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JeffC: Hi all... I'm Jeff Cooper, on Helpdesk here and I facilitate this group.

AndreaMa: Hi Jeff

CindyCho: hi Jeff

JeffC: Let's get started with introductions. Let me know what you teach and, what you're looking for (and anything else you want to tell me) and we'll get started.

AndreaMa: I teach 4th grade in LAUSD District 4, where we use alternative math lessons. I just want to see what's going on here.

CindyCho: I am a 5th grade teacher at a magnet school for math, science and technology...this is my first year in elementary...before I taught middle school la...and history

BridgetBa: Hi, I teach middle school math for students with learning disabilities. I need help for my students to get their math skills up so they can score better on state testing.

JeffC: ok

JeffC: it's a sad world we live in where everything seems to center on state mandated tests.

AndreaMa: Oh yes!

JeffC: I have a featured site today... I've used it before and we'll get to it in a minute.

BridgetBa: ok

AndreaMa: It's cool!

JeffC: I'll also be showing you some other sites, as well as a couple of rooms here that you may want to join (which will help you with elementary resources as well as SPED resources).

JeffC: First, I'd like everyone to join this group.

AndreaMa: ok

CindyCho: k

JeffC: Joining means that you'll be able to post to the Discussion board, as well as get an occasional message from me regarding the group.

JeffC: if you scroll down the top frame a bit, click the little "i" in the green circle in the Welcome box.

JeffC: then click the link to "join this group"...

JeffC: then click the "room view" button to bring you back to the Welcome screen.

JeffC: Tunisie... while you're doing that... please let me know a little bit about yourself, what you teach, what you're looking for, etc.

JeffC: again... to join this group (and be able to post to Discussion):

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JeffC: then click the link to "join this group"...

TuniseG: I am currently a student teacher from UH in Houston. My current placement is in kinder and I will go onto first grade

JeffC: then click the "room view" button to bring you back to the Welcome screen.

JeffC: sounds good Tunisie

AndreaMa: Where's the room view button -sorry...

JeffC: that's after you've joined the group... there's a "room view" button to take you back to the Welcome screen in the top frame.

AndreaMa: Thanks!

JeffC: ok... Cindy, Bridget, and Tunisie... having problems/questions?

TuniseG: no problems, I'm ready to move forward

JeffC: ok... you haven't joined the group yet though.

CindyCho: where is the little "i"

CindyCho: sorry...having difficulty

JeffC: you may join later... but you won't be able to post to Discussion, etc.

BridgetBa: I think I'm good

TuniseG: ok, its done

JeffC: do you see the "Welcome to Math Resources K-20+" box in the top frame, Cindy?

TuniseG: thanks for waiting

CindyCho: yes

JeffC: the little "i" is at the end of that box... next to the link for this group.

JeffC: scroll down the top frame a bit... then click the "i" then click the link to "join this group"

JeffC: ok... let's move on.

TuniseG: ok

BridgetBa: k

AndreaMa: ok

JeffC: if you're looking at the Welcome page (the one with Escher's Reptiles)... scroll down a bit and you'll see links for today's featured site.

AndreaMa: got it

JeffC: hold down the Ctrl key and click the link to the first one, which is <http://snurl.com/web2tools>

TuniseG left the room (signed off).

TuniseG joined the room.

BJB2 glues Tunise's shoes to the virtual floor

JeffC: this is a portal page with about 100 Web 2 tools.

JeffC . o O (nice try Bj!)

JeffC: now... there are a lot of very useful tools at that site... but we don't have time to go

over most of them.

BridgetBa: ok np

AndreaMa: I like it

JeffC: instead... I've created redirects to 7 of them... which are also featured on the whiteboard.

AndreaMa: yes

JeffC: what I want you to do now is visit one (or more) of those 7 featured, then report back here what you think of it (them).

JeffC: I'll give you all 5 minutes... then there will be a test.

JeffC: those with correct answers will receive merit pay... those that don't will be summarily dismissed.

BJB2: You may have to hold down the ctrl key when you click on the url or turn off your pop up blocker.

