SPEECH THERAPISTS' TOP RECOMMENDED APPS FOR:

PLAY | READING | SOCIAL SKILLS & ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION

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APPS FOR PLAY!

TocaBoca Series: TocaHouse, Toca Monsters, TocaTeaParty, TocaDoctor, TocaHairSalon, Robot

This entire series of apps is perfect for kids to learn about different play routines around social experiences that we all partake in. Great for language learning, making requests, commenting, and turn-taking!

MyPlayhome

This app is the perfect dollhouse for your child's iPad! Pick your family and navigate the rooms of the house having the family partake in a variety of activities. This app is also great for working on having people/characters engage with one another using dialogue, using verbs to comment on actions, building language skills, requesting, and narrating experiences around the home!

FOR READING!

DyslexiaQuest

This app is great for targeting all the skills that go into building solid reading and decoding skills. Your child will navigate through different paths up a mountain to get to the Yeti at the top of the mountain. They will complete activities like following directions, recognizing words, digits forward and digits backward, following patterns, and blending words together. All these activities target a variety of pre-reading abilities that are key for successful decoding! A fan favorite for our early reading friends!

In the Bag

This app was created by Miss Alicia and Miss Brieann's colleagues in the field. This app allows kids to hide an item from a huge bank of pictures across a variety of categories. Once the bag is "hidden" the person who hid the item cannot say what it is, but has to use their language skills to describe it by using things like "size, shape, color, function, feature, and category." From there, the other people playing have to ask – 'wh' questions in order to figure out what the item hidden in the bag is. This is a great app for turn-taking, working together as a team, building expressive language skills, and processing skills.

FOR ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION!

For Nonverbal / Limited Verbal Abilities: Proloquo 2 Go

This is our preferred app for children with limited verbal abilities to help them be functional communicators and give them a chance to have their own voice! This app comes fully loaded or it can be programmed to best meet your child's needs. Pictures are in a bank that can be chosen or you can upload your own photos based upon the features needed for your child. There are a variety of voices that can be chosen as well from a bank that you can choose from (boy, girl, woman, man) and there are accents from across the world as well!

LAMP Words for Life®, TouchChat HD, and Proloquo2Go

LAMP Words for Life®, TouchChat HD, and Proloquo2Go are just a few of many Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) high tech speech generating apps. AAC devices with an app are recommended for children with severe speech and/or language problems that may need to find other ways to communicate besides verbally talking. Talk to your SLP to determine if your child needs an AAC device and which app would work best for them.

APPS FOR ARTICULATION!

LittleBeeSpeech,ArtikPix

These apps allow you to target the specific speech sounds that your child is working on in therapy through the use of flashcards and matching games. Practice can be at the word and sentence level. What is also great about these apps is there are features for you to be able to record (with camera function or voice alone) your child's voice so that he / she can play back

and judge their productions. Great for added practice throughout the week when you are not in therapy and since it's on the iPad, kids love it!

APPS FOR LANGUAGE!

LanguageBuilder

This app is great for working on sentence formulation, verbs, asking and responding to questions, and working on expressive language. There is also a feature to record, which is great for having kids hear themselves and the sentences they create!

VerbswithMilo

This app is another fan favorite with our friend Milo the mouse!
He acts out a variety of common actions, which is great for targeting verbs across a variety of tenses (present progressive – 'ing', past tense, irregular past tense, and future tense).

Direction following: Clicky Sticky

This app allows you to pick from a variety of picture scenes to utilize for having kids follow directions to work on spatial and location concepts. After the child is done following your directions, they can hit the play feature and the scene will act out all their creation!

Speech With Milo: Sequencing

This app is another fan favorite with our friend Milo the mouse! He acts out a variety of common activities, which is great for targeting verbs across a variety of tenses (present progressive –ing, past tense, irregular past tense, and future tense). You can also work on simple sequencing skills to describe "how to do" a given action or activity; assist your child with using important early story-telling words including "first...then/next...last"!

Interactive: Duck Duck Moose Apps (Wheels on the Bus, Itsy Bitsy Spider, Old MacDonald)

These three apps combine fun and creativity while allowing you to work on early language skills, and engage kids in building language through popular childhood songs. The apps all have actions associated with the different parts of the songs, which is great for working on commenting/describing, requesting, labeling, and of course our action words/verbs!

Social Skills!

Friendmaker App

This app is designed for high school students and adolescents who struggle with social skills. It provides real-life instruction in the process of making friends, from how to choose friends to improving conversational skills, online safety and etiquette, and advice on how to handle teasing and bullying. The app also includes role-play videos that break each skill down into concrete steps and demonstrate how to put them into action. This app may be useful for adolescents and adults who struggle socially, including those with autism spectrum disorder, ADHD, bipolar, sensory processing disorder, etc.

Your little ones will love these apps!

All About Speech & Language:

A wide variety of apps exist to support ongoing therapy across early language development, articulation, grammar, phonics, reading, following directions, sequencing, vocabulary, play skills, social skills, reasoning, inferencing, predicting, etc. to maintain learned skills, to help carry over skills being addressed in therapy, and to expose children to new concepts and information.

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