

Awesome Apps to Turn Your Kids' Love for Their Tablet Into a Love of Reading

ABC ALPHABET PHONICS



This app couples a simple and intuitive interface with multi-sensory learning to help a pre-verbal baby become an ABC singing and writing toddler. You can even record your own voice, so that the child thinks mummy or daddy is teaching them.

Free for the iPad.

GREEN EGGS AND HAM



The child can read along with the help of highlighted words as the story of Sam and I is narrated, and he or she can interact with the story as it happens by tapping on items as they appear on the screen.

\$2.99 for iPad. \$4.90 for Google Play.

ELMO LOVES ABCs



Full of more than 80 classic Sesame Street clips, and nearly as many colouring pages, this playful app also claims to boost letter recognition, sounds, and letter tracing. It includes a handy grown-up tracker to let you check in on your child's progress.

\$5.79 for iPad. Free for Google Play.

AVOKIDDO ABC RIDE



This app will keep a child occupied and entertained for a long time before he or she ever realizes it's educational. A child can learn the ABCs by popping balloons, zapping zebras, and even changing dirty diapers.

\$3.49 for iPad and Google Play.

READING RAVEN



In this award-winning app, kids between the ages of three and seven progress and learn at their own pace and the app can be configured to allow several different users.

\$4.59 for iPad.

RHINOMITE



This app connects a non-violent caped crusader with early learning. Users will learn and master prepositions while flying through a comic book style cityscape.

\$2.29 for iPad. Free for Google Play.

MONTESSORI CROSSWORDS/WORDS



You can now bring Montessori home with this reading and spelling app based on the famous teaching method. Although there too many educational tools and benefits to mention here, rest assured, you'll love it. This app is also available in French.

\$3.49 for iPad. \$3.99 for Google Play.

FEEL ELECTRIC



Produced by The Electric Company, this app will improve a child's ability to fully understand expressions mentioned, and how to find the appropriate words for what they themselves are experiencing. The app helps a child expand vocabulary and encourages writing about emotions in a digital diary.

Free for iPad and Google Play.

READING RAINBOW SKYBRARY



In this app, first or second graders can go on more than 150 adventures with LeVar Burton. Together, they will have access to more than 500 books. There are many exciting interactive animations in every book.

Free for iPad and Google Play.

MAIN IDEA – SENTENCES



This app is designed for those pupils who have mastered reading at their grade level but have yet to learn how to tell you what they just read. The app gently guides the child to the main idea in reading comprehension before letting him or her master the necessary skills.

\$5.79 for iPad. \$3.99 for Google Play.

BOOK CREATOR



Perhaps the most effective way to have any child fall in love with reading is to have him or her write their own stories. Book Creator will help them do just that - they will be able to add and edit images, create illustrations and format their text. They can even narrate their stories and share them via email.

Free for iPad and Google Play.