BridgetBa: ha ha yeah that messed me up

JeffC: you should be ok clicking the links on the Whiteboard, but what Bj says is true... your popup blocker might log you out here unless you hold the Ctrl key down. I recommend turning off your popup blocker or (best if you know how to do it), accept popups from this site.

JeffC: ok... so... for the next five minutes please explore piggybankinc, tutpup, gradesgrow, teachexplain, arcademic, mathletics, and/or graphing calculator.

JeffC: those are the 7 links on the Whiteboard in the top frame.

JeffC: you may have to register at some of those sites to explore.

JeffC: if you have questions/problems... let me know... when you're ready to make comments and come back... let me know.

CindyCho: I really like the piggy bank. It helps to see that kids can learn percentage...interest rates...adding and withdrawing money. :)

JeffC wonders if piggybank will have a new bailout section ;-)

AndreaMa: I went to tutpup. I like it.

CindyCho: haha

AndreaMa: You have to think fast. Good for automaticity

JeffC: please... both of you expand your comments.

BridgetBa: they are all interesting, the graphing might be a little hard for my students

AndreaMa: I want my students to know their facts, not think about them. This can definitely help because it's timed, competitive and fun.

JeffC: right... but it's cheaper than a real graphing calculator (bought one for my 9th grader this year... if it wasn't for Craigslist I would have had to shell out \$100!)

BridgetBa: yeah that is true

JeffC: ok... now... one other site I want to share with those who teach the real youngsters: <http://www.starfall.com>

JeffC: it's a great one for learning numbers, basic math, etc.

JeffC: also <http://www.pbskids.org> (for slightly older kids).

AndreaMa: I've used starfall to teach a newcomer from Guatemala with no prior school experience

JeffC: would anyone like to say anything more about the 7 sites I have on the board?

AndreaMa: I want to explore them more when I have time.

JeffC: ok... great

BridgetBa: I will be visiting them later

JeffC: ready to move on then?

BridgetBa: yeah

AndreaMa: yes

CindyCho: yup

JeffC: ok... I'm going to take you to a couple of other rooms here... but before we leave...

JeffC: note that there are a number of Math Links here... as well as the threaded Discussion board.

JeffC: at some point you might want to check out the links here, as well as the discussion posts.

AndreaMa: I saw the board

JeffC: if you want, you may also post an intro for yourself (include your email address if you want replies... posts are emailed to group members), include what you're looking for, lessons, someone to collaborate with, etc.

AndreaMa: Nice

JeffC: ok... if you'll scroll almost to the bottom of the top frame, i'd like to take you all to the K to 3+ Resource room... click the link that is there under Featured Passageways.

AndreaMa left the room.

CindyCho left the room.

JeffC left the room.

Room: K-3Resources

JeffC joined the room.

AndreaMa: Good. I was getting lonely

BridgetBa joined the room.

JeffC: we'll wait for Bridget... have a look around.

JeffC: ah... here we go!

BridgetBa: haha found it

JeffC: ok... this is really the best room at Tapped In.

BJB2 joined the room.

JeffC: if you teach elementary... there is *lots* here.

JeffC: I think a lot of the resources would work well for SPED educators as well.

JeffC: so... my recommendation is for you to all join this group as well.

BridgetBa: oh ok

AndreaMa: I see the gifted resources. Very nice.

JeffC: again... to do that... scroll down the top frame and click the little "i" in the green circle at the end of the Welcome box.

JeffC: then the "join this group" link... then the "room view" button to bring you back to the Welcome screen.

JeffC: you'll note that the group owner, Susan Roseman, has done an excellent job of organizing resources here by subject.

BridgetBa: where's the join group link at?

JeffC: at the end of the Welcome box, click the little "i" in the green circle.

JeffC: that will pull up the group's profile page... and there will be a link to "join this group."

BridgetBa: oh ok

AndreaMa: why don't I see it?

JeffC: now... below the Welcome box is "Featured Links." There is a folder for Math that has 7 subfolders and 33 links.

JeffC: what do you see in the top frame, Andrea?

