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JeffC: I facilitate this group, and am an Education Technology Support Specialist if anyone needs further assistance with tech and curriculum integration.

DawnCu: I teach first grade and I am looking for ideas to reach different learning styles, especially hands-on activities.

OrquideaT: hi, my name is Orquidea, I'm a UH student, I am a social studies, but it is good to know that math is important even in history

SylviaCa: My name is Sylvia and I am a Pre-Service Teacher, and I would like to see how Math is taught to children in the primary grades.

MariselaA: I am a pre-service teacher at the University of Houston

RuthMM joined the room.

AdriL: I'm student teaching in a sixth grade math class and I would like to get some project ideas for my students

JeffC: Hi Ruth... we're doing introductions now... along with one or two things that you'd like to see covered this session.

BethHar: Hi, I'm Beth. I am a pre-service teacher at UH. I am planning on teaching math. I am interested in the different ways to teach math in fun and exciting ways.

RenitaW: I am a Pre-service teacher who attends the University of Houston. I am interested in Pre-K-2nd grade hands on activities.

SandraCi: I am a pre-service teacher at the University of Houston central campus. I am studying EC-4 bilingual education. I will graduate in May of 05'. YEY! One of the things I would like to see is to get more ideas about hands on math activities.

FloricaB joined the room.

RuthMM: Hi, I'm a pre-service teacher at University of Houston, and I am interested in activities I can use in a third grade classroom

JeffC: Hi Florica... we're doing introductions now... along with one or two things that you'd like to see covered this session.

SandraCi: I prefer second- fourth grade ideas.

GaryRS joined the room.

SylviaCa: I will be working with Kindergarten and they use alot of manipulatives, so I need help with that, thanks!

FloricaB: Hi, I am a French teacher and I wanted to join this session

JeffC: Hi Gary... we're doing introductions now... along with one or two things that you'd like to see covered this session.

FloricaB: I would like to incorporate some math in my 7th grade classes, through French

GaryRS: hi , I teach math 8, and am new to the site

SandraCi: That's awesome Florica.

FloricaB: thanks

JeffC: If you have not yet joined the Math Resources K-20+ Group yet... please do so now. I will move the meeting there shortly, since that is where the resources are. To join:

1) Click the "Search" tab in the top frame. 2) Click the "Groups" subtab 3) type: Math Resources ...and click the "Find It!" button 4) Click the link to the Math Resources group 5) Join the group.

MariselaA left the room.

RuthMM: Then do we go to that room?

SusanR joined the room.

JeffC: We'll go there in a few minutes, after everyone has joined.

JeffC waves to Susan.

SandraCi: Jeff I got something weird

SusanR waves back

JeffC: What happened Sandra?

SandraCi: XML Parsing Error: mismatched tag. Expected: </link>.

SandraCi: Location: <http://tappedin.org/tappedin/do/SearchAction>

SandraCi: Line Number 146, Column 3:</head>

SandraCi: --^

SandraCi: That's what it says

JeffC: Yup... that's weird... try again... I'll give the instructions again:

BethHar left the room.

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SandraCi: there's no tool bar what do I hit

SandraCi: the whole page is gone

JeffC: What do you see in the top frame?

BethHar joined the room.

SandraCi: nothing except the search engine

JeffC: You might need to log off and log back in Sandra... I don't know if the top frame is disappeared.

SandraCi: and toolbar for the entire webpage

AdriL left the room.

SandraCi: ok ill be right back

BethHar left the room.

JeffC: OK... I'm moving this to the Math Resources Group room now... if you are a member, it is in your "Favorite Places" drop down menu.

RuthMM left the room.

JeffC left the room.

GaryRS left the room.

SusanR joined the room.

DawnCu left the room.

RenitaW left the room.

BJ left the room.

Room: Math Resources Group Room

BJ joined the room.

FloricaB joined the room.

SylviaCa joined the room.

FloricaB: Am I in the right place?

JeffC: If everybody would scroll down the top frame you will see a link to the Math & Science Public Bookmarks that I have created.

JeffC: You're in the right place, Florica.

MariselaA: This is awesome!!!!

FloricaB: Thanks

JeffC: The address is <http://www.mybookmarks.com/public/mathscience> ... you may click on the above link to see the bookmarks.

BenS: where is the top frame

SandraCi joined the room.

RuthMM joined the room.

JeffC: This is a *public list*... any math educator who is a member of this group may add links to that site: 1) Go to <http://www.mybookmarks.com> 2) login: mathscience 3) password: tappedin ... and you will be able to add your own links.

SusanR joined the room.

BenS: I cannot find it

JeffC: What do you see in the top frame, Ben?

