

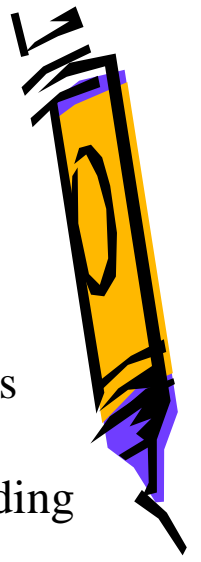


Interactive Library Apps

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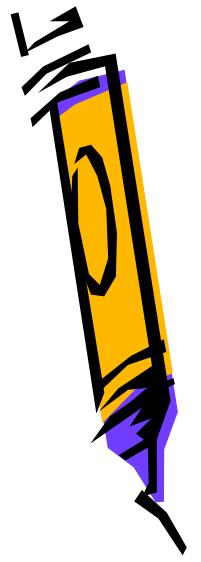
Interactive Library Apps for iPads



- The best book apps for students go beyond basic bells and whistles to create a truly interactive reading experience that enhances language development, reading comprehension and fosters a life-long love of books.
- The key to effective interactive reading is a shared experience, especially in the early years, says Dr. Collen Huebner, a psychologist and researcher at the University of Washington. "The best way to use books for this purpose is to make shared reading highly interactive, with the child in the lead," Huebner reveals. "...The result is an expanded vocabulary, grammar and communication skills that are essential stepping stones to the skills needed later, to learn to read."
- Huebner's research shows that a shared text and language-based experience between a parent and child or student and teacher is essential for future reading success.



Nighty Night, Little Sheep!



- For students who never want to take a nap and disturb other students
- Useful before naptime
- Avoid naptime battles with this expertly crafted app.
- Gorgeous graphics, a slow pace and tranquil tunes invite your student to help put everyone to sleep by turning out lights and tucking baby animals in—the sheep, dogs, pigs and other animals settle even make sleepy sounds—around the farmhouse and barn.
- Want more furry friends to put to sleep? Three additional animals are only \$0.99. By the end of the book, your little student will be ready to drift off to dreamland.
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 4.3 or later.
- Price: \$1.99
- Grade: Preschool

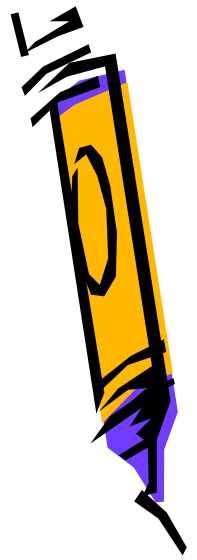


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Scruffy Kitty

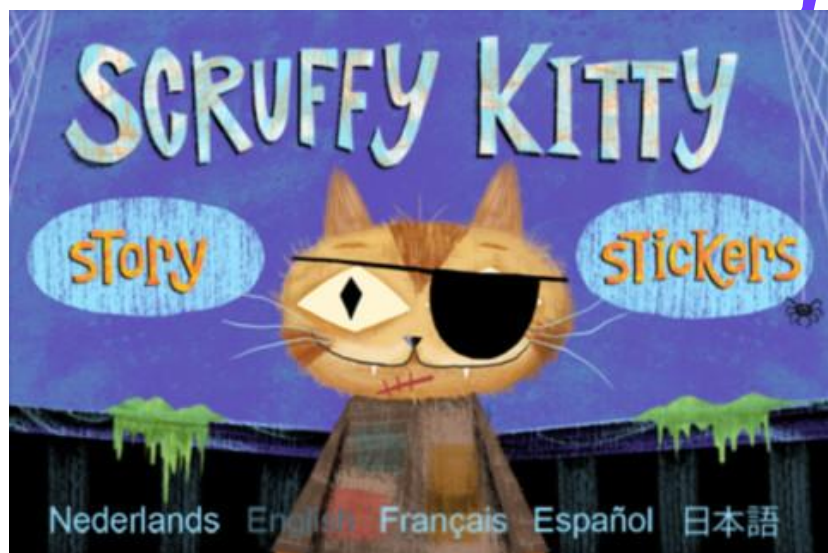


- Great graphics and lots of extra features to spark imagination and creativity.
- Scruffy is a stray that finds his way into a family and ends up staying.
- The book is a standard "touch and swipe" picture book, but with some surprising twists.
- The text is available in 5 different languages, making it perfect for multilingual learners, and there's a "sticker mode" where your student can take objects from the book and create his own scenes and storylines.
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 3.1.3 or later.
- Price: \$4.99
- Grade: Preschool – Kindergarten