AndreaMa: Susan's photo, offline info

JeffC: ok... you hit the "i" next to Susan's name... click the back button (just once) to take you back to the Welcome screen.

JeffC: you need to click the "i" at the end of the Welcome box next to the link for this group.

JeffC: or click the link to this group at the end of the Welcome box to pull up the group profile page.

BJB2: or look under groups in Susan's ID page

AndreaMa: Got it now

AndreaMa: Thanks

JeffC: great

JeffC: once you've joined... again... I urge you to come back and post to Discussion.

JeffC: about anything related to elementary ed... your message will forward to the 243 members of this group via email.

AndreaMa: wow

JeffC: for now... after you've joined... click the "room view" button to take you back to the Welcome screen.

AndreaMa: got it

JeffC: then scroll down and take a look at the Math folder under "Featured Links"

JeffC: there are 7 subfolders there, plus an additional 33 links.

JeffC: so really... this is a one stop shop for elementary ed teachers.

AndreaMa: Yeah, I can see that

JeffC: the subfolders include Fractions, Geometry, Graphing, Math Printables, Math Strategies, Math Tools/Manipulatives.

CindyCho: there are a lot of helpful links. :)

JeffC: and Problem Solving

AndreaMa: I like the problem solving, for those standardized tests, you know

JeffC: individual links include everything from math jokes to optical illusions.

AndreaMa: Interesting

BridgetBa: nice

JeffC: Mathfrog <http://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/mathfrog/main.shtml> is also a cool site.

JeffC: basically... you can spend days here and not run out of stuff to look at.

KarenJac joined the room.

AndreaMa: Hi Karen

KarenJac: HI

JeffC: some links may be out of date... if you run across a dead one... let SusanR or myself know.

BJB2: Welcome, Karen. Jeff just showed us <http://cemc2.math.uwaterloo.ca/mathfrog/>

KarenJac: thanks. Sorry to join so late.

JeffC: Susan is Canadian... mathfrog is in English and French... bilingual math!

AndreaMa: Tres bien

JeffC: ok... questions/comments? Ready to move on?

BridgetBa: yeah

AndreaMa: sure

CindyCho: ahhh...there's so many things to see

CindyCho smiles

KarenJac: sure

CindyCho: but yea...ready to move on

BridgetBa: haha I know

JeffC: everyone should join this group, or at least click the "add to my favorites" link so you may easily return in the future (and you are *all returning* right? ;-)

AndreaMa: Of course

JeffC: after you join a group, it turns up in your Favorite Places menu next to the Go! button in the top frame.

AndreaMa: I see it there

CindyCho: got it

BridgetBa: k

JeffC: ok... I'm going to head to the Special Education Forum now (two more stops)... unfortunately there's not a Passageway to it here (I'll create one later).

JeffC: when I leave here, type: /join **JeffC**

BridgetBa: okay

AndreaMa: sure

JeffC: or click the Online tab to the left, then single click my name, then click the little door icon.

JeffC left the room.

Room: SPED_Grp

JeffC joined the room.

CindyCho joined the room.

BridgetBa joined the room.

BridgetBa: did I make it?

JeffC: yup!

BridgetBa: ok good ha

KarenJac joined the room.

JeffC: 3 down... 1 to go

AndreaMa joined the room.

JeffC: great!

JeffC: we're all here.

BJB2 joined the room.

JeffC: now... if you teach sped... and who doesn't these days (isn't mainstreaming ubiquitous), this is another group you'll want to join.

AndreaMa: joined

BridgetBa: I added to favorites

JeffC: great

JeffC: BJB here is the owner of this group... she taught correctional/alternative ed for over 24 years (retired this year)... so she's a wealth of info.

JeffC: There are numerous Discussion threads on a variety of topics.

BridgetBa: oh ok awesome

AndreaMa: very nice

JeffC: I think the group meets on October 13th.

BJB2 nods

JeffC: so again... if you want help with math and sped... join the group... post to Discussion and/or show up on the 13th.

BJB2: Paul Bohac leads the discussions.

