

EPL's Early Literacy iPads

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App Name	Description	Skills & Concepts	Cost
Bugs and Numbers	Realistic and vibrant graphics aid in the visual learning premise of the game: for example, three bugs are on-screen when preschoolers are learning the numeral 3. Incorrect answers are met with an "Oops!" and kids can answer again and again with the app adjusting the difficulty level to suit the child's ability preventing frustration. There are three sections of six games each, for preschool, kindergarten, and elementary skill levels. Earn new bugs by completing each game. Little Bit Studio has several excellent apps for children in their repertoire.	Pre-math up to early fractions including matching, counting, sorting, sequencing, addition, subtraction, fractions, money, measurements, telling time. Hand-eye coordination	\$3.99
ThinkRolls 2	Kids can choose which level to start on once levels are unlocked through gameplay and choose from up to 32 fun characters. App may be set on easy or hard in the Parents section, with the ability to set up profiles for multiple players with different difficulty levels. It has Logical Physics Game that increases spatial awareness and introductory concepts such as density, force, electricity, gravity, friction, buoyancy and more! All the concepts are explained in the parent's section. Infinite do-overs at regular intervals, encouraging the trial-and-error method of experimentation, reducing potential for frustration and teaching patience and problem-solving. No internet required for gameplay.	Spatial awareness, basic physics concepts like density, force, electricity, etc.	\$6.99

Spread the words.

Avokiddo ABC Ride	Beck and Bo discover letters. The app uses alliteration to reinforce letter retention and hide and seek to encourage exploration. The parents section provides access to change how the letters are presented during gameplay. Each letter has an associated challenge to solve.	Letter and object recognition, hand-eye-coordination, problem-solving.	\$3.99
Toca Birthday Party	Kids host a party for three people. Set out plates, pour juice, serve cake! Once all the cake is eaten, the dishes must be washed!	Sharing, social skills, clean-up.	\$5.49
Blue Hat, Green Hat - A Boynton Interactive Story	The app manages to improve upon a classic Boynton story. Kids can interact with the characters and can choose to have the big guy read it or read it by themselves.	Interactive story, getting dressed.	\$3.99
Breathe, Think, Do with Sesame	Mando, a human resident of Sesame Street, narrates the app in English or Spanish. Blue Monster has five problem scenarios to work through. Each scenario has three strategy choices, helping kids to build resiliency through problem-solving. The parent section has useful parenting tips and strategies.	Everyday stressor solutions, communication, resiliency.	FREE
Dr. Panda Bus Driver	Kids play as Dr. Panda Bus Driver, and are tasked with picking up passengers and delivering them where they need to go. Kids can practice steering, speeding up, slowing down, stopping at crosswalks, responding to passengers, filling the gas tank, and washing or painting the bus! A great real-life concept app: for example, if you run out of gas, the bus stops, and if you go over a bump too fast, your tire could be damaged!	Steering, vehicle upkeep, rules of the road, hand-eye-coordination.	\$5.49

<u>Draw with Curious George</u>	Connect the dots, tracing, and coloring activities help develop fine motor skills. The Man with the Yellow Hat gives verbal directions which is helpful for pre-readers. Draw with Curious George includes an option for kids to share drawings, but only to email addresses entered within the locked parent portion of the app.	Fine motor skills, mark making.	No longer available for purchase.
<u>Curious George's Town</u>	Games are narrated by The Man with the Yellow Hat, and kids learn numbers, letters, and colors through matching and picture recognition. For use at home, there is an optional incentive portion, allowing parents to compensate kids for goals completed, like chores or good behaviour.	Numbers, letters, colors, hand eye coordination.	No longer available for purchase.
<u>Dinosaur Train A to Z</u>	The app is a dinosaur encyclopedia, initial download comes with 26 dinos and additional packs are available through in-store purchase. Kids interact with the app by choosing a letter on one of the train cars, or they can search by traits such as diet, or geologic era. They can feed the dinos to hear them roar or chirp. There are no directions or phonics in this well-researched encyclopedia app.	Dinosaur facts.	\$2.79 with optional in-app purchases for more dinosaurs
<u>Easy Music - Give kids an ear for music</u>	Cute characters in four different worlds, engaging illustrations, and the choice to practice or compose. Accessible for toddlers, and includes basic musical concepts such as pitch, tone, and beat, plus remembering short sequences (working memory skills). A helper dragonfly is available to assist if your child gets stuck. Reviewed and approved by Ear Training Professor and Musician, Evan Fein.	Notes, pitch, rhythm, melody, composition.	\$5.49

