

Title of Session: K to 3+ Resources

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SusanR: What do you hope to get out of this session this evening?

SherriMi: I want to find more K-3 resources and I have some to share

SusanR: Oh wonderful

SherriMi: I also need to get comfortable doing this since it is part of my pbs teacherline class

BJB2: Sherri, since you're new, go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat and select DETACH

SherriMi: Are you an elem teacher?

BJB2: that will make it easier to read the chat

RobinEv joined the room.

SusanR: Can I ask you how you keep track of all the web sites you find?

BJB2: Hi, Robin. Welcome.

RobinEv: Hi

SherriMi: Thanks- it worked

SusanR: Let us start with brief intros

RobinEv: Thanks

SusanR: So we can gear the discussion closer to your needs. I do have an agenda for the evening, however.

BJB2: I teach remedial communication and am located in south central Pennsylvania

SusanR: a tentative one

SusanR: I substitute and reside in Ottawa, Ontario

SusanR : Canada

RobinEv : I teach Earth Science - both remedial and honors levels - in 9th grade

RobinEv : I am in New Jersey

SherriMi : I used to teach 3rd grade. Now I'm the technology resource teacher for K-5 in two schools in Gloucester, VA on the Chesapeake Bay

SusanR : ok a diverse intimate group

SusanR : Do you have a WOW resource to share at this time

SusanR : before we begin formally

SherriMi : I do

SusanR hands the floor over to Sherri

SusanR : or the stage

SherriMi : I created a website for integrating technology with Marzano.

SusanR listens

SherriMi : Here's the url <http://gets.gc.k12.va.us/VSTE/2008/>

SherriMi : I created it for a conference I presented at

SherriMi : There are lots of templates and ideas for each strategy

RobinEv : This is great!

SusanR : Wonderful

SherriMi : I also have a website of elementary resources that I maintain for my school division

SusanR : great for planning for the coming school year

RobinEv : definitely

RobinEv : I can use a lot of this in my classes - just modified a bit

SherriMi : Here's that url <http://gets.gc.k12.va.us/elementary/index.htm>

SusanR: Well this site will make a wonderful addition to you eportfolio

RobinEv: I see there is a link for webquests - which I'm really interested in

SherriMi: webquests are great

SherriMi: I love using them with my students

SusanR: I like the way they are indexed. Sherri

SherriMi: Thanks

SherriMi: I had a hard time figuring out how I wanted to do that

SusanR: You have used the key strands so they are easily accessed.

SherriMi: You should check out the technospuds projects under the cooperative learning link

SusanR: Jennifer Wagner has been a guest here at TI

SherriMi: Really?

SherriMi: How neat

SusanR: She comes in and promotes her latest projects

SusanR: <http://princecaspiaproject.pbwiki.com/>

SherriMi: She has recently changed her website. I like the new look.

SherriMi: Does anyone know of any good reading comprehension sites for K-3?

SherriMi: Something interactive maybe

SusanR: Let me think.. I am drawing a blank at the moment

SusanR: I wanted to feature an excellent IT matrix this evening

SherriMi: great

SusanR: Each cell in the matrix will have a video (or several videos) which illustrate the integration of technology in classrooms where only a few computers are available and/or classrooms where every student has access to a laptop computer.

SusanR : and there may be some sites that pertain to your request!

SherriMi: sounds good

SusanR : Tell us what you think

SusanR : <http://fcit.usf.edu/matrix/index.html>

BJB2 checks to make sure everyone got the url

SherriMi: I am looking at it

SherriMi: this looks useful for me since I primarily work with teachers and help them integrate

SherriMi: I can use this in my staff development trainings

SusanR : you may want to use the resources here for PD or examples of key integration

SusanR . o O (a goldmine here)

SherriMi: I'm watching one of the videos

SherriMi: it looks great!

SherriMi: I can't wait to share this with my ITRT teammates for use with their schools and teachers

SusanR : a wealth of materials here

RobinEv : It's almost overwhelming!

RobinEv : But great!

SusanR : Keep this one close to your heart

SherriMi: it's already in my favorites list

RobinEv : I just book marked it myself

SusanR : Now for the requested interactive site

SusanR : Here is a series of interactives...includes science interactives as well

SusanR : explore please and return

SusanR: <http://www.learner.org/interactives/story/cinderella.html>

SusanR: and the home site <http://www.learner.org/interactives/>

RobinEv: oooh - I already love the 2nd link you sent

SusanR: o O (something for everyone)

SherriMi: I love the elements of a story feature!

