusiastic group