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BjB waves hi to Christyl

ChristyIF: hi!

BjB: are you here for the ArtsSites discussion?

ChristyIF: Yes I am. I didn't know I'd be almost alone! :D

BjB smiles. We may have some late arrivals. Hard to be prompt when you're dealing with connections

ChristyIF: That's true, I got on early just to make sure I could find and get into the right room.

ChristyIF: I'm still new to this !

BjB: looks like you're doing very well

BjB: let's start with introductions for the transcript, please

BjB: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

ChristyIF: I am a 5th grade teacher in Louisiana.

BjB: and what made you choose to join this discussion?

ChristyIF: I teach 3 classes of science and then my own social studies, English and Spelling.

ChristyIF: I am taking a course through the Dept. Of Ed that required me to register here and check it out.

BjB: cool...lots of opportunities to integrate the arts

ChristyIF: We are required to incorporate art and I struggle with that.

BjB: that gives me a good starting place, Christy

ChristyIF: I am a blank slate....decorate away! :D

BjB laughs and gets out her paint set

BjB: Let's start with this mega site for links...

ChristyIF: ok

BjB: www.backflip.com/members/bjberquist

BjB: you may need to hold your ctrl key down as you click on the url

BjB: it will open in a new window

ChristyIF: Backflip is another of the sites they are teaching us in the course. Cool site!!

BjB: there are several similar sites. I like backflip.

SusanR joined the room.

BjB waves to Sue

ChristyIF: Some of the students are having trouble with it, but it's worked great for me.

BjB: we're looking at my backflip site, Sue

SusanR waves to Christy and Bj

BjB: <http://www.backflip.com/members/bjberquist>

SusanR: thanks

ChristyIF: Hi Susan!

BjB: Christy, go to the Arts and Science links

ChristyIF: Already checking that one out!

SusanR: Thanks Bj

BjB: some of the sites may not be obvious in their use of art and science...you have to be creative

ChristyIF: I'm playing...oops investigating the bees eye view site now

BjB smiles...that is very cool

ChristyIF: We did "art" today. We cut out protons, neutrons, and electrons (circles) and glued them to a bigger circle (atom) *hangs head*

BjB: hmmm...let me see if I can find a site there that might apply to that activity

SusanR: what grade Christy?

ChristyIF: just found a link that doesn't work any more

ChristyIF: 5th, Susan, how about you?

SusanR: spent most of my career in grade 1 and 2..now K to 8

BjB: try this, Christy <http://analyzer.depaul.edu/paperplate/Background.htm>

ChristyIF: Thanks, BJ! That's quite a range Susan

SusanR: I learn along with the students

SusanR: substitute..occasional teacher

ChristyIF: I would imagine!

ChristyIF: That is a tough job, My hat's off to you!

BjB: can you tell me what site didn't work, Christyl?

ChristyIF: The site is cool BJ, I will definitely be sharing the drinking gourd with our 3rd grade teachers!!

ChristyIF: <http://www.backflip.com/perl/go.pl?url=17521248> CAS Cloud of the day

BjB: thanks.

BjB: I just noticed you're in Louisiana, Christy. Are you in a safe place?

ChristyIF: Well, I escaped Katrina, I am in the central part of the state, but now we are facing thousands of people pouring in, looting, carjacking, stealing gas...

BjB cries. How awful

ChristyIF: Scary stuff at the moment, we are adding students right and left who have nothing, and more keep coming

BjB: here's the replacement site for clouds

http://www.cloudappreciationsociety.org/a/cloud-month/cloud_month_august.html

SusanR: We spent a week in New Orleans on holidays a few years back...will they ever recover

ChristyIF: Thanks for the site! Great pictures of clouds.

ChristyIF: I doubt it, the city is almost all under water and they are talking about opening another levee to help get rid of the water which will flood the city before it clears it

ChristyIF: So many beautiful old buildings are gone

SusanR: the French quarter???

ChristyIF: From what I am told by friends who lived there, it's all flooded, some deeper than others, but there's water everywhere.