BenS: actions

JeffC: Above that

BenS: the x box

RenitaW: Wow, that's very helpful

FloricaB: It is wonderful

JeffC: Hmm... click the X ... you might need to leave the room and come back if you don't have the top frame with the Escher Tessellation.

BenS: wait let me get some one

MariselaA: This is great

SylviaCa: Great sites!

GaryRS: wow good stuff!

FloricaB: Layered three dimensional tessellation is explained in Chinese?

JeffC: Please explore one or two of the sites now, and report back to the group as a whole. The address again is <http://www.mybookmarks.com/public/mathscience>

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JeffC: Newly added links are at the top, the rest are alphabetized.

SandraCi: Wow there are some really neat things here. I could have used some of these today!

JeffC: Every month I add more, and others are free to do so as well (login:mathscience password: tappedin)... if you go to www.mybookmarks.com

DawnCu: The website for early childhood educators is great for setting up classroom and ideas for primary students--great help!!!

BethHar: These are some great sites. I am looking forward to using them in my future classroom.

JeffC: My goal with this group is to get the math teachers to start really supporting each other. I'll give everyone a few minutes to look at one or two sites and then I'd like people to report back.

MariselaA: These are great websites

BenS: I got it

JeffC: This group currently has 142 members.... thanks Marisela.

SylviaCa: I really like the Madeline Bookmarks, excellent stuff.

RuthMM: I looked at TeachRKids, for elementary school math

BenS: I do too

SandraCi: The k-4 resources Toftwood infant offers some great interactive games for math.

MariselaA: I agree Sylvia...they are great!!!!

RuthMM: this could be very helpful for students to use on their own

FloricaB: Well, I am so impressed with the ExploreLearning link. This I could use with my students. great site

RuthMM: like at a computer station

SandraCi: They would be an excellent for a center

BenS: are we still viewing the sites

RuthMM: Also, the AAAMath for money lessons

SylviaCa: I like that you can use some of this with small and whole groups.

RuthMM: This is essential for third graders

DawnCu: K-5 aunty maths has great challenges for enrichment

SandraCi: I agree Sylvia

BenS: this is my first time on a site like this, so please help

JeffC: Ben, do you need help with Tapped In, or mybookmarks (or both)?

RenitaW: I really like to connecting math to our lives. They explore unit that are found in a grocery store such as liters.

FloricaB: I am so glad I had this opportunity to find these sites.

JeffC: Glad you're here Florica.

GaryRS: AAAMath looks good many resources

RenitaW: I also like Aunty Maths-they have several math challenges in word problem formats.

BenS: well, I see the bkmks but what should I do

SandraCi: Definitely a great resource to have

JeffC: Take a look at one or two of the links there, and report back to the group as a whole.

RuthMM: We just learned about fractals in my math methods class, this site would be excellent for that

RuthMM: It has great fractal pics

BenS: I looked at some and they are great , but I am afraid that I might lose the class screen

RenitaW: Is that you Ruthie?

SandraCi: Jeff Mcmath world is not working.

BenS: I don't want to lose the class

RuthMM: (yes, hi)

RenitaW: hi

RuthMM: Renita, did you see the Fractal site?

JeffC: Dead links happen Sandra. It's possible that there is another live link for it... obviously that would need to be edited.

BenS: please let me know when we are doing something

RenitaW: no, what is the link called?

JeffC: As people bring back their thoughts on those sites... I'd like everyone to click on the "

JeffC: whoops!

JeffC: Whiteboard!

RuthMM: There is also a power of ten site, Neat!

GaryRS joined the room.

SandraCi: There is

SandraCi: Our methods teacher drilled that on us.

SandraCi: Good to know there is a resource for it.

JeffC: There are 142 members of this group, and a dozen here today... I'd like to start composing a group message, with links, sites, questions, etc.... and then we can post to the Discussion board so that the message goes out to everyone.

BenS: I click it and I see smart educationmaths resources . is that the right one

RhondaB joined the room.

BenS: did I get the right whiteboard?

SylviaCa: ok Jeff, I am little lost, you said whiteboard, what is that!

RenitaW: By using the whiteboard we can talk to everyone in the math group?

JeffC: OK... the Whiteboard is a link on the top frame... it is just like a whiteboard in a classroom... for typing in notes here... it doesn't go to the whole group.

BenS: ok where is the wb

JeffC: After we all put some notes on the Whiteboard, I'd like to compose a note that will go to the Discussion Board... which will go out to all 142 members. The link to the Whiteboard is in the top frame on the left.

FloricaB: Bye, everybody! It was great to be here with you. See you soon

BethHar: So what kind of things are we supposed to put on the whiteboard?

