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BJ: Rosemary is our discussion leader...hopefully, she'll be here soon

JeffC wonders why the session is called "Frugal Educators." Perhaps "Broke Educators" would be considered redundant.

AmandaO: Who is leading the chat tonight?

BJ: Rosemary Harris, Amanda

BJ . o O (she hasn't arrived yet)

BJ: while we wait, how about a couple housekeeping tips

BJ: first, if you haven't already done so, click on the actions drop down menu in the upper right of your chat window and scroll down to DETACH

BJ: that will make your chat window larger and easier to read

BJ: second, we usually start all the discussions in Tapped In with introductions

SukiB: Thanks for the tip BJ!

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

ElizabetFR: Hi, I am a pre-service teacher, going to school at the U of Oregon

MichaelAM: I'm a pre-service teacher at the UO as well.

WilliamFB: I'm a pre-service teacher at the UO also!

VanessaO: Hello, I am also a pre-service teacher going to UO

GailCD: I'm a kindergarten teacher in Virginia

ShereeR: I am an artist / art educator and work at a school for severely emotionally disturbed students K-12 in St. Petersburg, Florida

SukiB: I am a student teacher at the University of Oregon planning to teach High School Biology.

JulieVS: I'm a preservice teacher at NGCSU working on my bachelors in special education

VanessaO: hey everyone!

AmandaO: I'm a preservice elementary teacher from University of Houston

DawnO joined the room.

BJ: Julie, you and Sheree may have something in common.

BJ: Hi, Dawn. Welcome

DawnO: Hi Everyone

RosellaO: Hello

BJ: welcome, Rosella

JeffC: Hi... I'm an Education Consultant in Forest Grove, Oregon.

BJ: we are just finishing introductions...Dawn and Rosella, can you please introduce yourselves?

ShereeR: Yes, Julie do you have a certain area of special ed in which you wish to work?

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

JulieVS: I am leaning towards high school severe and profound, but I am leaving my options open.

RosellaO: Hi, I'm a lecturer at CSU, Dominguez Hills. I teach an elementary science methods course for pre-service teachers.

HeatherV joined the room.

KristenP joined the room.

ShereeR: severe profound what?

KristenP: Is this The Frugal Educator?

ShereeR: physical, mental, or emotional (severe and profound)

WilliamFB: none other than

BJ: Hi, Heather and Kristen. We're just finishing up introductions while we wait for the discussion leader

HeatherV: Hi, BJ

JulieVS: I am leaning more towards physical or mental.

KristenP: Hello! I am a student at the University of Houston

ShereeR: Oh, both fields are very challenging

HeatherV: I am the technology supervisor of an after school program

KristenP: I am specializing in Early childhood through fourth grade

JulieVS: I am very excited about my internship where I will get to experience it all first hand.

ShereeR: Well, internships are great. However, it is still a real eye-opener when you get your own first class, shut the door, and realize you are all on your own!

BJ nods solemnly

BJ . o O (that's true for any classroom teacher)

JulieVS: True, but I really look forward to having a classroom of my own. How many years have you been teaching?

ShereeR: 24 years

AmandaO: Jeff C what does an education consultant do?

JulieVS: That is so wonderful. Have you always worked with special education?

JimHi joined the room.

BJ: Hi, Jim. Welcome.

JimHi: Hi

JeffC: Whatever you need help with Amanda.

ShereeR: Well, the first 14 years I worked with all kinds K-College level with special ed mixed in. Then ten years ago, I started working at the school I work at now. I have worked exclusively with severely emotionally disturbed since then.

BJ: While we wait for Rosemary (I sent her an email). let's take a look at this freebie from the discovery school

BJ: <http://school.discovery.com/>

BJ: there is a clip art gallery, puzzlemaker...

BJ: Kathy Schrock has some good resources ...highly recommend her stuff

JeffC agrees with BJ

BJ: Kathy's newsletter, SOS is a good resource

BJ: let's go with newsletters as the topic till Rosemary arrives...

BJ: there is a newsletter from Texas Instruments...

BJ: <http://www.weac.org/Resource/freebies.htm>

BJ . o O (click on the url to open a new window)

BJ: oh, all kinds of stuff on that page

HeatherV: we are constantly looking for resources for pre-k through 5th grade

JeffC: I have a link to share regarding freeware... normally I would point to my own bookmarks (I have a folder entitled "free stuff" ... however... one of the links in there has literally hundreds of links to free offerings... mostly freeware, etc.

