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- Title: Grades K-5 Math Learning Games

- Version: 5.6.2

- Publisher: StudyPad, Inc.

- Target Audience: 4+, made for ages 6-8. We agree with this target audience.

- Type: Drill & practice. This software provides drill and practice for students as they are going over math facts and simple math problems over and over again in slightly varied ways. It is an excellent reinforcing tool.

- Curriculum: Math

- Possible environments and why: Centers, math fact practicing, math drills, math games, time fillers, morning work. This is a good practice/drilling app in a fun format.

- Cost: Free, but in-app purchases are available, from parental one-month subscriptions for $9.99 to 5 grades for a lifetime for $34.99. You can also get a parental one-year subscription for parents for $79.99. There are also separate grade level games available for $9.99.

- Summary: The software is like one big math-themed Chucky Cheese game on an iPad. It opens to fun, bright colors, lots of level/world options, including a pirate ship scene. It presents math addition drills in a fun way and responds really well to both correct and incorrect answers. The user can progress through all the levels and see simple math problems presented in different formats for fun practice.

- Impressions: We like this app a lot! It's slightly chaotic with the background noises and flashy buttons, but overall it's a good fit for kids. It is a fun, enticing way for kids to practice math, without even realizing they're really doing math problems. We could see ourselves using this in our classrooms. It's pleasing to the eye and good for kids to use.

- Pass/Fail: Pass! This is perfect for education.