Evaluation

Title: Homer

Version: 9.0.1

Publisher/Producer: Homer learning Inc.

Target Audience: Ages 4 and up with a target on ages 0-5.

Type of software: Tutorial and Discovery Learning

Justification: This app had tutorials for subjects that were already known by the child. The app also has content for learning new subjects or enhancing the ones that the child may already know.

How does it fit into curriculum: I do not think this app is for the curriculum necessarily. I think that this app would be good for the students to use during free time to further their knowledge. This app would be good for a child to use at home as well to keep pushing themselves in their knowledge of things that they may not know yet.

Possible environment and why: I see this app as being used during free time or at home mostly. This is an app that is targeted more individually for each student so as far as using it in class as a whole I think that would be hard.

Cost: The original cost for the app monthly is $7.99. The annual fee is listed as $59.99. There are several in App purchases though.

Software description: When first opening the app you as the parent or guardian are asked to do a survey on the child using the app. You are asked the age, their interest, and the things that they may struggle with or are really good at. Before being able to access the app to its full potential you have to pay for your membership, whether it is for the free trial for a month or the annual fee. There are so many things that the child can do on this app, from learning sight words, syllables, and even reading books with a guide. The set up was very child friendly and easy to access, it was very colorful and full of animated characters that make it appealing for young children. If there are more than one child there are settings that allow up to 4 children on the app. This app was more targeted to learning to read so there were many lessons and different games that a child can access.

Software impression: My first impression was good for the app Homer. I felt overall the app was set up well for younger children to be able to understand and access. Each section is engaging and help the child learn in different ways. The only downfall I thought about this app was the cost that it required, even though the amount of content on this app is large. When working on any lesson this app gives feedback and tutorials to each section so that the child learning can feel like they are in school. I felt that this app was more for at home use or during free time than being used in curriculum in class. The one thing that stood out to me about Homer was that it emails whoever the guardian is the progress of the specific child so that they can keep up with what their child is learning.