



Occupational Therapy Apps

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Dexterity

- Try this app for some fun interactive play and muscle building exercise for little fingers. *Dexterity* has three different games to develop dexterity and strength to get kindergarten hands ready for more fun!
- The “Tap it” features challenging rhythms and patterns, while writing muscles are built through the exciting “Pinch it” game, where you have to squish crabs as they move across the screen, and “Write it” offers upper and lowercase letter tracing practice.
- Teacher Features:
 - Dexterity VPP is available for \$9.99 and can easily be used for multiple players!
- Skills: Finger Isolation, Hand Motions, Dexterity
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 4.3 or later.
- Price: \$3.99



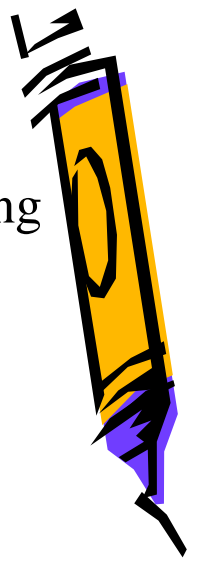
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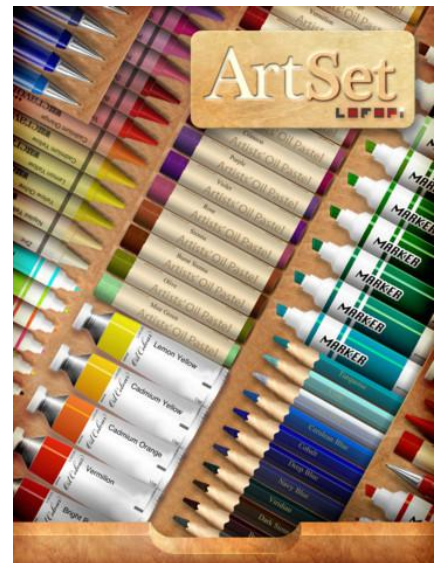


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Art Set



- Go beyond doodles and scribbles with this amazing drawing app that features gorgeous visuals and realistic graphics.
- Choose from a wide range of art tools, including pastels, art pencils, crayons, markers and lush oil paints. Check out the seemingly endless color drawer that covers the whole spectrum, with sophisticated names like “cerulean blue” and “cadmium yellow”. For more advanced artists, try zooming in to work on finer details, and experiment with the pressure sensitivity of your strokes.
- Skills: Drawing, Creativity, Fine Motor Skills
- Requirements: Compatible with iPad. Requires iOS 4.3 or later.
- Price: \$0.99

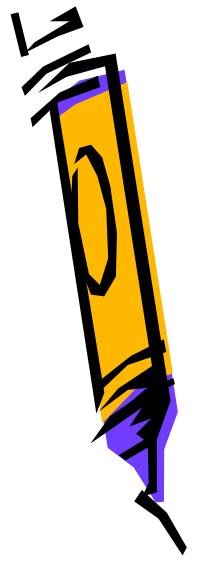


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Art of Glow

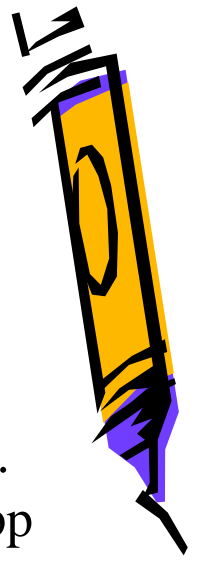
- Put a little sparkle into your artwork! This truly dazzling app gives budding artists a blank canvas that lights up with blinking, twirling patterns as they draw.
- While this is predominantly an art app, it can definitely be used in educational ways. Draw out simple math problems for students, test their knowledge of different shapes, or have them practice spelling words in a fun and unique way.
- Drawing in general is an excellent way to build fine motor skills, which in turn builds a foundation for good handwriting.
- Skills: Drawing, Creativity, Fine Motor Skills
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 3.1.3 or later.
- Price: Free - \$0.99



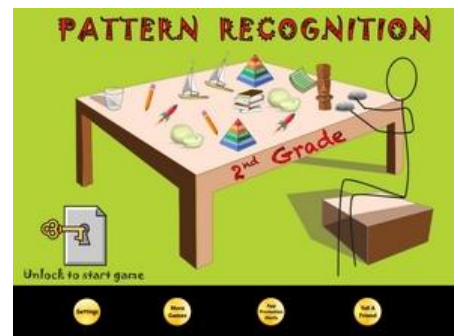
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A 2nd Grade Pattern Recognition Game



- Beginning mathematicians can hone early patterning skills with this simple puzzle app.
- Choose from 5, 10 or 15 patterns puzzles to begin. Incorrect answers causes the background of the app to briefly flash red, and the correct answer is given, reinforcing understanding and helping to guide the player during the next puzzle.
- Increase the difficulty in the “settings” tab as they gain confidence, but keep an eye on the clock—as little math whizzes become more comfortable with the game, challenge them to try to shave seconds or minutes off of their best times for motivation.
- Skills: Shapes, Patterns, Visual Discrimination
- Requirements: Compatible with iPad. Requires iOS 4.1 or later.
- Price: \$0.99



