

Ipads in the Early Childhood Classroom: Apps I Love For Pre-K and Kindergarten

These are some of the apps I use the most in my Pre-K & K classrooms:

Math:

Lola's Math Train- This is great for very young children. Children are asked to do a variety of math tasks, from identifying numbers 0-10, counting sets, ordering from least to most, choosing which set has more and putting pieces together to form a numeral. It's presented in a very fun and engaging way; even my toddler loves it!



Find sums- This is a very basic app that allows students to explore ways to make 10 on a tenframe. This is a great way for students to get the beginning concept that there are many combinations to make a number. For older students, there are options to make other numbers up to 20, as well as 100.

Music:

Seuss Band- I love this app! It plays songs at varying difficulty levels and students can play along on the keyboard on the bottom.



MusicSparkle- Exploring with different keys on different instruments.

ELA:

Skywrite; Magic Ink- Two great apps to practice printing letters, spelling words, or drawing.

LetterSchool- This app presents the letters in an engaging way and scaffolds children in learning to print each letter.

Toontastic- This app allows students to create their own story and narrate it. My students love this!



Sock puppets- This is fantastic for demonstrating learning in any subject area. Two students each have a sock puppet and act out a story or discuss a subject. They can manipulate the background and voices.

Check out the following websites for more recommendations from other Early Childhood Educators:

tinyurl.com/nipawinprimary

<http://techieang.edublogs.org/2012/08/28/loaded-and-ready-to-roll-in-k/>

<http://www.icanteachmychild.com/2012/09/the-10-best-iphoneipad-apps-for-preschoolers/>