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BJB2: welcome, Morgan!

BJB2: here for the Arts and Literacy discussion?

MorganGr: Hello!

SusanR joined the room.

MorganGr: Yes

BJB2: hi, Sue. Just in time ;-)

BJB2: Is this your first Tapped In discussion, Morgan?

SusanR: indeed

MorganGr: Yes

BJB2: I'm honored ;-)

SusanR: Welcome, Morgan

SusanR: from rainy Ottawa, Ontario

MorganGr: Hello Susan

BJB2: we usually start all Tapped In discussions with brief introductions. Please tell Sue and me where you are located and what you teach.

BJB2: I'm in Pennsylvania and teach communication

MorganGr: I'm in California and I'm in a Masters/Credential program so I'm not quite teaching yet.

BJB2 smiles...close enough!

BJB2: I've gathered a few resources for tonight's discussion that I thought participants might find useful

BJB2: The Department of Ed publishes a terrific newsletter and this was included in a recent one: Teacher Workshops: Arts provides presentations and handouts from summer workshop sessions on emergent literacy, music, and poetry; improving visual and verbal literacy; integrating dance and literature; and designing embedded assessments for the K-12 classroom. (Department of Education)

SusanR: I am an Occasional Teacher and facilitate the K to 3+ Great Resources discussions here

BJB2: thanks, Sue

BJB2: btw, Morgan, go to actions in the top right of your chat and click on detach

BJB2: that will make your text chat easier to follow

MorganGr: I have, thanks!

SusanR: You are on the ball!!

BJB2: the url for the resources is at
http://www.free.ed.gov/resource.cfm?resource_id=2010

MorganGr: Got it

BJB2 waits for Morgan and Sue to check out the site linked from the dept of ed site

SusanR is searching for items on surrealism

BJB2: will you be teaching elementary or high school, Morgan?

MorganGr: Middle or high school

BJB2 nods. Then this is a wonderful resource for you...complete with handouts!

SusanR: and a nice search engine with searching tips and examples

BJB2: cool. Thanks, Sue

BJB2: any questions on that resource, Morgan?

SusanR: fairly easy to navigate as well

MorganGr: No, I'm sorry to be so quiet, I was reading one of the presentations

BJB2: no problem, Morgan. That's fine. We're not in a rush.

BJB2: the next site I wanted to share is Words for Peace

BJB2: <http://www.wordsforpeace.org/>

BJB2: take some time and let me know how you might use this site to promote literacy

BJB2 . o O (please read the statement)

MorganGr: Wow this sounds like an awesome project

BJB2 agrees. I was excited to come across it

MorganGr: If students participated in a project like this, it is more likely that they will believe that their words mean something and are making an impact

BJB2 nods to Morgan

MorganGr: it's also a chance for students to incorporate artistic talent with reflective thinking

BJB2: btw, I have many peace sites if are interested ...although they are not all current urls. <http://www.backflip.com/members/bjberquist/9639445>

SusanR : authentic learning

SusanR . o O (be sure to click on the tappedin Peace Quilt)

BJB2: Thanks, Sue. Morgan, there is a Blanket the World with Peace group here in Tapped In also...

MorganGr: I'm a bit ignorant...what exactly is a Peace Quilt?

RoxanneG joined the room.

BJB2: welcome, Roxanne

MorganGr: Hey Roxanne

RoxanneG: hi guys!

RoxanneG: how does this thing work?

BJB2: the Peace Quilt is a project that was started several years ago by a group of teachers in Tapped In

BJB2: Roxanne, this is an Arts and Literacy discussion. You are welcome to join us

RoxanneG: thanks

BJB2: I just shared a peace site...

BJB2: Words for Peace <http://www.wordsforpeace.org/>

BJB2: and Morgan had asked about the Peace Quilt (Blanket the World with Peace)

BJB2: <http://www.cedarnet.org/emig/peace/>

BJB2: this is still an ongoing project although not much has been done since the project was created....

BJB2: I'm hoping to change that eventually!

RoxanneG: When was the project created?

BJB2: I think around 2001

SusanR . o O (still stands the test of time..)

BJB2 . o O (the same year as 9/11)

BJB2 . o O (and we're still looking for peaceful resolution to conflict!)

BJB2: the peace blanket was started in the summer of 2001...and the purpose was to help children illustrate/demonstrate peace through the resolution of conflict

BJB2: our time is about up....those are the only sites I have for you today. Morgan or Roxanne, did you have any questions about Arts and Literacy or Tapped In?

RoxanneG: For future ref. how do we look up the discussion if we join late?

BJB2: Roxanne, the transcripts are archived at www.tappedin.org/transcripts

BJB2 . o O (usually takes one week)

RoxanneG: thanks :)

MorganGr: Thanks for everything BJ, and best of luck with the Peace Quilt project!

SusanR: Thanks Bj

BJB2: thanks, Morgan

BJB2: you're welcome, Sue

SusanR: every school should design a peace quilt each year

MorganGr: I agree, why aren't more teachers involved?

BJB2: the peace quilt can have stories, poems, video, etc

SusanR: would eliminate many of the conflicts

RoxanneG: good luck with the peace quilt.

BJB2: Morgan, it's just a matter of publicity...I am hoping to make that the theme of this year's Tapped In festival

BJB2: what do you think, Sue?

MorganGr: Are only teachers involved in Tapped In aware of the project?

SusanR: a good idea, Bj

BJB2: a lot of the teachers in Tapped In aren't aware, Morgan!

BJB2 . o O (a lot of teachers aren't aware of Tapped In either :- ()

BJB2: ahh, well...I'm off to the Cyber 3 discussion. Thanks, Morgan and Sue, for participating

SusanR: my pleasure, Bj

MorganGr: Thanks!