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iLoveFireworks

- With iLoveFireworks, the user can create beautiful fireworks display by easy tap operation. Appropriate for all ages learning cause/effect skills. When the user touches the screen, they will immediately see breath taking fireworks in 3D graphics and real sounds.
- Skills: Cause/effect
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 4.3 or later.
- Price: \$0.99

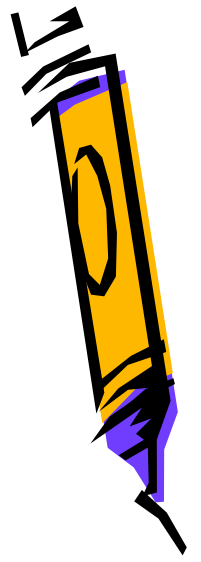


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MeMoves

- MeMoves allows users to perform finger puzzles correctly to the beat of music and watch as the screen comes alive.
- MeMoves provides instant calm and focus anywhere. App is appropriate for ages 3+.
- Skills: Upper Extremity Coordination
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 2.2.1 or later.
- Price: \$10.49



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Toca Tea Party



- Toca Tea Party allows users to play together, learn about sharing, and taking turns while using the app.
- Users can chose all piece of the “tea party” including table cloth, plates, cups, cakes, and cookies. App has no in-app purchases, therefore, it does not require adult supervision.
- Skills: Social Participation
- Requirements: Compatible with iPad. Requires iOS 4.3 or later.
- Price: \$2.99



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Toca Hair Salon

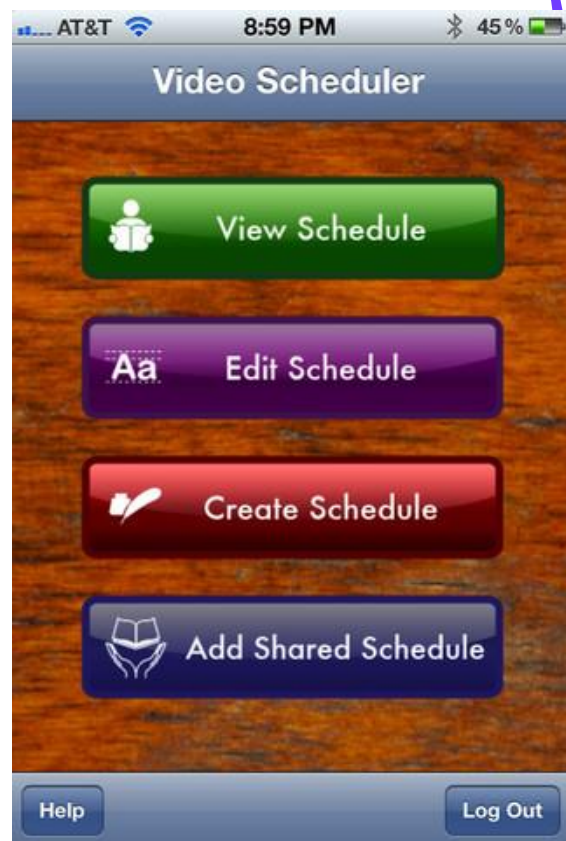
- App allows users to cut, color, comb, and blow-dry lifelike hair on six different characters. Toca Hair Salon promotes sharing between different users and compromise. App does not require adult supervision.
- Skills: Social Participation, Sequencing
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 4.3 or later.
- Price: \$1.99



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Video Scheduler

- Video Scheduler is optimized for all Apple iOS devices and allows for easy construction of picture and video schedules. Users can also organize video modeling content and after creating, share the schedules/modeling for free with other users.
- Skills: Organization
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 4.3 or later.
- Price: \$12.99



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Kid's Yoga Journey: I am Sun, I am Moon

- I am Sun, I am Moon includes 19 animated poses to awaken the mind, move the body, and empower the spirit that children will love practicing for a lifetime of healthy, happy activity.
- The 19 poses are fundamental postures offer children healthy ways to awaken the body and settle the mind.
- Other Kid's Yoga Journey apps are available from the iTunes store.
- Skills: Gross Motor/Sensory Development
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone 3GS or later, iPod touch (3rd generation or later), and iPad. Requires iOS 4.0 or later.
- Price: \$1.99



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iWrite Words

- Can your little learner help Mr. Crab collect the numbered balls by tracing her letters?
- This adorable app—featuring a cheery palette and child-like graphics—teaches writing by touch as your toddler traces letters and spells out simple words. Sound effects and a voice prompt will help your students stay engaged and follow instructions.
- After 3 or 4 letters, simple words like CAT and MOON are spelled and sounded out. This app is highly interactive with a lot of sense appeal for the tiniest tots. The big bonus? On top of ABC familiarity, this app promotes physical and kinesthetic learning.
- Skills: Fine Motor Coordination (should use a stylus)
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 4.3 or later.
- Price: \$2.99



