

Bananas for Apps!

Great Ideas for Using the iPad® & iPod® in the Early Childhood Classroom

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Making it Manageable

Many teachers are most comfortable putting the apps that they want their students to use in folders, and then directing their students to stay only on the apps within those **folders**.

To make a folder:

Press and hold down an app until it wiggles. Then drag it on top of another app. You'll see them both change into what looks like a "folder." You will be given an opportunity to name your folder whatever you like at that point.

Consider:

Making folders by skill. Example: All apps for rhyme go into one folder, all apps for alphabet go into another, and the apps for number recognition go into another.

To get rid of a folder:

Touch the folder to open it. Then hold down an app inside of it until it wiggles and drag it out of the folder. When you have pulled your last app out of it, your folder will disappear.

Making the folders easy for kids to find:

Drag the folder to the "dock." The dock is the section of the screen on the bottom that always stays the same. You only get to have a few of them, so choose carefully! You can pull some of the existing apps off of the dock any time you wish. Just hold them down until they wiggle and then drag them off.

To make apps easier to find:

Go to the Settings and scroll down the bottom where you see the word "reset." Push the word "reset" and then hit "Reset Home Screen Layout." You will then be asked if you would like to reset your home screen to the factory defaults. This will place all of your apps back into alphabetical order, *according to the name of the thumbnail*. **WARNING:** It will **ALSO** delete all of your folders, so think carefully if you really want to do this!!!! It does make it easier to find your apps, though.



Roynon Kindergarten iPad Apps

Compiled by Heidi Butkus
(Personal favorites are marked with a *)

Best Apps for Learning the Alphabet

Fish School By Duck Duck Moose
Touch and Write*
Word Cub*

Best Apps for Writing the Alphabet and Numbers

Letter School*
Little Sky Writers

Best Apps for Rhyming

Franklin's Super Cluepers*
Dora ABC's Vol. 2: Rhyming Words
Rhyme-N-Time
Rhyming Words by Grasshopper Apps

Best Apps for Learning Sight Words

Sight Words By Photo Touch
Word Wagon by Duck Duck Moose

Best Apps for Learning to Sound Out Words

Cimo Can Spell*
Bob Books #1- Reading Magic HD
PSA Words for Kids

Best Apps for Counting and Sorting

Bugs and Buttons*
Counting Caterpillars

Best White Board/Creativity Apps

Doodle Buddy
Glow Draw

Best Apps for Sequencing Numbers

Picture Dot to Dot*
Counting Caterpillars

Best eBooks

Meet Millie Series*

Best Apps for General Math Skills

Park Math by Duck Duck Goose*
Monkey Math*

Best App for Story Writing

Story Buddy

Best App for General PreSchool Skills

Feed Me by Pencilbot Preschool*

Best App for Stretching Visual Memory

Memory Train (Highly recommended)

Best Apps for Patterning

Moofy Patterns
Pattern Recognition

Best Apps for Learning Shapes

Mia's Playground
Shape-O ABC's

General Favorites

Boys' Favorites	Girls' Favorites
Sam Phibian	Meet Millie eBooks
Toy Story	Felt Board
Toca Robot Lab	Mia's Playground

Complete List of Apps and eBooks on Heidi's iPad

ABA Problem Solving Game- What Rhymes?
ABA Problem Solving Game- Which Go Together?
ABC Alphabet Phonics Coloring
ABC Alphabet Phonics Song
ABC Phonics Rhyming Words Lite
ABC Phonics Short Vowel Words
ABC Phonics Word Family

ABC Player
ABC Print Big Trace HD Free Lite
Accelerated Reader
Adding Apples HD
Adventures Undersea Math- Addition Games
AlphaBelch- A Children's Book About Burps
Alphabet Connect
Big Number Trace HD Free Lite

