

# Evaluation

**Title:** Cosmic Kids

**Version:** 5.902.1

**Publisher/Producer:** Cosmic Kids

**Target Audience:** 4+, target age range of 9-11

**Type of software:** Tutorial and Discovery Learning

**Justification:** This would be tutorial software because the kids are learning something new by following the guidance of the instructor. It is also discovery learning if you allow the kids to search through for something they want to try.

**How does it fit into curriculum:** I really don't see the app being useful in terms of fitting into curriculum. It would be more like something you would use for a brain break or indoor recess. I did find a video that went along with a read aloud picture book that I could see being incorporated into a group activity.

**Possible environment and why:** I see this as more of a teacher tool. Something the teacher would select videos from to have the whole class participate in for a brain break or indoor recess.

**Cost:** \$9.99 monthly or \$64.99 for the year. You can do a 14-day free trial. I am aware of some of the videos being available for free on YouTube.

**Software description:** The application opens up and asks you to login or sign up for an account. Once you login you are taken to the main screen where you can view videos broken down into various categories. All of the videos are themed in a very kid friendly way. They are all yoga routines that are led by the same instructor. The instructor is very dynamic and engaging. You can search for videos; I find it easiest to just search by theme word. For example, you can search Halloween and a number of different Halloween themed videos will pop up for you to choose. The videos vary in length from 5 minutes to an hour. You can also add videos you like or want to easily access again to your library.

**Software impression:** Overall, the application is laid out very well and is bright and engaging. The videos are dynamic, engaging, and I could see how kids would really enjoy them. When first watching a video, as an adult, they seem pretty cheesy and silly but they would certainly be fun for the kids and a good way to get them moving. These videos could be used in the classroom for brain breaks and indoor recess. It would need to be cast onto the smartboard and require whole class participation. The navigation is really easy to use once you open the app. It is easy to search for various themes however, it may be difficult to find a particular video if you don't know the title or the main theme. This makes the creating your own library feature a great tool. The videos are very well done for the target age group.