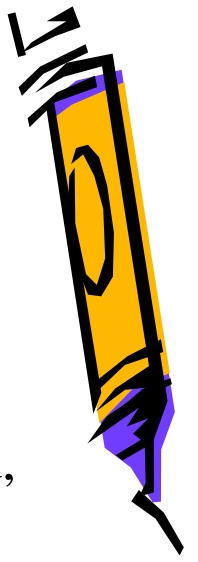


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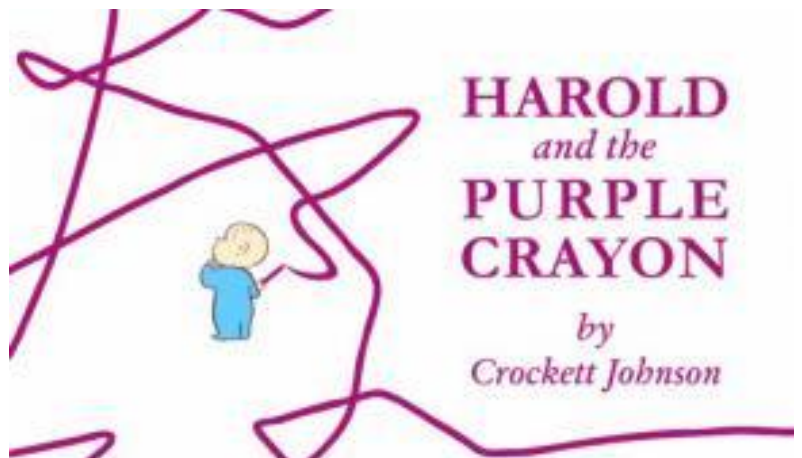
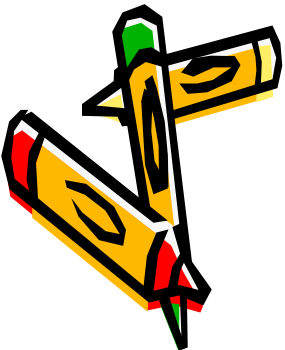
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Harold and the Purple Crayon

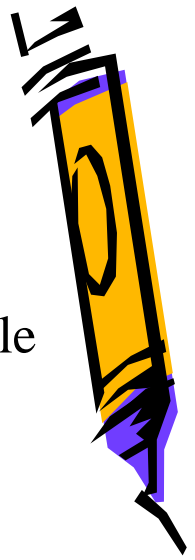


- Help your student flex his or her fine motor skills with this app, featuring a simple interface, Harold, and his beloved purple crayon.
- Choose the "Read to Me" feature to follow along and practice vocabulary, or "Touch Tale" to have your kid help the story along on his or her own.
- The student can even take control of the crayon to help Harold draw the moon and stars.
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 4.3.3 or later
- Price: \$6.99
- Grade: Preschool



Bartleby's Book of Buttons

- This highly interactive app is part book, part puzzle and a highly engaging story. Your students are prompted to push buttons as Bartleby tackles adventures, tapping buttons to move the story along.
- Be sure your students understands the story; it's crucial to help Bartleby. This digital pop-up book offers practice with reading comprehension, tactile response and following directions. Lots of engagement opportunities will keep your students engrossed in the story time and time again.
- This book is available in different volumes
- Requirements: Compatible with iPad. Requires iOS 3.2 or later.
- Price: \$0.99
- Grade: Preschool



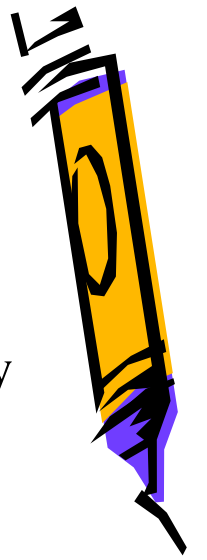
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PlayTales



- While the simple pleasures of a good book will never go out of style, *Playtales* offers up tons of amusing features that your standard library simply cannot compete with.
- Each book is full of singing, narration, animation, and interactive games that will ensure reading never gets boring.
- These stories will have the youngest ones entertained and more interested in reading with 100+ titles and 8 languages available to them inside the PlayTales catalog.
- Individual books have different prices, offers free downloads.
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 5.0 or later.
- Price: Free
- Ages: 1 – 11 years old



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Reading Rainbow



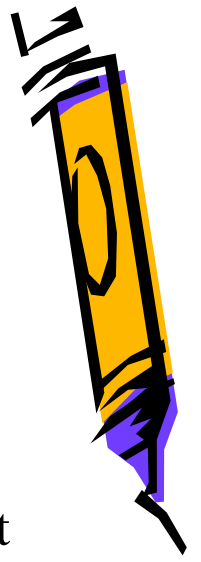
- This blast from the past is brought back to life with hundreds of e-books, video field trips, and interactive activities to keep your child engaged.
- Your students can read each story themselves, or follow along as the words are read aloud. Sticker rewards motivate them to keep moving through the interactive library, while a customized dashboard allows you to track his progress.
- Requirements: Compatible with iPad. Requires iOS 5.0 or later.
- Price: Free
- Ages: 3 – 9 years old



