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The Best of the Best: iPad Apps to Support the Teaching of Reading

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There are a myriad of iPad Apps out there for teaching reading skills, but finding the perfect ones can be difficult. I've spent hours searching for the best-of-the- best, and I'm sharing all of them with you in this session! The apps I will focus on are for non-readers to early readers. The apps vary and can be used in reading workshop centers, whole group instruction, one on one with a teacher, or in small groups. The session will include how to set up iPad learning groups, manage time, differentiate for various learners, assess student learning, and find good (and free) iPad apps

Where Do I Start?

- Start small
- Find free apps—smartappsforkids.com
- Follow people on twitter –Matt Gomez
- Follow/browse Pinterest—search whatever you are looking for!
- Take free on line webinars –Simple K12 or others

Set up and Managing Time

- Assign ipads to student groups (this allows for differentiation)
- Download a timer –place on page

Structure/Assessments

Modeled after the Daily 5— <http://www.thedailycafe.com/public/department104.cfm>

- Read to Self
- Read to Someone
- Word Work
- Listen to Reading
- Work on Writing

Apps

Handwriting/Letters

- Alphabet maze-abc order, letter recognition
- Intro to Letters-handwriting practice with sounds—differentiate and record functions
- Letter School-handwriting app that has three ways to practice
- Sand Draw/Glow Draw-practice writing in a fun way

- Abc magic—matching sounds and letter
- Ready to Print-OT component
- Starfall-letters and games
- Cambugs

Reading/Listening to Reading

- One More Story-listening to story books
- Over Drive-free audio books from the library
- Grasshopper Apps (or other books-Mo Willems etc)—leveled readers

Reading comprehension/Story Creation

- K1 non-fiction (with a teacher to practice comprehension skills)
- Director's Chair
- Puppet Pals/Toontastic
- Composer Pro

Sight Words/Spelling

- Cimo
- Teacher Created Materials
- Spelling Star

Word Work

- Reading Magic 1/ Spelling Magic 1 (different levels)—phonemic/phonological awareness activities
- Make a word (letters and sounds—blending)
- Phonics Studio (use card and have kids spell) can use write board or magnetic letter tray)