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Khan Academy Kids

This is version 3.5 of the Khan Academy Kids app. It was developed by Khan Academy. Khan Academy claims the app is appropriate for ages 4+. We would agree that the app is appropriate for children in preschool through elementary school. We believe this app could be classified as a tutorial app as well as a drill and practice app. The app introduces children to new content. For example, there is a lesson teaching the letters of the alphabet. The lesson includes a video, a tracing activity where the child traces the letters, games where the child has to select the correct letter when shown multiple letters at once, and etc. The games are drill and practice because they repeatedly prompt the child to find this letter. The app also contains books, math lessons, and science lessons. This app would easily fit into curriculum in any of the four core elementary classrooms. It could be used to help children learn to read, write, add, subtract, and etc. The app was completely free, and there were no in-app purchases.

Khan Academy Kids is broken down into categories. There are lessons, activities and games that go along with each lesson, and videos reinforcing the content of the lesson. There are multiple different lessons in each of the four subjects. A character guides you through each lesson/activity, and as you progress you can unlock new characters and accessories for your characters. The app is very bright and colorful and would be visually pleasing for children. We believe the app does a great job of teaching children in a fun and engaging way. Because the app is free, it would be easily classroom accessible. The navigation is easy, but because there are so many lessons to choose from, a parent or teacher may need to make sure the child gets to a

lesson that corresponds with what they are learning in class. Overall, the app is very useful and could certainly be used in class, but it would be difficult to assess the student's progress if you have a classroom full of children on it at the same time. This app may be better as an at home reinforcement tool than a classroom tool. Students could go home, watch a video lesson to help them remember what they learned at school that day, and then complete games and activities for extra practice. Overall, the app passed review and evaluation, but may be more appropriate for home reinforcement than in the classroom.