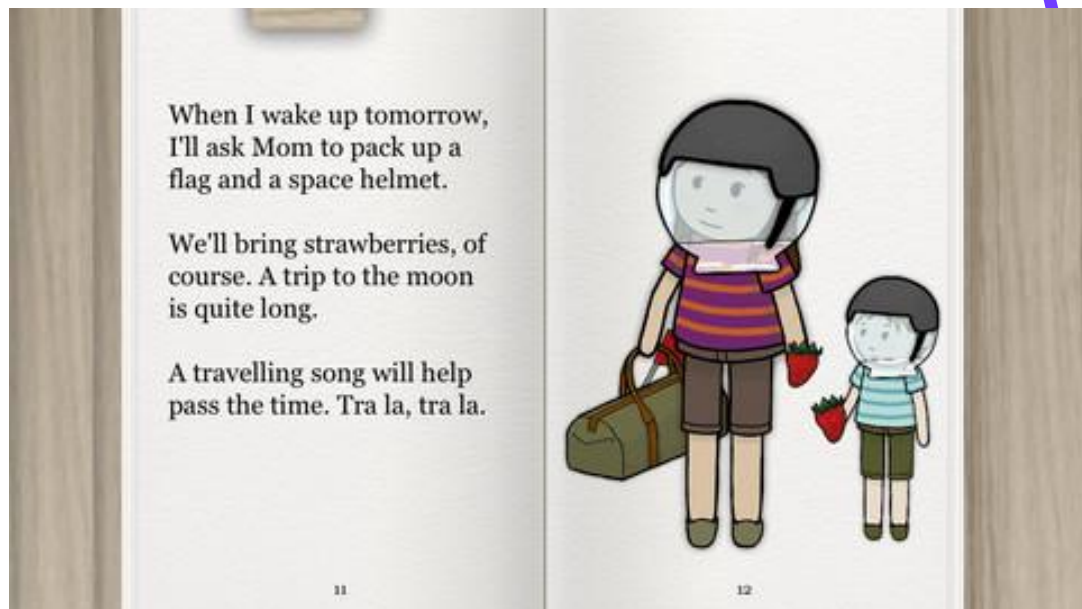
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Picturebook



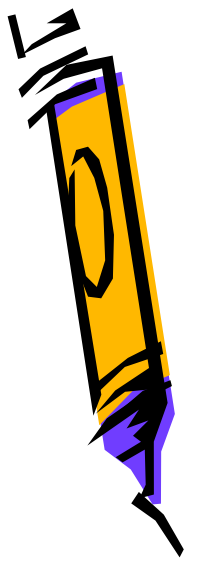
- If your student's bored by other people's stories, why not encourage him to write his own?
- With *Picturebook*, your budding writers creates their own book from start to finish, typing a tale and choosing pictures to accompany his story. Got writer's block? Start small by helping him create a picture book, using the app's wide selection of images, or adding your own for a small fee
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 5.0 or later.
- Price: Free
- Ages: 4+



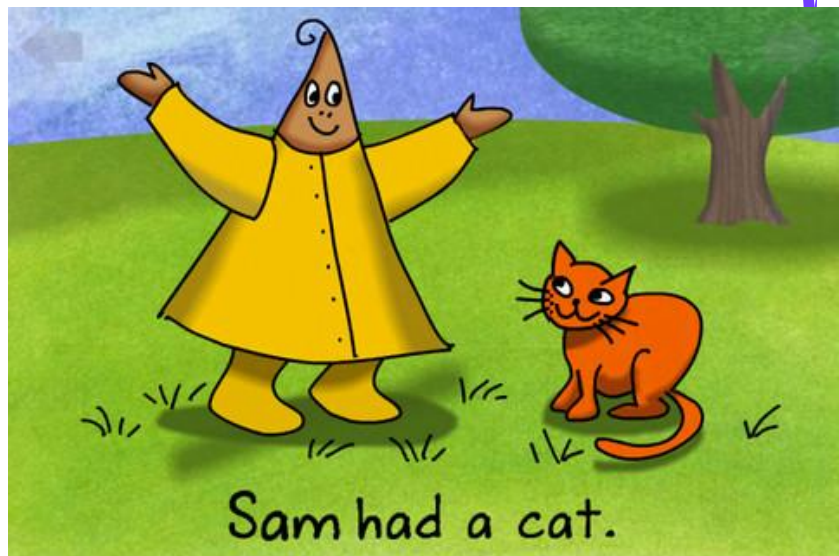
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Bob Books #1: Reading Magic

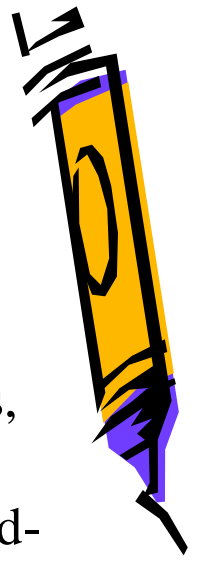


- If your book-shy students avoid reading because they find it too difficult, try introducing a bit of reading magic.
- This first entry in the award-winning *Bob Books* series is perfect for new readers: the app slowly introduces new letter sounds within simple and colorful stories that are designed to fit short-attention spans.
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 4.0 or later
- Price : \$3.99
- Ages: 4+

