

# Sandusky Library

## iPad Apps for Early Childhood

### **BASIC SKILLS (COLORS, SHAPES, ETC.)**

#### **Preschool Monkey Lunchbox - \$0.99**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/monkey-preschool-lunchbox/id328205875?mt=8>

Kids can learn counting, size recognition, matching, and more. They can pick a virtual sticker with correctly completed tasks.

### **GENERAL**

#### **Rover – the Browser for Education – Free**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/rover-browser-for-education/id483262612?mt=8>

This free app allows flash sites (such as Starfall.com) to be accessible on the iPad.

#### **Brain Quest – Free**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/brain-quest/id515332138?mt=8>

This trivia app presents questions from a variety of subjects in a timed quiz format. Grade levels 1 through 5 are available with several sets of questions available for free. Additional sets of questions can be purchased for \$2.99 per level.

#### **Brain Pop Jr. – Free**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/brainpop-jr.-movie-of-the-week/id536371867?mt=8>

Brain Pop Jr. provides videos geared to grades K-3 in science, health, reading & writing, social studies, math, and arts & technology. There is a movie of the week and other free movies with quizzes, but a subscription is required to access all content. Subscriptions range in price but are around \$85-\$150. For older students, check out Brain Pop.

#### **Electric Company Feel Electric! By Sesame Street – Free**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/feel-electric!/id463493101?mt=8>

This app was created by the Military Families Near and Far initiative. The app focuses on feelings and is a great resource for helping students to identify their feelings and learn additional words for describing emotions.

## PHONICS

### Pat the Cat - \$1.99

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/pat-the-cat-hd-rhyme-read/id472341201?mt=8>

This fun eBook incorporates lots of rhyming words in the –at word family. The story is read aloud and the –at words are sounded out for the reader.

### Amazing ABC's Alphabet - \$0.99

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/amazing-abcs-alphabet-learn/id432729995?mt=8>

This app is great for toddlers, preschoolers, and Kindergarteners. It has opportunities for users to hear and see various letters, trace the letters, and play games with the letters.

## WRITING

### Little Writer the Tracing App for Kids – Free

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/little-writer-tracing-app/id515890480?mt=8>

This adorable app allows children to practice tracing uppercase letters, lowercase letters, numbers, shapes, and words.

### iWrite Words Lite – Free

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/iwritewords-lite/id308152258?mt=8>

This is another cute tracing app. The full version is available for \$2.99.

## READING

### Toontastic – Free

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/toontastic/id404693282?mt=8>

Kids can make their own cartoons using Toontastic. This app also discusses and explains the elements of a story as it walks users through the process of creating a cartoon. Additional packs allow participants to create with different characters, settings, etc. An all-access pass is \$9.99.

### Sight Words by Alligator Apps – Free

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/sight-words-list-learn-to/id445708245?mt=8>

This free app has sight words organized by grade level as well as sight word games. It can also be customized to include lists specific to your child and/or classroom. These features can be found in the settings menu.

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## READING CONT.

### **Booksy – Free/School Edition - \$9.99**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/booksy-learn-to-read-platform/id454984042?mt=8>

The Booksy app is for students in grades K-2 who are learning to read. The free edition comes with 2 free books. There are interactive components in some books such as sound and students can tap on unknown words to have them read aloud. Quizzes are available for some texts and additional books are \$0.99 each.

## BOOKS

### **Barnyard Dance by Sandra Boynton – \$1.99**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/barnyard-dance-boynton/id472530750?mt=8>

This eBook has read it myself and read aloud options.

### **Fierce Grey Mouse – Free for Lite, \$2.99 for full eBook**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/fierce-grey-mouse-lite/id444714917?mt=8>

The lite version of this app has a free matching game, a free coloring page, and a trailer of the eBook itself. The eBook cannot be accessed with the lite version, but the trailer gives a good flavor for the style of artwork and overall feel of the story.

### **Jack and the Beanstalk by Mindshapes – Free**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/jack-beanstalk-by-mindshapes/id448670529?mt=8>

This fun version of the traditional Jack and the Beanstalk story has “Read to Me” and “Read By Myself” features. There are lots of interactive features throughout the book.

### **Other Books:**

#### **Oobie’s Space Adventure – Free**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/oobies-space-adventure/id435643345?mt=8>

#### **Millie Was Here, Book 1: Meet Millie – Free**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/millie-was-here-book-1-meet/id452174851?mt=8>

#### **Chipper’s Rainy Day Adventure – Free**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/chippers-rainy-day-adventure/id494672431?mt=8>

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## SCIENCE

**The Magic School Bus Oceans Lite – Free, full version \$7.99**

**The Magic School Bus Dinosaurs Lite – Free, full version \$7.99**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/magic-school-bus-oceans-lite/id410623302?mt=8>

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/magic-school-bus-dinosaurs/id470273674?mt=8>

The lite versions of these apps give only a brief sample of the content but the full apps are highly rated and very interactive.

## MATH

**Park Math by Duck, Duck, Moose - \$1.99**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/park-math-hd-by-duck-duck-moose/id403939208?mt=8>

This interactive math app has 3 levels and includes activities for patterning, addition, subtraction, counting, and more.

**Sushi Monster by Scholastic – Free**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/sushi-monster/id512651258?mt=8>

Students can practice addition and multiplication facts by feeding the sushi monster the correct combinations of numbers to create specific answers.

**Motion Math: Hungry Fish – Free**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/motion-math-hungry-fish/id483049169?mt=8>

In this app, students feed the fish various numbers. At first, it is simple number identification, but eventually students must select combinations of numbers to match the target number. Additional levels are available for a fee; all levels available for \$6.99.

**Other Math Apps:**

**My First Tangrams Lite – Free, \$1.99 for full version**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/my-first-tangrams-hd-wood/id512026838?mt=8>

## **MATH CONT.**

### **Farm 123 Free – Free**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/farm-123-free-storytoys-jr/id508002368?mt=8>

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

### **Stack the States - \$0.99**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/stack-the-states/id381342267?mt=8>

This social studies app presents a variety of questions related to the states. When a player gets a correct answer, he or she gets to move and drop the state shape onto a stack. Once the stack goes above the designated line, the player wins that round. There are also state flashcards to view and read.

## **ART**

### **Van Gogh and the Sunflowers – Free for sample, \$3.99 for full book**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/auryn-van-gogh-sunflowers/id473311990?mt=8>

This interactive eBook introduces students to the work of Vincent Van Gogh.

### **Doodle Buddy – Free**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/doodle-buddy-for-ipad-paint/id364201083?mt=8>

This fun app allows users to write, draw, and doodle using a variety of colors and tools.

## **MUSIC**

### **Music Sparkles – Free Lite Version, \$2.99 for full version**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/music-sparkles-all-in-one/id452584114?mt=8>

Users can play a variety of virtual musical instruments using this app. Drums and the xylophone are included with the lite version while other instruments are available with the paid app only.

### **Pluto Learns Piano – Free**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/pluto-learns-piano-hd/id482770055?mt=8>

This app allows children to explore reading music and playing a virtual piano. Starter songs are free with additional songs available for \$19.99 for a large bundle.