

Title: Toca Tea Party

Version: 1.0.6

Publisher: Toca Boca

Target Audience: The publisher designates the age group for students 5 and under. While I feel like students below the age of 5 could use this app, I also think that it could be useful for kindergarten students. Some students may not start kindergarten until the age of 6.

Curriculum: Toca Tea Party introduces students to social skills and decision making process.

Possible Environment: Toca Tea Party would be useful in the regular classroom. The app can be interactive with other students so I would suggest small group work to fully utilize the benefits of Toca Tea Party.

Cost: Initial download cost \$3.99. There is no free version offered, but once the app is purchased, there are no further cost.

Toca Tea Party is an app that stimulates the real life scenario of a tea party for children. This is an excellent way to introduce students to proper social skills in an easy and “mess free” manner. The app offers traditional aspects of a tea party such as tea, cakes, cookies, tablecloths, dinnerware and much more. The app is colorful and engaging for students as well. Students can individually design their tea party and then “invite” their classmates. The students will interact on their own devices but will work collaboratively at the same tea party. The app promotes kind greetings and interactions amongst guest. Students will encounter the decision making process while building their desired tea party, and explore social skills when interacting with others. Toca Tea Party is excellent for expanding imaginations, building social skills and decision making skills.

As a future educator, I believe this app would be beneficial and fun for students. Social skills and decision making skills is not something that can be taught from a book, it must be explored in a real-life scenario. I love that this app offers a real-life scenario without all of the cleanup and mess a real tea party would bring for teachers. I highly enjoy the fact that students can work collaboratively. The only downside to this app is that there is a cost. I have explored similar apps that are free, but they just do not seem as beneficial. Toca tea party is interactive, fun and stimulating for students!