Bob Books #1- Reading Magic HD
 Bubble Words for Kids
 Bugs and Buttons
 Butterfly Math Addition
 Carve a Pumpkin from Parents Magazine
 Categories Learning Center
 Cimo Can Spell
 Counting Caterpillar
 Crayola Paint and Create
 Dano Pirate and the Numbers HD
 Doodle Board
 Doodle Buddy for iPad
 Dora ABC's Vol. 2: Rhyming Words
 DoReMi 1-2-3 Lite
 Dr. Seuss ABC (Purchased, not free version)
 Draw and Tell HD- by Duck Duck Moose
 Feed Me by PencilBot Preschool
 Felt Board
 Fish School by Duck Duck Moose
 Fox in Sox - Dr. Seuss
 Glow Draw
 Go Go Kiddo!
 Go Go Mongo! ABC Soup
 Google Translate
 Green Eggs and Ham ((Purchased, not free version)
 Highlights My First Hidden Pictures Lite
 Howie Find Vowel
 I Like School - Books for Children
 iBooks
 I Write Words Lite
 Kidoodle: Pirate Scribblebeard's Treasure
 Kindergarten Pattern Recognition Game
 Little Sky Writers
 Letter School
 Lorax Garden
 Math is Fun - I Like Numbers Kids Book
 Memory Train
 Mia's Playground
 Millie and the Lost Key
 Millie was Here: Book One- Meet Millie
 Millie's Book of Tricks and Treats
 Monkey Math School Sunshine
 Moofy Recognizing Pattern Games

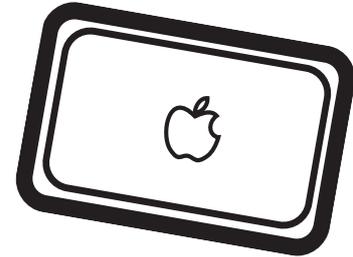
Musical Me! HD by Duck Duck Moose
 My First Puzzles: Dinosaurs
 My First Tangrams HD
 Park Math by Duck Duck Moose
 Pete the Cat School Jam
 Phonics Tic Tac Toe Interactive Game
 Pick Me!
 Picture Book For Kids - I Like Snow
 Picture Dot to Dot
 Puppet Pals HD
 Puzzle Pop HD by Duck Duck Moose
 Sam Phibian
 See Touch Learn Pro 2012
 Sentence Builder
 Shape-O ABC's
 Sight Words By Photo Touch
 Sight Words Hangman
 Sight Words Lite: Kids Learn
 The Singing Alphabet
 Smash Your Food FREE
 Sock Puppets
 Stop Motion Studio
 StoryBuddy 2
 Subtracting Sardines HD
 Swapsies
 TallyTots
 TeachMe: Kindergarten
 Team Umizoomi Math: Zoom into Numbers HD
 Toca Robot Lab
 Toca Store
 Touch and Write
 Toy Story Read Along
 Transformers: Ruckus Reader
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 Word Wizard
 Word Blocks
 123 Color HD
 123 Kids Fun Dots HD- FREE
 Big Numbers (Free)



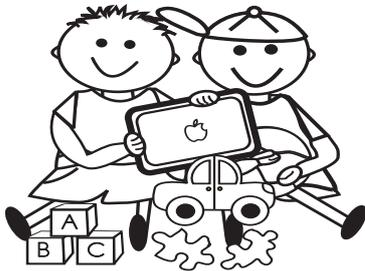
Tips For The One iPad Classroom

Before you start:

Be sure that you physically demonstrate how to share the tablet. Then have some children in your class model that skill for the others. My favorite technique is to pick my two children that seem to be the least likely to share nicely to show the others how we share. This establishes that we all know that these children understand how to share the device. Therefore, if problems arise later, they can't claim that they didn't know.



Make sure your students know the rules for the iPad.



Rules for the iPad:

- Carry the iPad with two hands to your seat.
- Hold the iPad from the base, not the cover.
- Always sit down while using the iPad.
- No banging, slamming, hitting the iPad.
- Share nicely and stop when your turn is over.