<http://www.mybookmarks.com/public/CoolWebStuff>

AmandaO: I like the way weac organizes by grade level under IDEAS

KristenP: Thanks **AmandaO** that helped!

AmandaO: What is the difference between freeware and shareware?

JulieVS: I have always wondered that as well

RosellaO: good question

BJ: sometimes you have to pay a nominal fee for shareware

HeatherV: and freeware is...well...free

BJ: here's a site for links to free posters

<http://www.kalama.com/~zimba/freeforteachers.htm#posters>

JulieVS: This is so wonderful...I love all the great websites we are getting.

BJ: here's a link from the same source for arts and crafts:

<http://www.kalama.com/~zimba/freeforteachers.htm#arts%20and%20crafts>

AmandaO: That website is cool, kalama.com! It has a lot of different freebies

BJ . o O (the bat flip book is timely)

KristenP: Yeah..just scroll up and down that website...

BJ nods to Kristen. The homepage is

<http://www.kalama.com/~zimba/freeforteachers.htm#arts%20and%20crafts>

AmandaO: So many websites I go to want you to become a paying member

ElizabetFR: there are some great resources here

JeffC: One caveat about "free" stuff and sites. If you are prompted to register, I recommend against using your school email address. Create an account at Yahoo (or elsewhere)... otherwise, you might open yourself up for a whole lotta spam.

BJ: thanks for the suggestion, Jeff

JeffC: Here is one such site: <http://www.free2try.com/?userid=>

JulieVS: That is really good suggestion..thanks Jeff

KristenP: I always stay away from trial offer websites!

JeffC: Lotsa "free" stuff has that ugly spam awaiting underneath.

JeffC: Well... it can be good and useful... just be sure you have a spam email account and you'll be alright.

AmandaO: That's a good idea to set up a separate email account

VanessaO: Yeah, I use my hotmail for all registration info. It works well, and I always know where it is

BJ: if you're looking for math resources, Math Goodies is a good, reliable source:

<http://www.mathgoodies.com/>

KristenP: Does anyone know of any social studies websites with freebies?

BJ: Kristen, have you looked at the library of congress?

RosellaO: I am looking for sites to use specifically with pre-service teachers related to science. Any suggestions?

BJ: try this, Rosella: <http://sciencespot.net/Pages/refdeskelem.html>

JeffC: I have quite a few science links in my public bookmarks at

<http://www.mybookmarks.com/public/coops>

GailCD: for younger children I like <http://www.ActivityVillage.co.uk>

JeffC: Darn... BJ beat me again.

AmandaO: Is mathgoodies a site for High School Students?

JeffC: All ages, Amanda.

RosellaO: thank you.

JeffC: Rosella... one particularly fun one for students is <http://www.yucky.com>

SukiB: I like the site <http://www.howstuffworks.com>

JulieVS: www.starfall.com is also a great website to get free materials. This is for the teaching of reading.

DawnO: I like the yucky site

BJ: I like the yucky site too

LindseyD: starfall is an awesome website!

RosellaO: interesting stuff

JulieVS left the room (signed off).

ShereeR: I just got a huge box full of free stuff from Starfall. I love the little books that the kids can cut up and put together.

DawnO: Starfall says they have free journals for students

ShereeR: Yes, I got some. They are very cute and cool

MichaelAM: Here's a good site for biology teachers. <http://biologica.concord.org> .

They've got some interactive animations of cells. I think there's also some downloadable software that's good for teaching genetics, but I haven't tried it yet.

BJ nods. Rosemary showed the starfall site during one of her sessions

GailCD: our school received free books that accompany the online stories and journals for all K-2 students from starfall

RosellaO: has any one had any luck with any of the NASA sites?

AmandaO: **ShereeR,** Is there a catch with starfall?

LindseyD: there is no catch with starfall

VanessaO: Does anyone know of any sites specifically for Middle School Social Studies?

VanessaO: materials?

ShereeR: If there is, I don't know about it yet. I got the link from this session and I asked for the stuff and they send it within a week or two FAST. No catches.

JulieVS: Sheree, do you have any good websites that deal with special education?

JeffC: Again, Vanessa... I have about 200 Social Studies links at my public bookmarks

<http://www.mybookmarks.com/public/coops>

JeffC: I also have SPED links

GailCD: BJ do you know if Rosemary is coming

JeffC guesses not at this point.