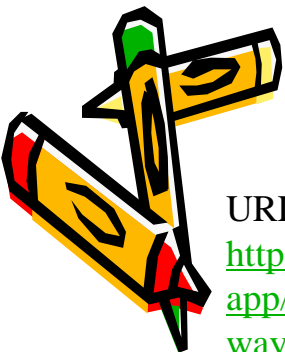


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Reading for Kids: 100 Ways to Encourage Your Child to Read

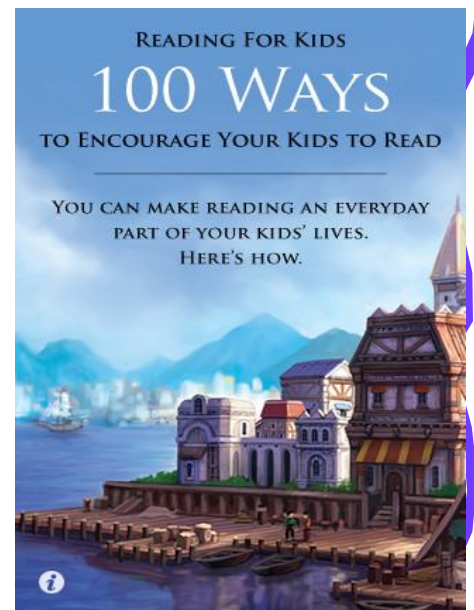


- With *Reading for Kids'* 100 ideas and suggestions, you're bound to find an activity that will suit your reluctant reader. From designing bookmarks to kid-friendly websites full of educational fun, your child will be falling in love with reading in no time.
- This app is full of great ideas that will encourage your students to be eager, happy readers. Studies show that the more children read, the better readers and writers they become.
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 3.1.3 or later.
- Ages: 4+



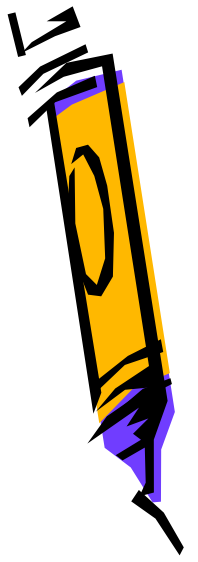
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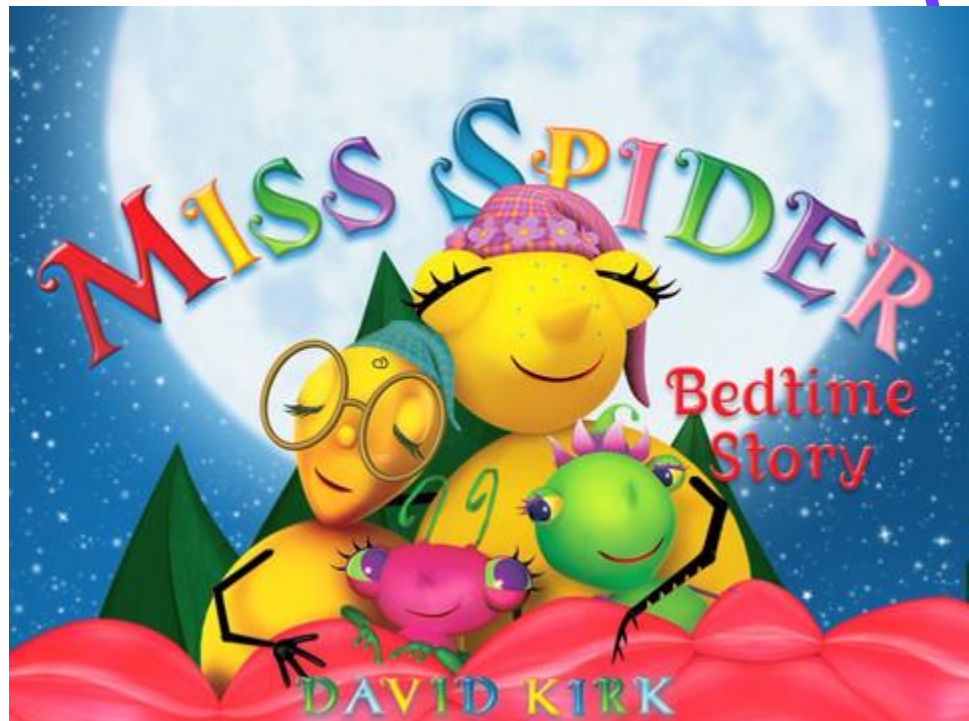
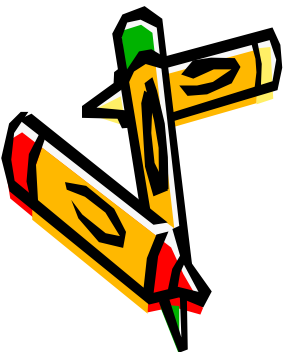
Miss Spider's Bedtime Story