ChristyIF: They've been told that they might be able to go home...in 3 months or so

BjB: you are overwhelmed by all that is happening and we feel overwhelmed by helplessness

ChristyIF: I have cried so much in the past week it's just crazy. Places I know that are gone, I have finally made contact with everyone I know that lives in the area and they are safe. It's disturbing to watch it now.

SusanR: I am watching CNN. I can't believe it!

ChristyIF: If I didn't recognize the places around them I would think it was a 3rd world country they were showing.

ChristyIF: BJ, another site wouldn't open

<http://www2.wcoil.com/~mdecker/mathsci.htm> Math and Science site

BjB nods...let me replace that too

SusanR: Walmart is contributing 17 million for relief

ChristyIF: Thanks, BJ.

ChristyIF: We are all feeding the people who are staying at churches, etc in our area, gathering supplies for Boy Scout drive, donating blood, but there's only so much we can do, and we still feel helpless.

ChristyIF: Our town was almost destroyed by a tornado last Thanksgiving and so many people are just now getting back into their homes. There's just not a lot to give.

BjB: <http://www.princetonol.com/groups/iad/lessons/lessons.html>

SusanR: Canadians are promising to help!

BjB: apparently the US has had offers of assistance from the tsunami countries!

BjB . o O (very humbling)

ChristyIF: It is wonderful to see all the help coming out. Things are bad in Louisiana, mainly in New Orleans, but I also know that Mississippi got a more direct hit. Just so many lives lost.

SusanR: sending troops I believe

ChristyIF: Thanks for the link BJ, I was glad to see the paper mache' there. I have to admit, I've only tried it once on planets and it was an utter failure, (but the kids had fun!) I'm glad to get another chance.

JeffC joined the room.

BjB waves to Jeff

BjB: it's fun to make paper mache animals

SusanR recalls papier mache projects..kids loved it

ChristyIF: Our planets never got hard. The janitor didn't like me for a while there! I love the Aztec lessons on the masks, too.

BjB: as inspired as you are with the art and science, I hope that you'll find some sites in art and literacy

BjB: for your Language Arts classes

ChristyIF: I'm jotting ideas as I go, Louisiana has developed a new curriculum that is tough and rigid in what we can do, science is one of the areas I can bring in extra learning for the kids and that's what I hoped to get out of this. I love the links I'm finding

BjB: great, Christy!

ChristyIF: I'm also listing resources to share with our reading teacher (and math!)

BjB: you might want to invite your teachers to join Tapped In

BjB: there are a couple math and science discussions....

BjB: and Sue leads a wonderful K-3+ Resources group that meets twice a month

BjB: Jeff leads one of the science and one of the math discussions

ChristyIF: I have found several discussions I want to join I just haven't been able to get home and to the computer for them, but I will definitely be back and checking out more of them.

SusanR: Balanced literacy and language arts is the theme for September, Christy

ChristyIF: I joined to group for the science discussions, but missed out on it, I will hopefully be able to catch the next one.

DawnM joined the room.

BjB waves hi to Dawn

ChristyIF: I didn't realize you had themes for the months, I'm still learning everything. My next plan is actually to attend one of the tips and tricks discussion.

BjB: good idea, Christy

BjB: I'm sure you're brain is about on overload, Christy. There are only 10 minutes left of this session...did you have any questions or comments?

ChristyIF: No, I've really enjoyed it. I have a ton of links to check out. I keep finding new ones and jotting ideas down. It's been great.

BjB: maybe one of these times you can share the ideas you have for using those sites

BjB: I'd like to hear how they turn out

ChristyIF: I will be glad to. I copied your folder to mine in backflip, I hope you don't mind!

BjB smiles. Not at all!

BjB: that's what it's there for

ChristyIF: As hard as it is to believe, I am the technology coordinator for my school. I am always excited to find great links to share with the other teachers.

SusanR joined the room.

BjB: God bless, Christy...please take care. Know we're all doing what we can to help you get through this difficult time

ChristyIF: Thank you for the support and for the great sites, it helped to just sit down and do something "regular" for a while.

SusanR: Take care, my thoughts are with you, Christy

ChristyIF: Thanks, Susan. I enjoyed the chance to visit with you.

BjB waves goodnight

ChristyIF: Ya'll have a great night and I hope to see you on here again.

SusanR: goodnight