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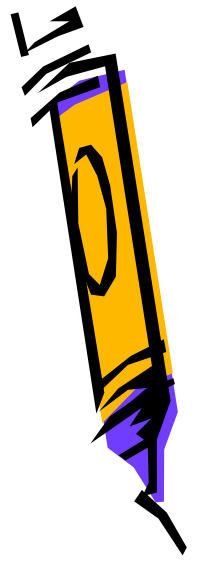
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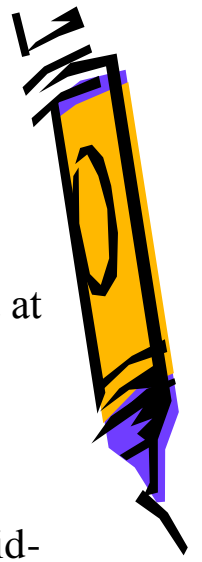
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Write My Name

- Name tags that talk, radiant word cards and an animal-filled alphabet notebook ... it's all here in this charming writing practice app. Students can follow the sparkling star trail to trace letters and simple words using their fingers—no pencil and paper required.
- As kids tackle each user-friendly exercise successfully, the narrator speaks the word or letter and a picture appears with cute sound effects, reinforcing recognition skills with audio and visual components.
- Once the alphabet book with upper and lower case letters has been mastered, children are ready to tackle virtual cards with simple sight words. The real standout feature is the “name tag,” where budding writers can practice writing their names with a voiceover recording and complementary photo.



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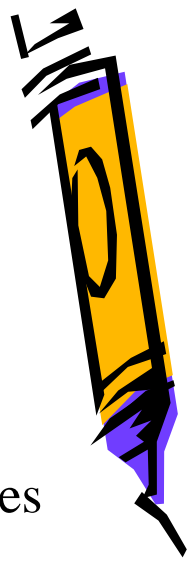
- Teacher Features:
 - Tracks student's progress with charts, which can be reset at any time. This app can be used by very young students without much supervision once they get the hang of it.
 - Beginner writing lessons could really benefit from this kid-friendly, engaging app.
- Skills: Handwriting, The Alphabet, Spelling, Sight Words
- Requirements: Compatible with iPad. Requires iOS 4.3 or later.
- Price: \$3.99



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Little Puzzles for Kids- Under the Sea



- Little Puzzles helps students develop critical thinking and mental reasoning skills thus expanding a very important part of their mind.
- Students learn how to recognize shapes and figures and complete puzzles. Pattern recognition and completion represents an important developmental skill for students of all ages.
- Skills: Visual Perception, Fine Motor Coordination
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 3.0 or later
- Price: \$0.99



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Tangram Puzzles

- Tangram Puzzles is a great educational tool for students. The app helps to improve dexterity, color recognition, memory, imagination, and creativity, all while having fun.
- The game has a number of templates with pictures, based on a grid, and a bank of figures which are used to complete the picture tangram.
- Skills: Visual Perception, Dexterity, Color Recognition, Memory, Imagination, Creativity
- Requirements: Compatible with iPad. Requires iOS 4.3 or later.
- Price: \$0.99

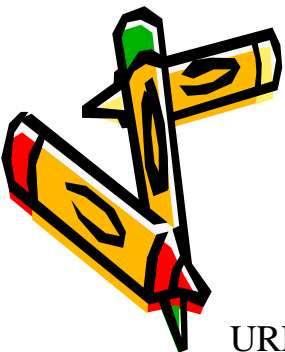


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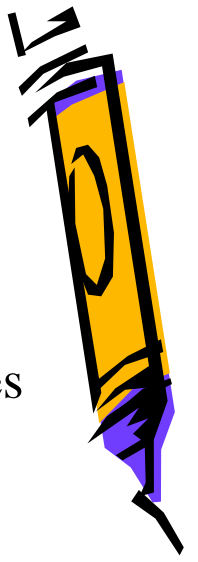
Kids Mosaic HD

- Kids Mosaic HD is an interactive educating game that will help students to train their memory, learn to distinguish colors, develop imagination, and hands motor functions.
- The app has two categories, Adventure and Free Mode. Adventure has 36 complexity levels, 9 different pieces, and 12 colors. Free Mode allows the user to make up something from their imagination.
- Skills: Visual Perception
- Requirements: Compatible with iPhone 3GS or later, iPod touch (3rd generation or later), and iPad. Requires iOS 4.3 or later.
- Price: \$2.99



Tie Dye Doodle

- Tie Dye Doodle works on sequencing because students must choose a shirt, fold it, place rubber bands, pick the colors, and add the dye exactly where they want it. There are infinite possibilities for designs, but for student's shirts to come out correctly they must complete those tasks in order.
- Other “Doodle” apps available that work on sequencing for students with different interests.
- Skills: Sequencing
- Requirement: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 3.0 or later.
- Price: \$0.99



Infinite design possibilities

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