SherriMi: the home site is wonderful- I am definitely adding this to my website

SusanR: any other sites come to mind as we are sharing

SherriMi: I know a great math interactives site

SusanR: please share, Sherri

SusanR: before I feature COMIX, the main star of the evening

SusanR: We can hold your site for the end of the session if you wish

SherriMi: I'm back now- here it is - <http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/index.html>

SherriMi: it's a UK site so you have to watch some of it for differences- like money and measurements

SherriMi: but the rest is great

SusanR: I am a big fan of the UK sites

SherriMi: our students love to explore here

SherriMi: me too- I love the BBC sites for science especially

SusanR: they cram a lot of great content into their sites while not ignoring the fun quotient

SherriMi: that's true

SherriMi: anytime you can get students to think they are "playing" and slip in learning at the same time is the key :-)

SusanR: for example the interactive science clips

SusanR: http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/6_7/science_6_7.shtml

SusanR: exactly Sherri

SherriMi: I love the scientific investigations that are a part of these sites

SusanR: o O (reminds one of Brain Pop; but FREE!)

SherriMi: so.... I am interested in COMIX that you were talking about earlier

SusanR: yes, onto Comix

SherriMi: Brain Pop is great, but we don't have an account in our division

RobinEv: I like this science site - I can use it with my middle school kids this summer

SusanR: Let me give you a bit of a blurb about COMIX

SusanR: Bill Zimmerman, from MakeBeliefsComix has gone from using interactive books to interactive websites to engage writers, young and old.

SusanR: children and adults can create their own comic strips.

SusanR: no login necessary

SusanR: can be integrated wherever

SusanR: They can select from 10 fun characters with different moods -- happy, sad, angry, worried – and write words for blank talk and thought balloons to make their characters talk and think

SusanR: There also are story ideas and prompts to help users create graphic stories.

SusanR: The site can be used by educators to teach language, reading and writing skills, and also for students in English-as-a-Second-Language programs to facilitate self-expression and storytelling. Parents and children can create stories together, print them to create comic books or email them to friends and family. Others will find the site a resource to be creative, calm down and have fun.

SusanR: try it

SusanR: a fun way to end the year

SherriMi: I know several teachers who will be very interested in this

SherriMi: it's funny that you are showing this site....

SusanR : http://www.billztreasurechest.com/words_encouragement.html

SherriMi: in the class I'm taking, I have to create a project...

SusanR : This is the home site

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

SherriMi: the one I'm planning on doing in the fall is for kids to create a comic book using math in their story

SherriMi: is this timing or what???

SusanR : absolutely

SherriMi: checking it out now

SherriMi: WOW

SherriMi: LOVE IT

SherriMi: this is really easy to use

SusanR : the comix strips can be saved and embedded in blogs

SusanR : I posted it here

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

SherriMi: that's neat, but unfortunately we can't do blogs in my division

SherriMi: can they be saved and embedded in powerpoints?

SusanR : I don't see why not

SherriMi: is the above link your blog

SusanR : yes

SusanR : with COMIX at the top

SusanR : featured site

SherriMi: I see it

SherriMi: your blog looks great- I have not ventured into blogs... yet

SherriMi: I like Smilebox - I've done a little with it

SusanR: gmail account will give you easy access to Blogger

SherriMi: scrapbooking is my hobby and passion

SusanR: try this one ..ASK

SusanR: "who is Albert Einstein?"

SusanR: <http://ai.oddcast.com/ai/ammi/index2.php>

SusanR: a fun link to end the session

SherriMi: interesting :-)

SherriMi: is this site safe for kids?

SherriMi: they would get a kick out of it

SusanR: Well maybe not

BJB2: The next K to 3 Resource discussion will be on June 10

SherriMi: I didn't think so

BJB2: the topic for June is Leisure and Pleasure

SherriMi: thanks - this was fun and I learned a lot

SusanR: to be continued in June..

BJB2: Sherri, you might want to join the K to 3 Resource group

SusanR: Thank you for attending at this busy time of year

SherriMi: how do I do that?

SusanR: send Sherri ahead, Bj

BJB2: Susan, can you show Sherri how to join your group

SusanR: we can meet

BJB2: Sherri, when you see Susan leave this room...

BJB2: type /join SusanR

SherriMi: thanks - I'll try it

SusanR: I will be there to greet you at the front door LOL

SusanR left the room.

SherriMi left the room.

BJB2 left the room.