Using Developmentally Appropriate Practice with Early Learners to Evaluate Apps

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Who is out there?

Participate in our poll.
What tools do you have?

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Kinzey, Age 3 months
Apps are like...
Guidelines for Selection and Use
Guidelines for Tablet Use and App Selection

Keep it interactive.

Adapted from: http://www.fredrogerscenter.org/media/resources/Elearticle_041717
Sago Mini Soundbox ($)

[Image of Sago Mini Soundbox app interface with various music-related icons and a colorful background.]
Guidelines for Tablet Use and App Selection

Match use with age.

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Developmentally Appropriate Interface

From: “Using an iPad with Your Preschooler”
Xylophone from Interactive Alphabet (free)
Uncolor ($)$
Doodlecast ($)
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Have fun, stay engaged

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Peg + Cat Big Gig ($)

LovelyLearning.com
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Promote digital literacy

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The Camera (built-in)

- Taking pictures is a first step.
- Asking permission is next.
- Then we talk about them.
- Creating with them is easy too.
- Sharing is important.
Thanks to Zoe Page – http://vimeo.com/user5153548
Developmentally Appropriate Content

NOT a good choice!
Letterschool ($)

1. Tap
2. Trace
3. Write

R is for...

ROBOT

R R
Write my Name ($)

Write My Name

Options:
- My Name Tags
- Word Cards
- Alphabet Book

Example: Beau
Cold, Dark Night by Collins Big Cat (free)
App Considerations

Group or Individual Use?
Futaba Classroom Games ($)

LovelyLearning.com
Jellybean Count (free)
App Considerations

File Management

After a child makes something, where does it go?
Explain Everything ($)

(This is MY favorite App of ALL!)
A few accessories… Cases? Yes.

Speck - iGuy

Big Grips
A few accessories... Headphones?

If you “must”, choose child-sized ones
With volume limitations and adjustments
When it is “right” you will know it...

By the look in their eyes and the joy of learning in their hearts!
Thank you for caring about little ones and their learning.

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