App Evaluation

Title: Homer

Version: 9.0.9

Publisher/Producer/Creator: Homer

Target Audience: Kids 2-8, as stated by the developer in the App Store.

Type(s) of Software: Tutorial / Drill & Practice - This is because homer teaches young kids the concepts behind phonics, counting, literacy, etc., and then gives them practices and assessments to see how they are learning.

Curriculum(s): Homer Learning states that its app is aligned with the Common Core standards taught in school. I can see this being true, in that it teaches reading-readiness by practicing phonics, literacy, and read-alongs. It also teaches early mathematical skills, such as counting, recognizing shapes, and recognizing numbers.

Cost: There is a 30-day free trial, but after the free trial, you must pay $9.99/month (or $59.99 annually) to continue.

Explaining the Software: This is an "early-learning" software, and can greatly benefit kids who are not yet in school, or who are still very young and new to school. It includes interactive lessons that are animated and made to be fun and entertaining for the child using it. It also has interactive stories and activities that are catered to the kid's specific skill level.

Impressions / Can I Use it in My Class? Although the software is very user-friendly, it is not age-appropriate for my students. I'm sure it is great for the younger ages that it is designed for, but it is not suitable for junior high students.

Does the software pass Review? Yes.

Does the software pass Evaluation? Yes.