For a free colorful poster download of these rules, please visit:

<http://heidisongs.blogspot.com/2012/09/tips-for-one-ipad-classroom-and-free.html>

Sand timers make it easy for little ones to share. When the sand runs out, it is another child's turn to push the "buttons." BUT- when using a one minute sand timer, don't let them change apps, or they will spend their whole 60 seconds choosing an app and opening it. Then the sand will run out before they have had a chance to play it, leading to frustration.

A different way to share the iPad is to teach them to take turns pressing the "buttons." First child one presses it, then child two; then child one, then child two, etc. That way, nobody has to wait for a very long time to play.

1. Use the iPad as a motivational device.

* Tell children that when they master a certain skill, they will get a chance to play a favorite game on the iPad for a few minutes. The iPad can be a powerful motivator! I have had some children try very hard to learn how to write numbers once they realized that there was a reward that they really cared about waiting for them!

* Use it as a reward for a child with behavior issues. "Make a deal" with the child ahead of time that the child will meet a behavior goal in exchange for time on the iPad.

* Let a child that has finished his work quickly spend time on the iPad. You wouldn't be-





lieve how quickly and beautifully my students were able to work last year with the lure of the iPad on the table. If the work looks rushed or sloppy, the child must fix it before getting a chance to play.



2. Use the iPad for differentiating instruction.

* For small group instruction: Let an advanced child that has mastered a skill that you are working on in a small group work on the iPad instead of doing that small group lesson. Even Kindergartners and preschoolers can be taught to share the iPad without intervention, with a little practice!

* For large group instruction: Use it to occupy a child that is continually giving away answers during a whole group lesson. Send that advanced child to work on the iPad, and give him or her headphones. That will give the rest of the class some "think time" and a chance to answer your questions without the class "smarty pants" always giving it all away.

3. Give children one-on-one time on the iPad.

* Use volunteers to monitor this, or send children to work on it for five minutes at a time, setting a timer to help you remember to rotate them.

4. Use the iPad to give Accelerated Reader tests, or any other online quizzes.

- * Consider allowing those that get 100% on an AR test to take their next quiz on the iPad.
- * Consider giving those that get 100% on an AR test the reward of alone time on the iPad.

5. Use the iPad for a Listening Center, setting up recordings of books in iTunes.

You will need a headphone adapter/splitter if you want the children to all share the one device.

6. Let an iPad app to form the basis for a small group lesson. Let the children take turns pressing the buttons.

Example: We used the app "Park Math" by Duck, Duck, Moose to show the children some problem solving questions in math. The app showed an animation of the problem and then the children chose one answer from the list. The children wrote their answers on white boards, and then one child pressed the button to find out who was right or wrong.

7. Pair your iPad with a projector and a VGA adapter (approx. \$30).

- * Let the whole class watch you demonstrate an app or do a lesson based on an app.
- * Web based lessons can also be done on the iPad. Consider using YouTube or SchoolTube video lessons. Google Earth is also a great resource.

8. Make a movie of a child reading.

* Children can read back their own writing assignments, or an assigned book. Kids often will work very hard to get a story "just right," and may request to practice reading it again



so that they can re-do their recording and "get it right." This is even true of those movies that may NEVER be shown again! It's a great motivator to increase fluency.

- * Have older children make a movie of themselves reading a book for a younger class to use in a listening center.

9. Let one child at a time create his or her story on the iPad rather than on paper.

- * Storybuddy 2 is a nice primary app for this purpose.
- * Kids can also rotate through to do journal entries on the iPad.

10. Rotate kids through using the iPad during playtime.

- * Just keep a list so that everyone gets a turn. Make it a rule that the other kids cannot spend their playtime just sitting there watching, though! They need to go play.

11. Choose one child at a time to use the iPad as a dry erase board.

- * Doodle Buddy is a nice app for this purpose.