FloricaB left the room (signed off).

BenS: wait I need to get someone to help

BethHar: Questions that we have or ideas that we are looking for???

JeffC: Copy/Paste a link to a site you liked and describe it. And/Or post a question... comment that you'd like to go to the group as a whole.

JeffC: Yes Beth.

BethHar: Okay thanks.

JeffC: Ben... do you see the link in the top frame to the Whiteboard?

SandraCi: I'm sorry I do not all I see is the text file that has notes files and links

AdriL joined the room.

JeffC: Right Sandra, Notes, Files, Links, Discussion, *Whiteboard*... click on that link, and you'll be able to write on the whiteboard.

MariselaA: I am not sure where we are, I am looking at the site and do not see a white board

SandraCi: okay

BenS: ok I found it . what should I do now

JeffC: I'm trying to coalesce all the thoughts, ideas, comments, sites, etc. that we can bring together today and send it to the group as a whole.

JeffC: So... if you look at a site or two at

<http://www.mybookmarks.com/public/mathscience> ... and copy/paste the link to the

whiteboard (it will become "live"), with a few comments, etc. I plan on creating a note for the Discussion board that will go to everybody.

RhondaB: Hi - I entered the enc site on the whiteboard, but forgot to sign it - sorry!

JeffC: If you don't see the link to the Whiteboard in the top frame, you might need to click the "Room View" button to reset the frame.

RuthMM: so did I, oh well!

JeffC: No problem... I can add your names!

RuthMM: I noted the two posts before Rhonda

SusanR: o O (can't wait to receive everyone's thoughts and comments, Jeff)

RuthMM: I mean, the powers of ten, and the mybookmarks.com notes.

JeffC: OK Ruth... I'll add your name to it. What's the link to the Powers of Ten and I'll add that too.

RenitaW: I wrote the one that started "I'm new to the group"

SandraCi: Sorry Jeff I'm a little lost I do not see the Room view of whiteboard link

BenS: should I click <http://mathinscience.info> that is in the wb

MariselaA: Me too!!!!

SylviaCa: Jeff I wrote a message on the white board and when I finished I clicked enter, but my message was not displayed, what did I do wrong, help!

JeffC: You can Ben.

BenS: and then read it and put a note here or where should i

BethHar: I wrote on the whiteboard and it showed up but when I went to refresh again it was gone...

BJ: Sylvia, you may need to refresh the whiteboard

SandraCi left the room.

SylviaCa left the room (signed off).

BenS: where should I post the notes

SylviaCa joined the room.

JeffC: Let's get everybody back to "the same page"... please take a look at the Whiteboard now... you can click on it (on the left about 2/3 of the way up on the left.

BenS: how can I post the notes

BenS: I found the WB

JeffC: By clicking the "write on it" link, you will be able to post your notes to the whiteboard.

BenS: but you said something about posting notes

JeffC: It's also possible to post text notes here... there is a Notes link Ben.

SandraCi joined the room.

SandraCi: I don't know what happened I was booted out

SandraCi: will that affect me

JeffC: My goal today was to get a few paragraphs from this group on Math links, reactions, questions, comments and requests for support and collaboration. Then I will take that note and put it back to everybody in the group through the Discussion Board.

BenS: ok i have the box for notes

BethHar: Should I repost, since it is not there anymore?

MariselaA: I am still looking for the white board!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

JeffC: Sure Beth.

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

SandraCi: I'm having serious issues here.

SusanR . o O (to the left of your screen, Marisela)

SandraCi: found the whiteboard

SandraCi: yey

MariselaA: I am still in the site that you gave at the beginning with the math and science

JeffC claps for Sandra.

BenS: the math links are ok,

JeffC: That's cool Marisela... take your time.

MariselaA: Ok, but where do I go from here to get to the white board

BenS: should i put that in the box above. how will I send it . I don't see a button for that

SandraCi: Thank you Thank you!

JeffC: I gave everybody a lot to do in a short period of time... probably too much. We can spend the rest of the hour going over the notes on the Whiteboard... and composing a Discussion.

JeffC: Marisela, the link to the Whiteboard is in the top frame on the left side about 2/3 up on your monitor.

BenS: there should be a better way for beginners to follow this . I am having problems too

JeffC: OK. Beth is looking for fun middle school activities... Beth, take a look at the Whiteboard and click the link the Ruth put up for

JeffC: http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/mathline/lessonplans/search_6-8.shtm or just click on the link.

JeffC: I'm sorry Ben, I'm going too fast.

AdriL joined the room.

MariselaA: I still do not see it!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Is the white board on this site?

