

Preschool Field Officer Service

Integrated Child, Family and Youth Services



RECOMMENDED APPS

(pricing correct as at 8 April 2016)

Taking Turns/Waiting/Joint Attention/Rewards

Bubble Wrap	Free	Bubble popping app. Use to take turns/wait/reward/fine motor
Train Tracker	\$4.49	Simple engaging game for the train lover in your group who is reluctant to play with others. Useful for joint attention/rewards/cause and effect etc.
Animal Memory Match Kids Free Lite	Free	Memory match card game
Balloonimals HD	\$2.99	The child can shake the device or touch the screen in order to blow up the balloon. You can use this app to talk about the animal the child is making, explore cause and effect, develop the child's attention etc.
Create a Car	\$1.49	Highly motivating for children who like transport. Some sequencing and building attention/concentration/turn taking skills.
Toca Boca	4.99	Set the table, serve drinks and food. Play to stimulate imagination/turn taking/waiting etc.

Fine Motor

Slide & Spin	Free	Designed for younger children but can be used for kindergarten children who need support developing their fine motor skills. Focuses on four motions – turning, sliding, spinning and pushing.
Glow Draw	Free	Draw with your finger or stylus. The glow feature provides a different level motivation for children.
Clicky sticky	2.99	Characters can be scaled, rotated and dragged onto imaginary scenes.

Schedules / Choice Boards		
Choiceworks	\$10.99	A learning tool helping children complete daily routines, understand and control their feelings and improve their waiting skills (taking turns and not interrupting)
Visual Working For Life	Free	Can ease anxiety through a scheduled task and provides predictability allowing children to understand what is coming next.
First & Then	\$2.99	Used to encourage children to complete a less-preferred activity before completing an activity they like better. Also includes a finish box and a timer. Use your own photos in this app.
This for That; Visual schedules	Free	Breaks down tasks into simple steps to assist the child to succeed completing the task.
Visual Timers		
Best sand timer	Free	Digital sand timer with artistic design. Up to 60 minutes.
Timers and Tokens	1.49	Visual timer to demonstrate how much time is left. Provides clickable tokens that a child can earn as positive reinforcement for doing their task.
Tic Toc Timers HD	Free	Cutting edge multiple timers, single timer full screen mode. Motivational for child as multiple styles of timers can be chosen.
Social Stories		
Conversation Social Stories & Simple PECS Communication Tool	\$5.99	Social stories about different conversation skills.
Stories2Learn	\$21.99	Allows parents and Educators to create personalised social stories using photo, text and audio.
Speech and Language		
Comparative Adjectives	\$1.49	Compare and describe the difference between two objects – this is a building block for learning language.
Talking Tom Cat	Free	Talk to Tom Cat and he repeats what you have said back to you.
Speech With Milo – Interactive Storybook	\$4.49	Develops language skills in children. Children can read and listen to the words provided or create their own stories.

EAL Children/Vocabulary Building		
Flashcards for ESL Kids	Free	Educational Tool to teach English to children. 80 categories. Would also be useful for families who have a tablet.
Music		
Drumkit	Free	Make your own beats. Rhythm can be calming for children.
Bongos Free	Free	See above.
Djembe Free	Free	See above.
Relaxation / Meditation		
Aquarium Live HD	Free	Turn your iPad into an aquarium with beautiful realistic images and lovely fish.
Smiling Mind	Free	Provides Mindfulness meditation programs for various age groups
Super Stretch Yoga HD	Free	Super stretch (who is a super hero) introduces you to his friends and their yoga poses. Breathing exercises and inspiring music are included.
Kids Yogaverse; I am love	\$5.99	Allows us to be calm and be ready for the day. The poses help you stretch and open up your mind.
Meditations for kids	\$1.49	Helps teach children how to relax and stay calm in stressful situations.
Sleepmaker waves free	Free	A choice of different waves to listen to on a timer – calming.
Sleepmaker rain free	Free	A choice of different rain to listen to on a timer – calming.
Angry Octopus	\$12.99	A child's relaxation story teaches children to take a deep breath and calm down using progressive muscular relaxation techniques.
Emotions		
ABA Flash Cards & Games - Emotions	\$1.49	A fun simple way to learn to recognise emotions using pictures and games.
Touch and Learn Emotions	\$2.99	Fun way to learn about emotions – helps children learn to read body language and facial expressions and this can be customised.
Imaginative		
Puppet Pals HD	Free	Create your own shows with animation and audio.
Felt Board	\$4.49	Designed for imaginative play, story- telling and learning. Design scenes, dress up characters and invent your own stories.