The Going to Bed Book by Sandra Boynton	Soothing narration guides children through this getting ready for bed story, but they can choose to have the big guy read it or read it by themselves. Put on PJ's, brush your teeth and turn off the lights, or turn the iPad and send everything tumbling. Boynton herself says, "...it's also perfect for agitated high-level executives.", so read it with your kids and get a great night's sleep!	Getting ready for bed.	\$3.99
Goodness Shapes	12 mini games featuring 10 cute shapes. Color and shape recognition, problem-solving, stacking, targeting and matching. The games loop, or kids can swipe left to find a selection menu. No internet connection required. Goodness Shapes is a calm play experience which may be useful for folks who are easily overstimulated.	Color recognition, shape recognition, patterns, matching, order of operations, hand-eye-coordination.	\$2.79
Gus on the Go: French	French for Kids, including 90 French words in basic categories such as foods, animals, and clothing. The app includes games, animations, and pronunciation.	French vocabulary, pronunciation, reading	\$5.49
French for Kids with Stories by Gus on the Go	The free version includes two stories, and additional story packs are available for purchase.	French vocabulary, pronunciation, reading	FREE with optional in-app purchases for more stories
LOOPIMAL	Kids learn about music, coding and sequencing with silly characters who perform different actions depending on which tiles kids choose. Kids can loop one, two, or four animals. The tiles add melody or rhythm over a base beat, and there is no right or wrong, simply creating what sounds or looks good to you!	Coding, sequencing, music, rhythm.	\$5.49

Maskosis Goes to School	Kids will learn about Cree culture, language, and values as they help Maskosis get ready for his day, visit with his family, go to school, and attend a traditional Cree celebration, a powwow! Designed by language experts from the Maskwacis First Nation.	Cree language and culture.	FREE
Maskwacis Cree	Learn more about Cree culture and language with Maskwacis Cree, produced by the Samson First Nation. The app includes quizzes, games, historical photos, and songs.	Cree language and culture.	FREE
Moose Math – Duck Duck Moose	Join the Dust Funnies as they make smoothies, match pets, play bingo, and connect-the-dots to learn counting, addition, subtraction, sorting, and geometry. The illustrations are cute and colorful, and the app includes hints for users. According to Common Sense Media, the app is "aligned to the Common Core State Standards for Kindergarten math (U.S.)."	Counting, addition, subtraction, sorting, geometry, measurement.	FREE
More Trucks – Duck Duck Moose	Four different sections, including Fire Truck, Monster Trucks, Crane & Construction Site, Flatbed Tow Truck & Junkyard, help kids learn sequencing, sorting and problem solving. Kids can choose to put out a fire, drive a monster truck through bumpy terrain, use a crane to build structures, and then knock them down, or tow cars to a junkyard and stack them.	Sequencing, sorting, problem solving.	FREE
Musical Me! – Kids Songs Music	Divided into four sections: Memory, Rhythm, Dance, and Instruments. Kids may choose which activity they will attempt, and each subtly introduces musical concepts such as recognizing pitch, reading notes, and keeping a beat. Traditional melodies are used, so your child may recognize the songs already.	Pitch, memory, beat, rhythm, dance, instruments.	FREE