- There is one thing you can be pretty sure your students hate more than reading—going to bed!
- Encourage both during nap times with Miss Spider's Bedtime Story, an app that combines bedtime stories with games and puzzles.
- The mix of activities manages to sneak in plenty of reading but still has the feel of a game.
- Requirements: Compatible with iPad. Requires iOS 4.2 or later.
- Price: Free
- Ages: 4 +



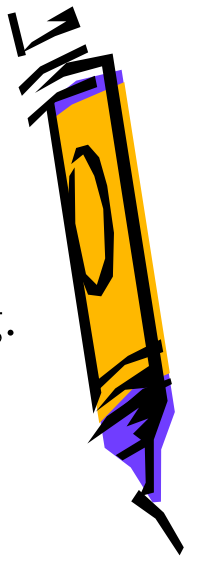
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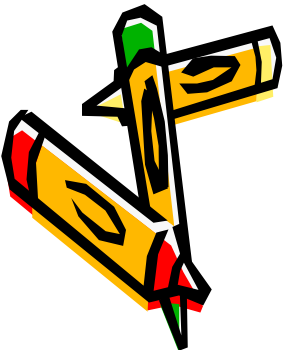


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Learn Elementary Sight Words



- There is no question about it, English is confusing. How do you explain to your kindergartener that "cat" and "circus" start with the same letter, but "can" and "kangaroo" don't?
- Help them learn those tricky sight words with this app that grows with your child. 400 sight words are divided by grade level and are accompanied by graphics and silly sound effects.
- Price: \$0.99
- Age: 4 +



Reading Eggs: Eggy 100

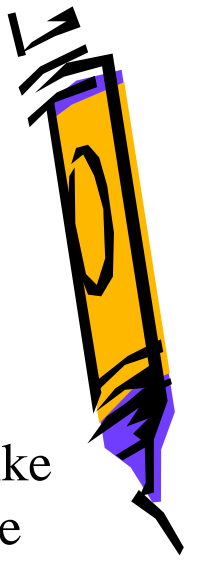


- Inject some playfulness into your student's reading practice with a cast of cuddly animal friends. Based on the actual reading system used in schools, *Reading Eggs* is designed to help the younger set study sight words, but the funky farmyard settings and animal teachers make each activity feel more like a game than a homework assignment.
- Requirements: Compatible with iPad. Requires iOS 4.0 or later.
- Price: Free
- Age: 4 +



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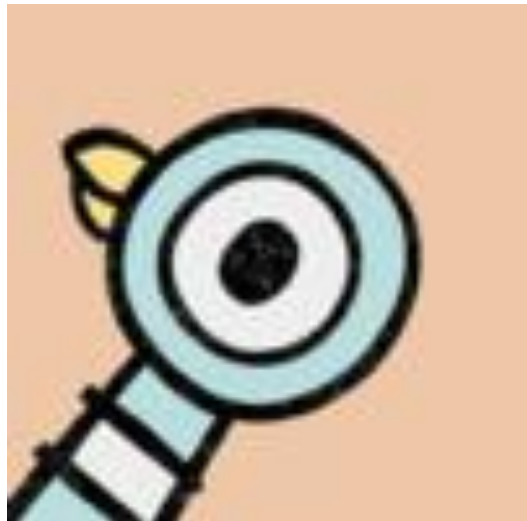
Don't Let the Pigeon Run This App!



- Bring this award-winning book series by Mo Willems to life with this app, boasting features like drawing lessons, sound effects and Mad Lib-style story creation.
- Shake to select random story elements, or pick from silly selections to piece together your tale. Can your student stop that pesky pigeon from getting into mischief?
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 3.1.3 or later.
- Price: \$4.99
- Grade: Kindergarten

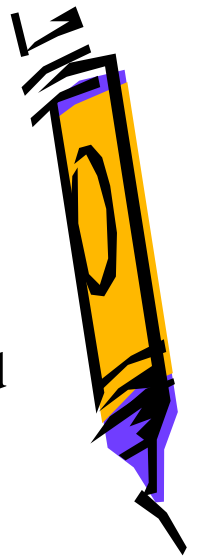


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iStoryBooks

- iStoryBooks automatically comes with 25 free books with everything from biographies and fairy tales to multicultural stories and fables.
- Young minds will work on their reading skills and can even work on their language skills with some books offered in Spanish.
- While this app is not the most interactive, it is still a good resource for having several books on hand to keep little mind's working on reading skills and entertained by a good book!
- The app also comes with a few interactive alphabet books to keep building on those necessary and basic skills.
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 4.3 or later.
- Price: Free
- Grade: Kindergarten +



