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### PBS Kids Games

This is version 2.7.1 of the PBS Kids Games app. It was created by PBS Kids. The publisher says that the app is appropriate for 4+. We agree with the publishers rating. For children under 4 the games may be too difficult to understand. We believe that this app could be classified as simulation. There are over a hundred different games, and many of them simulate real life experiences. For example, there are science experiments that you can conduct digitally. These same experiments could be done physically, in the classroom, but the app eliminates the cost of materials and messiness. There are also math games that teach you about measurements and fractions by simulating using a recipe to make cookies, and etc. There are other games that could be classified as problem solving and exploratory, such as mazes, puzzles, etc. There are different games for all of the core subjects, so it could be used in any of the four subject areas. The app covers many topics, so it could be incorporated into almost any curriculum standards for early elementary grades. The app is completely free to use, and there are no in app purchases.

The PBS Kids Games app has hundreds of activities, and they are based off of the popular PBS Kids cartoon shows. This is a great way to engage students in what they are learning. There are many different levels of games. Some are very simple and great for students learning their colors or the alphabet, and some, like the cookie baking game, are as advanced as dealing with fractions and measurements. The app may be difficult for younger students to navigate since they can click on any game, even if it is one of the more advanced games that they may not understand. The app would require the teacher to make sure each student gets to the

right place and stays there. Overall, the app is free, based off of students' favorite tv shows, and has activities for every subject and level, so it is a great classroom resource. Especially during covid, the digital science experiments and simulation games are very useful. That way, students can still do a science experiment or hands on activity while social distancing or learning digitally at home. The app has passed review and evaluation as a wonderful classroom tool.