My Very Hungry Caterpillar	The Very Hungry Caterpillar is brought to life in this app. Children wake him up to play and explore. Grow flowers, pick fruit, go swinging, and more.	Interactive story.	\$6.99
Touch, Look, Listen ~ My First Words	The Touch, Look, Listen series of apps provides kids access to learn new words in multiple languages if desired, including English, French, German, Spanish and Chinese. There are pop up, interactive scenes featuring 3D pop-ups with real photos. You may choose to have English as a main language and a second language alongside for dual-language learning. Touch, Look, Listen ~ My First Words includes over 100 words for animals, body parts, everyday objects and more.	Words, pictures, multiple languages.	\$2.79
My PlayHome	Your child's virtual dollhouse. Everything in the home is interactive, you can open closets, change the music, use the bathroom, or make a meal! EPL iPads contain the full version, but there's a lite version available for free. (EPL does not have My PlayHome Plus.)	Daily tasks, chores, how things work.	\$5.49
Pat the Bunny	The story of Pat the Bunny has evolved since its original release in the 1940s! Kids can not only pat the bunny, but feed him, play with butterflies in the garden, and pop bubbles in the bathtub!	Interactive story.	No longer available for purchase.
Peek and Seek	Peek and Seek encourages visual discrimination skills such as distinguishing between an object and the background, form constancy, and visual closure. Visual discrimination is the basis for multitudes of other learning, like distinguishing letters from one another. Play Odyssey chose their color palette based on how it would look in grayscale as well as color, so it is highly usable for folks with color perception issues.	Visual discrimination.	\$2.79

Super Why! Phonics Fair	Super Why Phonics Fair includes 5 games, each narrated by one Super Why character, and 60 "word families", such as the "-ALL" family (ball, call, tall, etc.). Woofster introduces word families; Princess Presto matches letters to counts; Wonder Red matches words to pictures, Alpha Pig plays whack-a-word-family; and Super Why uses bumper cars labelled with letters and word families to create words.	Phonics, reading, spelling.	\$5.49
The Very Hungry Caterpillar – Play & Explore	This app introduces counting, sorting, and memory skills, along with making healthy food choices. Includes six games with pop-up book style illustrations.	Counting, sorting, memory skills, healthy food choices.	\$8.49
Puzzle Pop HD	Kids work their way through 27 levels, they can choose where to start, and it uses different images randomly, so it isn't too repetitive. The animations in the pictures add another level of difficulty and higher learning not found in traditional puzzle apps. From Duck Duck Moose.	Color and shape recognition, patterns, sequencing, spatial reasoning.	FREE
Super Why! Power to Read	Four games each hosted by a different Super Reader, focusing on Learning letters, Letter sounds and letter writing, Rhyming, and Reading. App includes 10 stories for read along too.	Rhyming, reading, learning letters.	\$5.49
Things that Go ~ Touch, Look, Listen	The Touch, Look, Listen series of apps provides kids access to learn new words in multiple languages if desired, including English, French, German, Spanish and Chinese. There are pop up, interactive scenes featuring 3D pop-ups with real photos. You may choose to have English as a main language and a second language alongside for dual-language learning. Touch, Look, Listen ~ Things that Go includes 55 vehicles from around the world.	Words, pictures, multiple languages.	\$1.39

Toca Kitchen Monsters	<p>App includes two monsters, and each monster has favorites and dislikes, so they react accordingly when fed one of the eight available foods. Kids can learn about food prep with tools such as a cutting board and knife, microwave, stove, or blender. There's also an option for vegetarian mode. There are no rules in this kitchen, so let your imagination run wild!</p>	<p>Food prep, cooking, silliness.</p>	<p>FREE</p>
Zoo Animals ~ Touch, Look, Listen	<p>The Touch, Look, Listen series of apps provides kids access to learn new words in multiple languages if desired, including English, French, German, Spanish and Chinese. There are pop up, interactive scenes featuring 3D pop-ups with real photos. You may choose to have English as a main language and a second language alongside for dual-language learning. Touch, Look, Listen ~ Zoo Animals includes 60 animals.</p>	<p>Words, pictures, multiple languages.</p>	<p>\$1.39</p>