

# Best Ideas for Engaging Kids in Technology

## Free Websites:

[www.switcheroozoo.com](http://www.switcheroozoo.com) Watch, listen and play games to learn all about amazing animals

[www.kids.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.kids.nationalgeographic.com) Learn all about geography and fascinating animals

[www.seussville.com](http://www.seussville.com) Read, play games, and hang out with Dr. Seuss and his friends

[www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com) Practice math and reading skills while playing fun games

[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com) Play games while practicing math and readiness skills

[www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org) Hang out with your favorite characters while learning

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com) Practice phonics skills with read-along stories

[www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net) Have some of your favorite stories read by movie stars!

[www.coolmath.com](http://www.coolmath.com) Practice math skills in engaging ways

[www.hoodamath.com](http://www.hoodamath.com) Games start at age Kindergarten and can be sorted by category

[www.mrnussbaum.com](http://www.mrnussbaum.com) Learning games for every age

[www.icanteachmychild.com](http://www.icanteachmychild.com) Fun ideas from a former teacher

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org> The ICDL Foundation promotes tolerance and respect for diverse cultures by providing access to the best of children's literature from around the world.

[www.sanoen.com](http://www.sanoen.com) **Sanoen** is a member of Moms with Apps, a collaborative group of children's content developers seeking to promote quality apps for children and families.

## Free Apps for Preschoolers:

**PBS Kids Video** Watch more than 1,000 videos from your favorite PBS Kids shows anytime

**Farm 123—StoryToys Junior** this interactive pop-up book to count, but only once

**Little Writer—The tracing APP for Kids** learn how to form their letters in an interactive way.

**Rover—The Browser for Education** flash players (like Starfall) accessible and usable!

**Alphabet Zoo:** This simple flashcard-like app every letter of the alphabet

**Phone for Kids** The largest collection of fun educational activities in a single app

**Top IQ Academy (Agnitus) Learning Games** The **app** provides a personalized learning based on their ability in math and reading

**Timmy's Kindergarten Adventure (free version)** math, word identification, phonics, and time-telling activities in order to play the fun mini-games

**ABC Alphabet Phonics** learn the **alphabet, phonics** and the sound associated with letter.

**Montessori Numberland** beautifully animated scenes, to learn numbers \$3.99

### **Paid APPS**

**Montessori Crosswords (iPhone or iPad—\$2.99)** great for teaching letter SOUNDS

**Handwriting without Tears: Wet, Dry, Try Capital Letters and Numbers** (iPad 2 and newer only—\$4.99-\$6.99) It teaches children to form letters from the top down

**TeachMe Toddler** (iPhone or iPad—\$0.99) letters, numbers, shapes, and colors

**Teach Me Kindergarten App** (\$1.99) would be a great step up from toddlers

**Monkey Preschool Lunchbox** (\$1.99) it offers a lot of bang for its buck!

**Park Math – Duck Duck Moose** (iPhone or iPad— \$1.99-\$3.99) sorting from smallest to largest, patterning, number recognition, counting, and addition

**Bugs and Bubbles** (\$2.99) The graphics are incredible, perfect blend of fun and learning

**LetterSchool** (Free or \$4.99) makes handwriting incredibly easy to unravel

**BOB Books** (\$3.99) brings your favorite **Bob Books** characters to life in beautiful full color.

**ABC Wildlife** (\$2.99): Each letter has several *real* animal examples with letter sounds, games, and videos about the real-life animal.

**Tiga Talk Speech Therapy Game** (\$4.99) help kids speak better

**Interactive Alphabet- ABCs** (\$2.99) Every letter's flash card is **interactive**

**Zoo Train** (\$1.99) five different activities and each one is A WINNER.

**Droid APPS** some are free but some are small cost

**Montessori Preschool games (owl icon)** helps kids develop their reading, writing and spelling skills Crosswords

**Monkey Preschool** Lovable animated monkey helps kids along as they play the games Lunchbox

**(Dinosaur) Park** math lite free game to help your children learn addition and subtraction from 0 to 20.