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BJB drops 2003/04/22 K-3 Resources (recording).

SueMR says, "I guess we will start and welcome newcomers and late arrivals as they come in."

ErikalinB exclaims, "I'm here! Ready to go!!!"

MaryBoz says, "I'm new at TI2, really new and still kind of new with the old TappedIn"

ErikalinB says, "I'm super new too"

SueMR says, "No problem. It's quite intuitive."

MaryBoz says, "Thanks"

SueMR says, "I was a newbie once. And BJ will help us along."

SueMR says, "We can start with introductions."

Liz [guest] has arrived.

SueMR exclaims, "Welcome Liz to TI!"

SueMR says, "Let's get started."

Liz [guest] says, "Hi Everyone"

ErikalinB exclaims, "hello!"

SueMR says, "I am Sue Roseman K to 8 Occasional Teacher from Ottawa, Ontario."

MaryBoz says, "Hi, My name is Mary. I am a third grade teacher inclusion teacher in Northern Virginia. I am working on my masters degree in Instructional Technology and Curriculum Development at George Mason University."

Liz [guest] says, "I am Liz, I teach 3rd grade in Romeoville, IL"

SueMR says, "I have taught grade 1 and 2 for many years. Now I am a tech trainer."

SueMR says, "Erika..."

ErikalinB says, "I'm Erika Lin from San Diego, CA. I'm a graduate student of Educational Technology and a 1/2 combo class teacher"

Liz [guest] says, "I am hoping to become a tech person, I am working on my degree now."

MaryBoz asks, "Erika, What is a 1/2 combo class teacher?"

SueMR says, "I taught a split 1/2. I loved the combination and the interaction of the 2 levels"

ErikalinB says, "I'm the only "tech" person at my school!"

ErikalinB says, "I have a great bunch of kids. 23 in all"

SueMR says, "I was a computer contact and resident techie at my last two schools"

SueMR says, "Tonight's topic is Spring science resources."

SueMR says, "I will also present some ideas for Science Fairs as well."

Liz [guest] asks, "I thought it was k-3 resources, I guess I am wrong?"

MaryBoz exclaims, "I am at the right place, science is my weak spot!"

SueMR says, "Yes, K - 3 Science"

Liz [guest] says, "good"

SueMR says, "Some of the links are cross curricular. They can be integrated with language arts and math"

ErikalinB says, "cool. I like cross-curricular lessons"

MaryBoz exclaims, "Sounds great!"

Liz [guest] says, "Cross curricular is great"

SueMR says, "The first one is on spiders .. an extensive site"

Liz [guest] says, "Thanks"

SueMR projects the URL:
<http://www.spiderroom.info/index.html>

SueMR says, "Very kid friendly with lots of teaching resources."

Liz [guest] says, "I like that it will talk to the kids, great for low readers."

ErikalinB exclaims, "I like the spider propaganda on the left. Campaigning spiders add a bit of humour for the adults while tossing in facts--it's a cool, effective idea!"

SueMR says, "There are teacher resources here; recommended books to read and students can have their stories and illustrations posted on the site."

MaryBoz says, "What a great site! I will have to spend a lot more time exploring... It seems very child friendly. I looked just a little at the poems and the books that link. It looks really good."

SueMR says, "There is much to explore."

SueMR exclaims, "Ready for the next!!"

MaryBoz says, "ready"

Liz [guest] says, "ready"

ErikalinB says, "ready"

SueMR exclaims, "A Science Game.. Who Wants to Win \$1,000,000? - Answer 15 science and math based questions correctly and become a (pretend!) millionaire!"

ErikalinB asks, "uh-oh are there lifelines?"

SueMR says, "Well let's take a look"

SueMR projects the URL:
<http://education.jlab.org/million/index.html>

ErikalinB says, "good feedback on the questions"

SueMR exclaims, "I think grade 2 and 3 could enjoy this!"

SueMR asks, "What do you think, Liz?"

ErikalinB says, "some of the questions are a bit hard--the periodic table..."

Liz [guest] says, "Sorry, I was playing the game. I think that it is fun, but I wonder if it would get too difficult"

MaryBoz says, "My third graders will like this a lot."

SueMR says, "Pair them up with older students"

MaryBoz says, "They will team up and some members will know how to access the answers they don't know."

MaryBoz says, "I can't wait to show them this"

SueMR says, "Here is another fun site about trees.."

Liz [guest] asks, "I am starting to teach the 4th module of our science series next week, it is Gardening. Do you have any good sites? The one you just mentioned maybe?"

SueMR says, "The next few are on gardening and soils."

MaryBoz says, "I am getting ready to do soil"

Liz [guest] says, "Great"

SueMR projects Treetures: Characters introduce information about trees through stories and activities. Click on 'Meet the Treetures' to be introduced to the characters and to locate lesson plans including printable worksheets. Click on 'Treeture Fun and Activities' to find printable masks of the characters.

SueMR projects the URL:

<http://www.treetures.com/Meet2.htm>

SueMR says, "What is your favourite "Treeture Creatures"? How would you use this site in your classroom"

ErikalinB says, "cute. The pictures really go with the names and the material in which the character teaches. We study characterization a lot."