12. Use the "Stick Pick" app to randomly choose students to respond to questions.

- * This is just like picking a stick with a child's name on it, but it's online.

13. Use the iPad for classroom management and documentation.

- * ClassDojo.com is a website that helps you document student behavior and participation easily. It can even generate behavior reports that you can send to parents. Use any mobile device to input data.

14. Create a Collaborative Story.

- * Many apps lend themselves to creating a story as a group. Sock Puppets is one of these. You choose puppets, backgrounds, settings, etc., and then make your puppets talk by talking into the microphone yourself. The puppets' mouths sync themselves with your voice so that it looks like they are talking!

- * Puppetpals and Toontastic are similar story telling apps.

- * ComicStrip is an app that allows you to make a comic book out of your own photos by adding speech bubbles and other text boxes. Stories can be emailed, too.

Check out this blog post for more information:

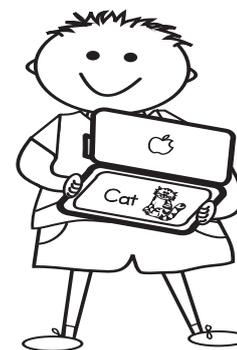
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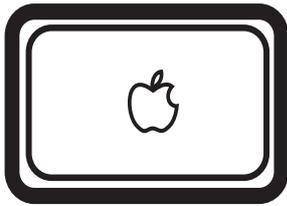
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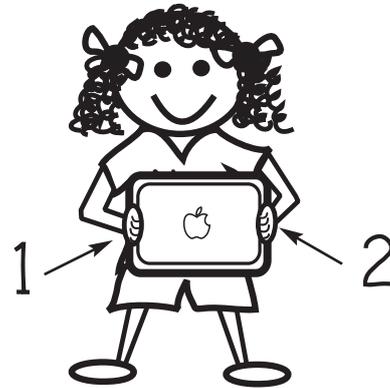
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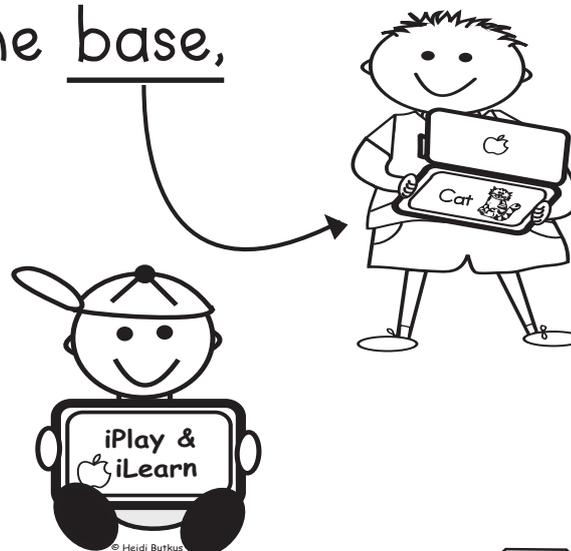


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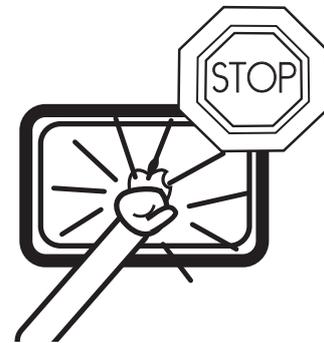
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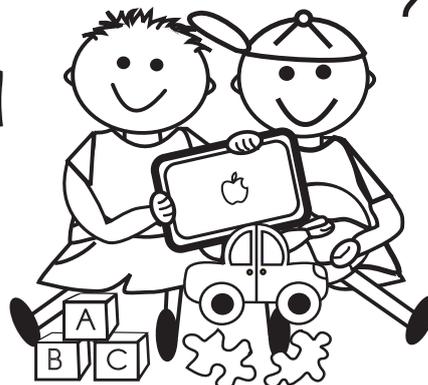
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