

Olivia's 7 Evaluation Write-Ups

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App Evaluation
Discovery Learning App

Title: Kids Planet Discovery!

Version: 3.9.1 (iOS 11 ready!)

Publisher or Producer: Planet Factory Interactive S.L.

Types of software: Discovery Learning

Curriculum: Ages 4+

Cost: Free to download but there are over 10 in-app purchases ranging from \$1.99-\$4.99.

Describe the software: Kids Planet Discovery sends kids off on virtual adventures around Planet Earth, giving them the chance to learn about cultures, animals, music, dress, geography, and more. This app is packed with fun learning adventure games and activities that keep kids busy, excited, and engaged for hours.

Impressions of the software: My first impression was that I think this is a great app for all around subjects. I can see this app being used for pre-school/kindergarten aged kids because they have a lot of basic information that you learn about at that age. I think it is very entertaining and well designed. The colors pop when you click on different things and I think the graphics were perfectly executed.

Does the software pass APPS: Yes

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App Evaluation
Simulation App

Title: ABC Mouse

Version: 7.23 (Bug fixes and optimizations)

Publisher or Producer: Age of Learning, Inc.

Types of software: Simulation

Curriculum: 4+, Made for Ages 0-5

Cost: Free to download, but has in-app purchases ranging from the lowest of \$7.99 to the highest of \$99.99.

Describe the software: ABCmouse is the award-winning learning program that covers reading, math, art, music, and more for kids ages 2-8. Created by teachers and education experts, it has 10,000+ exciting learning activities for children at all academic levels.

Impressions of the software: I have heard of ABCmouse several times and I think it is a wonderful app. It has standard-based curriculum for learning and has a variety of academic levels that it can reach. It includes books, videos, puzzles, printable activities, songs, games, and animations that I think would be so helpful to use in any elementary classroom.

Does the software pass APPS: Yes

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App Evaluation
Problem Solving App

Title: Prodigy Math Game

Version: 3.3.3 (Prodigy no longer crashes on iOS 13)

Publisher or Producer: SMARTeacher Inc

Types of software: Problem Solving

Curriculum: 9+, I think that could be lowered to ages 6+. Infrequent/Mild Cartoon or Fantasy Violence

Cost: Free to download

Describe the software: Prodigy delivers a unique learning experience through an interactive math game where success depends on correctly answering skill-building questions. Players can earn rewards, go on quests and play with friends- all while learning new skills.

Impressions of the software: The software is very vibrant and the characters are crafted very well. I think it's great how it tells the student if the answer was right or wrong. I think this software would be perfect for middle school kids who are transitioning from younger activities, to more mature activities.

Does the software pass APPS: Yes

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App Evaluation
Tool App

Title: ClassDojo

Version: 6.2.0 (new message screen, fix read receipts, fix story, fix drawing on photo, and improve localization)

Publisher or Producer: ClassDojo, Inc.

Types of software: Tools

Curriculum: 4+

Cost: Free to download but includes in-app purchases ranging from \$5.99-\$59.99.

Describe the software: ClassDojo is a safe and simple communication app for teachers, parents, and students. Teachers can encourage students for any skill, and can bring parents into the classroom experience by sharing photos, videos, and announcements.

Impressions of the software: I have actually heard and seen this app being used in a 4th grade elementary classroom that I observed about a year ago. This app is a great way to keep parents informed and gives them the opportunity to check and see how their kids are doing. It's very convenient to get rid of paper letters because this app is compatible with iPhones, iPads, and iPod touches.

Does the software pass APPS: Yes

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App Evaluation
Given App

Title: QR Reader for iPad

Version: 4.6 (Minor bug fixes)

Publisher or Producer: TapMedia Ltd

Types of software: Tool

Curriculum: 12+

Cost: Free to download with in-app purchases that are \$0.99 a month to access and offers a 7 day free trial.

Describe the software: A simple and easy app that scans QR codes, barcodes, documents, and puzzles. The main features that it offers is scanning different documents, but if you upgrade to the monthly subscription you can unlock the TapMedia Pro. This allows you to have access to more documents and other accessories like a voice recorder.

Impressions of the software: I thought the software was very simple and easy to use. I looked up a QR code on my phone to see if the scanner worked on the Lite version. It took me straight to the website while on the app. It did everything that it said it did when I was looking through it. I would use this on reading lessons to scan book codes.

Does the software pass APPS: Yes

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App Evaluation
Given App

Title: Total Recall

Version: 5.0 (Revamped graphics engine and a couple of new features)

Publisher or Producer: Michel Neuhaus

Types of software: Simulation

Curriculum: Organizes thoughts easily through graphic webs, 4+

Cost: Free to download; Free version is limited to 3 mind maps

Describe the software: Very easy and simple app that helps organize thoughts or ideas in a web design. You can make your own bubbles to add notes in, and create several different web maps for different things. You can also get creative and change the style of the bubble, and also the color.

Impressions of the software: I think this is a great software to use for an essay prompt assignment. I can see it being very useful for students to organize their ideas for their essay topic.

Does the software pass APPS: Yes

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App Evaluation
Given App

Title: Brain Pop

Version: 3.1.9 (Minor bugs fixed)

Publisher or Producer: BrainPOP

Types of software: Tutorial

Curriculum: 4+, made for ages 6-8, in my own opinion.

Cost: Free to download, in-app subscriptions options

Describe the software: This app offers animated movies, characters who speak in a voice kids can relate to, encourages self-directed learning and further exploration of the world around them. This app is very interactive and full of color on every page. Very easy to navigate but younger kids will need an adults help or supervision.

Impressions of the software: I think this software is great for any lesson. The videos they have are so exciting and vibrant. You can really find just about anything you can need on the app and the word choice is very appropriate for any age student.

Does the software pass APPS: Yes