AndreaMa: ok

BridgetBa: k

CindyCho: k

JeffC: 5p.m. pacific on the 13th.

KarenJac: thanks

JeffC: one more room to take you to today.

BridgetBa: ok

AndreaMa: ready

CindyCho: k

KarenJac: let's go

JeffC: scroll down the top frame and click the link to the K-3 SPED room

AndreaMa left the room.

JeffC: under Featured Passageways: Special Education K-3

CindyCho left the room.

JeffC left the room.

Room: SPED_K-3

JeffC joined the room.

BridgetBa joined the room.

BridgetBa smiles

JeffC: ok

KarenJac joined the room.

BJB2 joined the room.

JeffC: this group isn't really used much... but you can start it up again!

JeffC: Bridget Martin, the group owner... is fantastic... but she hasn't logged in for a couple of months.

AndreaMa: It happens

JeffC: I'd recommend if this area interests you... then join the group and post to Discussion... perhaps Bridget will calendar an event.

JeffC: ok... we have a little more time before I have to run off to Science Resources.

JeffC: questions/comments? or would you like to see one more room?

AndreaMa: some interesting links here

BridgetBa: the other room

AndreaMa: yeah

CindyCho: I'm down

JeffC: yes...> Bridget has done some wonderful things here.

JeffC: ok... one more room it is then.

KarenJac: I will follow you to the science resource later.

JeffC: when I leave... you'll have to type: /join JeffC ...I'm heading to a model

classroom in the K-12 Campus.

JeffC left the room.

Room: Matzke_Grade2

JeffC joined the room.

CindyCho joined the room.

BridgetBa joined the room.

AndreaMa joined the room.

KarenJac joined the room.

JeffC: excellent!

JeffC: ok... this is a classroom I created for my daughter's class 3 years ago.

JeffC: this is a K-12 classroom.

AndreaMa: wow

JeffC: this is a very safe and secure site... and this room doesn't have really anything to do with math.

AndreaMa: pays to have contacts, though

AndreaMa haha

JeffC: but... if you're interested... I hold a K-12 Campus tour and support on Saturday morning at 11a.m. Pacific.

JeffC: if you're tech inclined... and want to collaborate with other schools (maybe using smartboards in two classrooms to do math problem solving collaboratively, etc>)... I can help you do that.

KarenJac: So many great links here! It's great!

AndreaMa: That sounds very interesting

JeffC: my daughter's class wrote letters to the collaborating school (pictured above)... and also powerpoints on the solar system.

JeffC: I'll leave you with a little magic trick.

AndreaMa: Great for 5th grade

CindyCho: awesome

BridgetBa: nice

KarenJac: fun

JeffC: click the Welcome link on the left of the top frame.

AndreaMa: ok

JeffC: here's the magic... I've sent the school into deep space (and changed the portal links into space links!).

BridgetBa: what link?

AndreaMa: haha very fun

JeffC: like Penn and Teller I'll tell you how I did it: the trick is those are text and image notes... I just unfeatured the others and featured these.

JeffC: in that way you can quickly change what students see... instant web page editing.

AndreaMa: oh

KarenJac: hmm...

JeffC: anyhow... Science Resources starts in 3 minutes... we have two excellent guest speakers and I encourage all of you to attend.

AndreaMa: So anyone can view this, but not join?

JeffC: right... if you want to join this class, you'll need an invitation.

AndreaMa: thanks

JeffC: but Ms. Matzke isn't using this room this year.

CindyCho: thanks Jeff!

JeffC: yet, anyway.

BridgetBa: so we are done?

KarenJac: Thanks Jeff

JeffC: I'll talk to her... but she... like many other teachers... is overwhelmed with NCLB stuff.

JeffC: you're all welcome.

BridgetBa: thanks

BJB2 heads for Science Resources

JeffC: when I leave, type: /join JeffC

AndreaMa: Can you send NCLB to space?

JeffC: that will take you back to the Science Resources room.

JeffC: I wish Andrea!

JeffC: thank you all for coming!

AndreaMa: welcome