ShereeR: Julie, no. I don't do just special education links. I use the same links as everyone else (all subjects). In other words, I don't think of my kids as special ed

DawnO: I am not sure if you all can get to this site, but these were a few resources that I found for my peers

<http://discussions.coe.uh.edu/messageview.cfm?catid=321&threadid=4613>

GailCD: I really appreciate all the great ideas anyway...thanks everyone

LindseyD: hey girls! here is a website that was given to me last time I did this frugal educator chat

LindseyD: <http://www.fema.gov/kids/pubs.htm>

LindseyD: this website is awesome and has free stuff on it as well

BJ . o O (here's another SS page

<http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/cfapps/free/displaysubject.cfm?sid=9&subid=86>)

LindseyD: also, here is a sight that was given to me about free cliparts and stuff like that....these are printable cliparts as well. <http://www.countryclipart.com/>

ElizabetFR: How about for second language teaching

DawnO: These are good as well

DawnO: <http://discussions.coe.uh.edu/messageview.cfm?catid=320&threadid=4432>

BJ: Oh, Elizabeth..I just found a good site yesterday...let me go find it again

JeffC has to run... class time... g'nite all

JeffC waves bye

JulieVS: bye Jeff

KristenP: Is the frugal educator discussion normally like this, where we just look at websites?

LindseyD: yea, pretty much

LindseyD: it was like this last time

KristenP: I like this...I was just wondering since the moderator is not here

WilliamFB: ah

LindseyD: yea, it was pretty much the same

VanessaO: Thanks Jeff

LindseyD: also, try freethingsforeducators.com

AmandaO: does anyone know of any free website makers?

LindseyD: www.freethingsforeducators.com

KristenP: The only think I know of is www.teacherweb.com.

AmandaO: I think that one charges

KristenP: I did a webquest on there...you can make it into a website.

JimHi: Geocities has one also with some free server space

WilliamFB: if you like pop-ups

KristenP: When I used it is was free...I don't know if it was because I did it through the university though

JimHi: The free server space is getting harder to find

LindseyD: yep yep

LindseyD: it is, you are right Jim

JimHi: Often you can check with your ISP they may have some space

GailCD: thanks...goodnight frugal educators

BJ: this is a good site for language arts, art and ESL <http://www.story-lovers.com/listsdrawingstories.html>

JimHi: thanks

AmandaO: That's a good idea about checking with your ISP

JimHi waves bye

MichaelAM: I've known some school districts to give their teachers free webspace.

ElizabetFR: thank you BJ

JulieVS: I am glad that we receive a transcript...I would have never been able to write all these wonderful websites down! This is such a wonderful resource

RosellaO: yes, it's great. thanks everyone for sharing

LindseyD: I loved the first frugal educator chat so much that I wanted to do it again

KristenP: I am sure administrators would look into to getting server space if teachers really wanted to use it for the good of their classroom if your school does not already have it.

LindseyD: they have great ideas

JulieVS: I only wish that I could contribute more. Maybe one day I will have a larger base of resources to share with others

KristenP: I agree with you **JulieVS**

MichaelAM: Kids in computer classes probably would know where to find free webspace, too.

KristenP: How do you all find these free recourses? Just by surfing the net or through professional development?

DawnO: I found mine in journals I received from NCTA and NCSS

BJ: Elizabeth, you might be interested in <http://ford.bennington.edu/french/art/index.html>

ElizabetFR: I will check it out

BJ: Elizabeth, a great resource to go with the one I just showed you is www.artsconnected.org

ElizabetFR: Okay, thank you

LindseyD: does anyone have great resources for early elementary school ?

BJ: there is a tutorial on using artsconnected scheduled for November 13

JulieVS: It is too bad that Rosemary did not get to make it to the discussion tonight

BJ: our time is about up. Sorry that Rosemary was not here. She may have had technical difficulties

RosellaO: thanks for pulling it together BJ

BJ: my pleasure, Rosella...thank you all for contributing to the discussion

ElizabetFR: that is okay, I gained some valuable information

RosellaO: good night all.

LindseyD: yep....I did have technical difficulties this evening

RosellaO left the room (signed off).

ElizabetFR: good night, and thank you BJ

LindseyD: thanks for all of the great info...I really appreciate it

VanessaO: thank you all, very informative!

JulieVS: This was a great learning experience for me! Thanks all that contributed!

LindseyD: one last thing...rosemary has a posting on the August 28th session

LindseyD: it says that you can go to her office and she continually updates her information

LindseyD: she would have all of her resources on here

DawnO: cool

LindseyD: that might be an option for us as well