Liz [guest] says, "This site would work really well for my children. I liked Blossom"

SueMR exclaims, "It's worth exploring!"

SueMR says, "I know classes are planting.. so here goes. The next one has worksheets as well"

Liz [guest] says, "Yes, ready for more."

SueMR projects Plants.

Growth and changes in plants.

SueMR projects the URL:

<http://linktolearning.com/life/plants.htm>

Liz [guest] says, "worksheets are helpful too."

ErikalinB says, "The linked words are helpful in building a vocabulary on plants and gardening."

SueMR says, "These are web-based students activities."

ErikalinB says, "We find it helpful to write and rehearse songs to explain detailed concepts."

MaryBoz says, "The Great Plant Escape looks cool. Kids love mysteries and this class in particular loves to solve them. I like the web based activities"

MaryBoz says, "Worksheets are a plus when they are linked to a fun computer activity"

Liz [guest] says, "I think the plant explorer is my favorite part thus far."

SueMR says, "It's geared for grade 3."

SueMR asks, "I have one more complete resource on "Dirt". Are you ready to get down and dirty?"

MaryBoz exclaims, "Oh yeah!"

SueMR projects Dirt.

Explore soil ecology, meet microscopic creatures, and journey underground in the virtual reality voyage...

SueMR projects the URL:

<http://school.discovery.com/schooladventures/soil/>

SueMR says, "It's more of a teacher resource because of the reading level."

SueMR wonders if everyone is buried in soil?

Liz [guest] says, "It is kind of like magic school bus though, and my kids adore magic school bus"

SueMR nods

MaryBoz says, "Again, I could spend a lot of time here. There are really nice links for students, teachers, and parents. I think the subject of the layers of soil is hard to teach to young children. I could see using this as whole group instruction with webtv."

SueMR says, "Or use it with a projection system"

ErikalinB says, "I went on the soil safari. sorry"

SueMR asks, "Should I give you time to wash your hands, Erika?"

ErikalinB says, "Yes, thanks."

ErikalinB says, "All better now."

SueMR says, "Another site is brainpop. I would use it to introduce a topic."

SueMR says, "If you are doing weather..."

SueMR projects Brainpop Weather.

Gather your youngsters around the monitor or have a reading buddy work with your students. Don't forget to print out the related activity and experiment.

SueMR projects the URL:

<http://www.brainpop.com/science/weather/>

SueMR says, "Just look at the headings or titles of the movies. I could lose you for the next 10 minutes."

ErikalinB asks, "what's the deal with the subscription ad?"

Liz [guest] says, "I found good writing resources too."

SueMR says, "You get one free movie per session; otherwise I suggest you may want to subscribe."

MaryBoz says, "I like brainpop but what is going on with the subscription ads"

ErikalinB exclaims, "the comics are great! Cassie and Rita!"

SueMR says, "Each movie has an activity sheet and experiment to consolidate what has been learned"

MaryBoz says, "Kids love gross stuff"

MaryBoz says, "We enjoy the experiments, usually..."

ErikalinB says, "gross stuff like froguts.com"

ErikalinB asks, "Sue, have you seen froguts?"

SueMR says, "Then you would like that "yucky" site"

SueMR says, "would you like to project it, Erika"

ErikalinB says, "i'll try..."

ErikalinB projects the URL:

<http://www.froguts.com>

ErikalinB says, "go to the dissection on left. Try it without the quiz"

MaryBoz exclaims, "Wow, that is pretty graphic!"

ErikalinB says, "my kids love to cut it up, especially the girls"

SueMR says, "That is well done."

Liz [guest] says, "Great for older kids too."

SueMR says, "It is a real virtual field trip."

SueMR says, "The last set of links deals with Organizing a Science Fair."

ErikalinB says, "cool"

SueMR asks, "Thanks Erika. Comments or questions???"

SueMR says, "Otherwise I will leave you with these ..."

SueMR projects the URL:

http://trackstar.hprtec.org/main/track_frames.php3?track_id=150858&nocache=1542374872

ErikalinB asks, "any ideas for organizing a tech fair?"

SueMR says, "Take a look at this site and look at the links on the left? These should help.."

Liz [guest] says, "Bill Nye, always great."

MaryBoz exclaims, "Thanks so much for organizing tonight. I really got a lot out of it and I am sure as I explore the sites you (and Erika) provided I will learn a whole lot more. Thanks a lot!!"

ErikalinB exclaims, "I loved him when I was a kid!"

SueMR says, "His HOME DEMOS are excellent for Fairs."

Liz [guest] says, "Well, I have to get going. Thanks for everything."

SueMR says, "My kids wore lab coats and ski goggles. The lab coats were their Fathers' shirts"

MaryBoz asks, "Sue, Do you have a list of other chats you are leading?"

SueMR says, "I will be away in May. Christina Wilder will be back on May 13th. Just check the TI calendar for May"

MaryBoz says, "Ok, Have fun in May.. Thanks again."

ErikalinB exclaims, "thanks everyone. That was fun!"

MaryBoz exclaims, "Good Night BJ. Thanks for your help, as always!!"

ErikalinB has disconnected.

SueMR says, "Goodnight all"

SueMR says, "Thanks BJB for your help."

BJB [HelpDesk] says, "My pleasure"