<u>Evaluation Write-Up</u>

App Title: Kidspiration Maps

Version: 1.5

Publisher/Producer/Creator: Diagramming Apps LLC

Target Audience: The publisher says that it's appropriate for 4+ but made for ages 9-11. I agree that it's second grade and up for the typical student. It's a little complex but good for that age range.

Type(s) of Software: I would call this a tool app since it allows for the creation of graphic organizers. It could also be discovery learning and drill and practice. The user determines what to make an organizer about or which premade activity to select. Many of the premade activities involve sorting already learned information into groups.

Curriculum(s): This would be a great app to have for students to use for just about any content area. They could be taught a simple way of using the app to take notes about a lesson as well as use it for assignments to check understanding of learned material.

Cost: The lite version is free and allows for the creation and manipulation of 5 documents which can be shared to other devices through email. The paid version is currently $10 and allows for the creation of unlimited documents and unlocks more premade activities, sharing to cloud storage, and saving as PDF files.

Software Evaluation:

When you open the app, you select whether you want to create a new diagram, create a SuperGrouper, or open an already made document. You can also select from several premade activities in reading and writing, social studies, science, and math. When you open a document, there are several tools you can use including: typing, drawing, selecting symbols, voice recording, editing colors, and more. To add a new bubble, you either double tap on the screen or select an existing bubble and tap the arrow to indicate you want to add a bubble that is connected to the existing one. A regular diagram document just allows for creation of a web graphic organizer as well as an outline view. A SuperGrouper document

allows for organization and grouping of concepts. You select the symbol to group your objects on, such as a Venn diagram, a scenery picture, or just a regular shape. Then you can select from already made stickers or type your own information into the group. The premade activities are SuperGrouper documents that you can edit and share. Examples include making patterns, matching letters to sounds, and classifying animals.

I love that there are so many tools to use when creating and editing documents. Once you learn where they are and what they do, it would be a great asset in the classroom. It is a little complicated to learn, so students would probably need an opportunity to play around with it before being asked to use it for an assignment or activity. A huge downside is that you can only create 5 documents with the lite version, and once those are created you can't delete them without buying the full version. You can go in and edit as many times as you want, but that would be complicated to manually delete everything in a file with a classroom full of second graders. I would love to have this in my classroom, I'd either just have to limit the activities I use it with or buy the full version.

Does the software pass **Review?** Yes

Does the software pass **Evaluation?** Yes