RuthMM: Marisela, the white board is in the tapped in screen

RhondaB: Sorry gotta go early - have to go pick up farmers at the elevator. I've enjoyed getting connected to the group - hope to see you next time!

RuthMM: in the upper screen, towards the left

RhondaB left the room (signed off).

JeffC: If you look at the Whiteboard now (and I have it Featured) so it's on the Welcome Screen if you scroll down the top frame... you'll see some links, some comments, etc. that people have added for this session.

BethHar: That's a good website Ruth...thanks for posting it!

GaryRS left the room (signed off).

JeffC: I am trying to get guest speakers here for future sessions, and would appreciate anyone here finding experts in Math to come and join the group and give focused presentations.

RuthMM: in the tapped in screen, under the column pic, it is between 'discussion' and 'passageway'

BenS: I lost the window for the posting

BenS: how can I get it back

RuthMM: fun, My math methods teacher is awesome, and he has great ideas about effective interesting ways to teach math,

JeffC: Ben, do you see a link for the "Whiteboard" in the top frame on the far left of your screen?

RuthMM: I will ask him if he is interested
GaryRS joined the room.
BenS: yes
SandraCi: Ruth who is your math methods teacher
MariselaA: Thank You so much.....now I see it!!!!!!
RuthMM: Dr. Connell
BenS: click it
SandraCi: Mine too
RenitaW: I think Dr. Connell would be great!
SandraCi: He's so nice
BenS: I posted a message and then I lost the box
RuthMM: he knows so much about instructing math, not only the content
MariselaA: I agree about Dr. Connell, he is great!!!!!!!!!!
JeffC: sounds like he'd be perfect
RuthMM: I will ask if he is interested
BenS: I see wb
SandraCi: Yes he's amazing and gives great ideas
RenitaW: Once we find guest speakers what do we do?
JeffC: If you find a guest speaker... email me at jbcoops@yahoo.com
RuthMM: like yourself, Jeff, he has so much knowledge to impart on new and exp teachers
SylviaCa: Sandra, does Dr. Connell have good math strategies for the primary levels?
BenS: is dr. d a part of the class
SandraCi: yes he does
RenitaW: This should be fun
SandraCi: We have had the opportunity to teach both the younger and older grade levels
SandraCi: and in each one he gave us great ideas
AdriL: Does he also have ideas for middle school?
SandraCi: I am pretty sure he does
SylviaCa: I think it would be wonderful if he were a guest speaker and give us some good insight into some good math methods.
SandraCi: he's been teaching for a very long time
BethHar: Thanks for all the interesting ideas. I am glad to know I can look at the Whiteboard and find information that is useful. Thanks for everything Jeff. Talk to everyone later!
AdriL: Is he still in the classroom, or strictly at a university?
RuthMM: what i really like about the sites referenced, are they seem to be really usable in an actual classroom setting
SandraCi: bye bye
DawnCu: I would like to hear from an experienced person that can give some ideas that work!
BethHar left the room.
JeffC: Sandra... you're not the same Sandra who wrote House on Mango Street are you?
SandraCi: funny
SandraCi: no I am not
SandraCi: but I get asked about that all the time

JeffC: I'm sure people ask you that all the time.

MariselaA: I think having him come along would be a great idea because he has a lot of experience with children and great activities. He especially likes to make the PUMA students think outside the box.

SandraCi: I wish I did

SylviaCa: If you are not that Sandra, are you the Sandra that is doing her observation this semester?

JeffC: He sounds excellent Marisela.

GaryRS: Great sites thanks for the info Jeff

JeffC: Thanks Gary

SandraCi: Yes, Hi Sylvia

SandraCi: How is it going?

SandraCi: Dawn what grade level are you doing?

BenS: should I be doing something or should I be reading the replies

SylviaCa: Hi back from Maria and I, next semester we do Student Teaching.

RuthMM: wow Jeff, you have done an awesome job, putting together all these sites.

BenS: where are you all from

JeffC: We're about ended for the hour Ben... whatever you'd like to do... add something to the Whiteboard if you'd like it to go to the group as a whole.

RuthMM: Thank you so much, I am excited to join this group

SandraCi: Tell Maria I said hi

JeffC: Thanks Ruth

DawnCu: I teach first grade.

JeffC: Remember, as group members, you may post to the Discussion board yourself if you would like your message to go out to all 142 members.

SandraCi: I am currently in a first grade classroom

SandraCi: what do you want to know

JeffC: If you're looking for support, sometimes that is the best way to get it.

MariselaA: I enjoyed viewing the sites, even though I spent most of the time looking for the white board!!!!