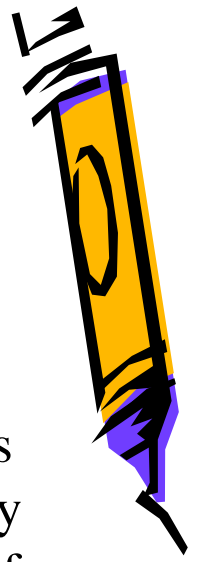
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Timo and the Magical Picture Book

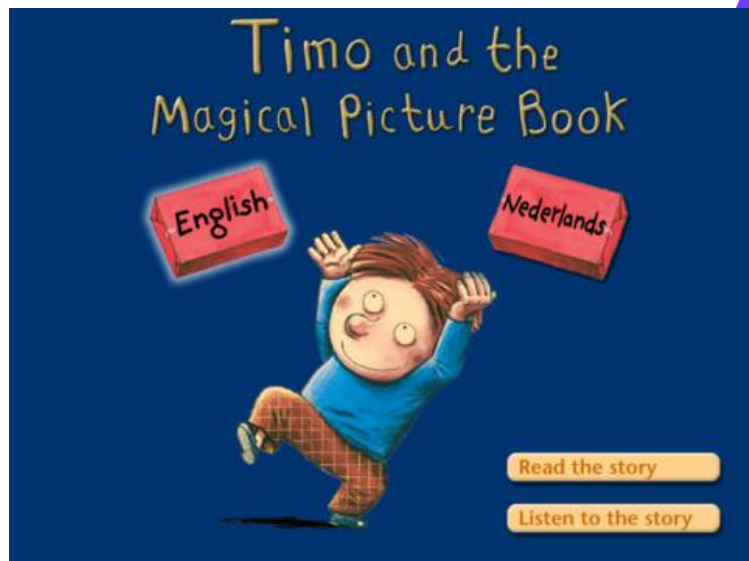


- Pique your student's curiosity with this magical tale, which warns your little one, "Don't shake this book!" As your student interacts with the app, they will love watching as Timo—who's stuck inside of an upside-down story world—responds to his to tilts, turns and touches.
- Encourage your students to tap on characters and images—your students will be delighted by his or her control over the story. Fantastic effects and an imaginative plot makes this a must-have for your digital library.
- Requirements: Compatible with iPad. Requires iOS 3.2 or later.
- Price: \$3.99
- Grade: First



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Weird But True



- This non-fiction interactive book app builds on your student's fascination with the freaky. The facts presented are strange, but educational, and children can rate them on a "weird-o-meter".
- Sounds effects and moving parts complete the package.
- A great way to captivate your students' attention while introducing him or her to natural and social sciences.
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 5.0 or later.
- Price: Free
- Grade: First +

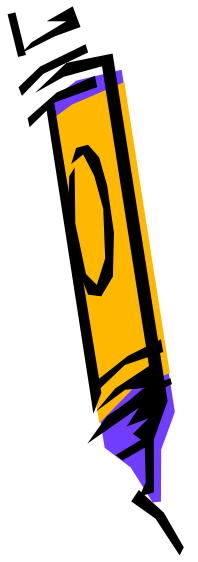


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The Land of Me: Story Time

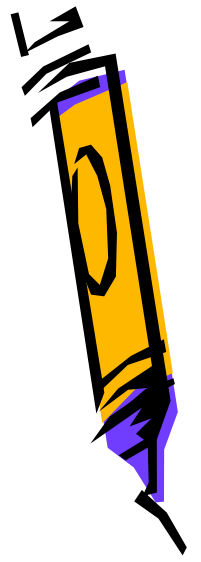


- Storytelling helps little ones tap into their imagination, and hone communication and language skills.
- Help your budding author get started with this app, featuring 27 stories in a "choose your own adventure" interface.
- Opportunities to choose the hero, theme and story direction (along with exercising creativity) will encourage your students to visit this book again and again.
- Requirements: Compatible with iPad. Requires iOS 4.3 or later
- Price: \$1.99
- Grade: Second



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Bobo Explores Light



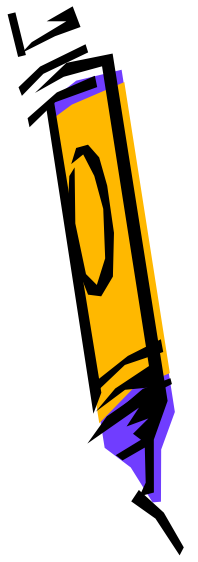
- Dive into the wonderful world of light—bright, bendable, and colorful—with Bobo, the adorable illuminated robot.
- This innovative app encourages touch and exploration at every turn—from the "touch dial" table of contents to the tangible solar system.
- Your little scientist will be spellbound by Bobo's guidance, glowing graphics and a simple interface.
- Requirements: Compatible with iPad. Requires iOS 4.2 or later.
- Price: \$4.99
- Grade: Third



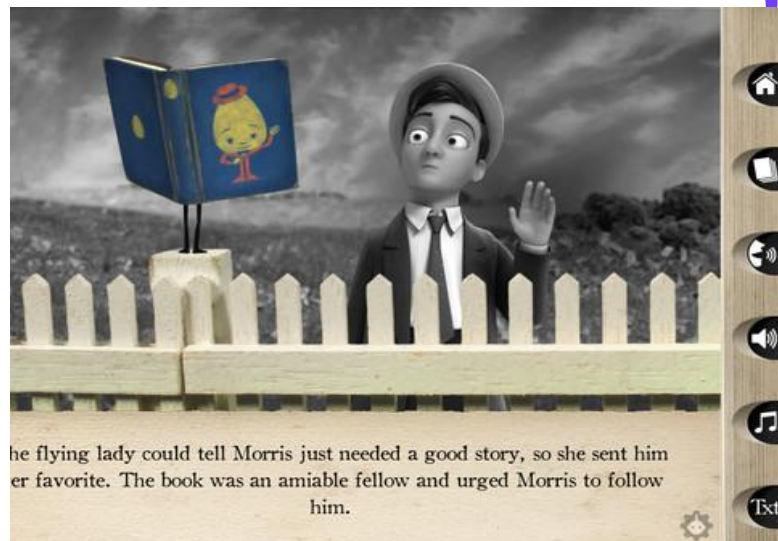
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The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore



- This award-winning, interactive storybook begins with a love of the written word. The enchanting tale introduces your students to Mr. Lessmore in a world where books reciprocate the love they receive.
- Stunning graphics, simple animation and a moving plot help transform this tech app into a love story to print and picture books.
- Far from moving your students away from traditional reading, *Mr. Lessmore* makes an old-fashioned, book-filled world seem magical.
- Requirements: Compatible with iPad. Requires iOS 5.1 or later.
- Price: \$4.99
- Grade: Third

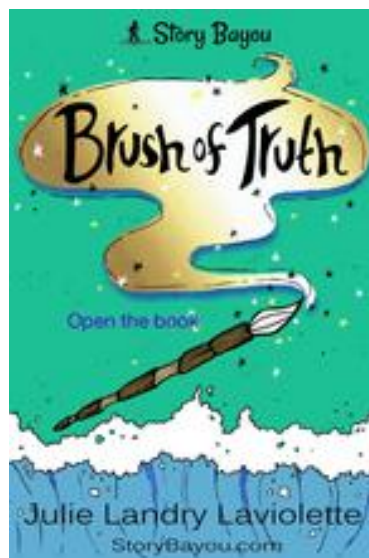
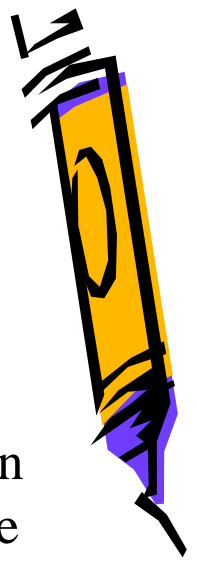


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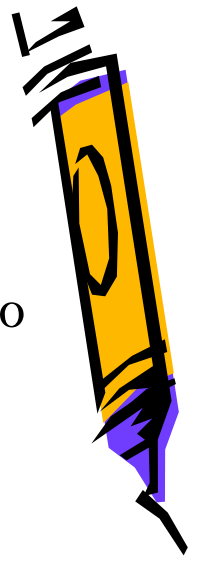
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Brush of Truth

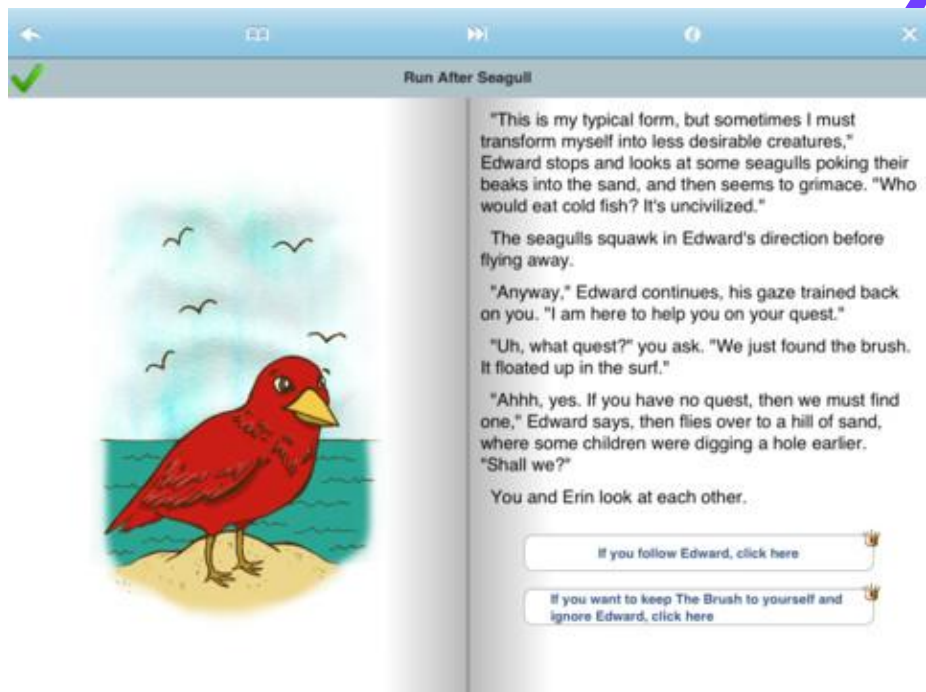
- Handed multiple “decision points” as the story progresses, your students get to choose what will happen and also decide how things will end.
- There are lots of choices to pick from: 65 decision points and 20 potential endings. The theme of the tale, an all-powerful tool that lets the storyteller conjure up his own reality, further reinforces the idea that the reader is the creative force here; in this app the subject matter complements the structure perfectly.
- Both the topic and the framework of this interactive book will be empowering for reluctant or remedial readers, but all readers can benefit. The forks in the road force young readers to pause and think about what they've read before going forward, a great way to encourage reading comprehension.



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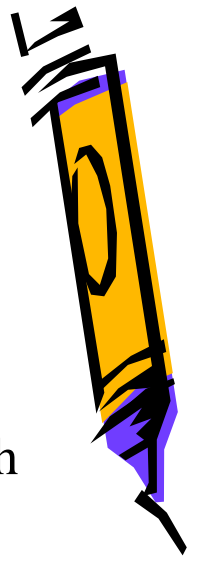
- Teacher Features:
 - Teachers can use this tool as an introduction to creative writing assignments or a sometimes swap for regular print reading.
- Skills: Vocabulary, Sight Words, Interactive Stories, Creative Writing, Reading Fluency, Reading Comprehension
- Requirements: Compatible with iPad. Requires iOS 3.2 or later.
- Price: \$1.99
- Grade: Fourth



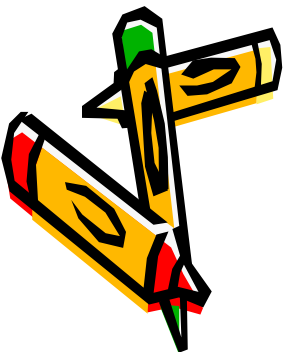
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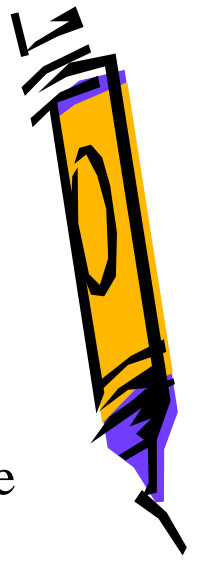
Reading Comprehension – Solar System



- This galactic app features 17 non-fiction eBooks about the planets, moons, asteroids, comets and telescopes of our solar system. Even students with super-short attention spans can soak up enough interesting information in these short stories (roughly 300 to 500 words long) to tackle multiple-choice and yes-or-no questions—as well as vocabulary word matching—relating to each passage.
- The text, while factual, is textbook-style and dry despite the kid-friendly space theme; however, this problem can be remedied by uploading customized stories and questions into the app.
- Students will build critical comprehension skills and expand their vocabulary with the visual cues highlighting important terms. The format is great for visual learners, but audio learners may struggle due to the lack of a voice-over option.



Reading Comprehension – Solar System



- Teacher Features:
 - Detailed progress reports allow insight into which kinds of questions each kid has trouble with, while the ability to create customized lessons allow educators to give struggling students the specific help they need.
- Skills: Interactive Stories, Vocabulary, Solar System, Reading Comprehension
- Requirements: Compatible with iPad. Requires iOS 3.2 or later.
- Price: \$2.99
- Grade: Fifth - Eighth

Our Solar System

The Solar System consists of our sun, eight planets, and many smaller objects, such as moons, asteroids, comets and *dwarf planets*. The Sun is at the center of the solar system. The word *Solar* means *of the Sun*.

The Solar System formed more than four billion years ago, from a cloud of dust and gas called a *nebula*, from the Latin word for cloud. Nearly all the mass of the solar system is in the Sun.

Sizes are shown to scale. Distances are not to scale.

A comparison of the sizes of the planets

The four planets closest to the Sun are Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars. These are called the *terrestrial*, or earth-like planets. They are mostly rock and metal.

The area between Mars and Jupiter is the Asteroid Belt, because of the many asteroids there. Asteroids are large chunks of rock or metal. The asteroids may be remnants of a planet that was destroyed in a collision.

The asteroid belt lies between which two planets?

- Mars and Jupiter
- Earth and Mars
- Jupiter and Saturn
- Mercury and Venus



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