

Suggested Apps for Special Needs

Abilipad by Appy Therapy, aka “the WRITE TOOL for the iPad” was developed by an occupational therapist to facilitate writing. The Keyboard Creator lets one design keyboards using letters, words, sentences or pictures with custom key sizes, fonts, colors and audio recordings. The notepad offers word prediction to assist with spelling and to reduce keystrokes, as well as text-to-speech that allows one to hear what was written in order to correct spelling and grammatical errors.

ArtikPix by Expressive Solutions, ArtikPix is an engaging articulation app with flashcard and matching activities for children with speech sound delays. Since the app includes child friendly language, you don't have to be a speech-language pathologist to facilitate practice. Children use ArtikPix to practice sounds independently, with a speech-language pathologist or their parents.

ConversationBuilder™ by Mobile Education Store ConversationBuilder™ is designed to help elementary aged children learn how to have multi-exchange conversations with their peers in a variety of social settings. The auditory pattern of conversation is presented in a visual format to help students recognize and master the flow of conversation. Students will learn when it is appropriate to introduce themselves, ask questions, make observations and change the subject of the conversation. Being able to converse with peers is the cornerstone of developing relationships, and ConversationBuilder™ promotes development of this skill that so many elementary aged children struggle with in a fun and engaging way.

First Then Visual Schedule by Good Karma Apps First-Then Visual Schedule application is designed for caregivers to provide positive behavior support for those with communication needs. This application provides an affordable and convenient audio-visual prompting tool for use on the iPhone or iTouch. The portability of the iPhone and iTouch and ease of use of the application make it perfect for use at school, home or in the community.

Grace App by Steven-Troughton Smith (See news clip Demo Video) A simple picture exchange system developed By and For non-verbal people allowing the user to communicate their needs by building sentences from relevant images. It can be customised by the individual using their picture and photo vocabulary with the user taking and saving pictures independently to the app.

I Can Speak is an easy-to-use AAC app designed to meet most of the communications needs of those unable to speak. The app includes 12 backgrounds, four button styles, and two word selection areas called Static and Dynamic. The Static Area, which is always available, contains over 240 words and phrases to build sentences. The Dynamic Area has two category lists: Words and Activities. The Words list has over 500 entries and can hold around 5,000. Activities list words reference specific actions, e.g. art class or using the bathroom. Combining Static and Dynamic words can generate thousands of simple sentences. Version: 1.1; Size: 10.0 MB; Requirements: iOS 3.2 or later.

iCommunicate by Grembe (See Demo Video) Create pictures, flashcards, storyboards, routines, and visual schedules. Record custom audio in any language. We include 100+ pictures (first 5 have audio) to get you started. Add pictures with your camera, or from your camera roll, or use Google image search. Utilize as audio visual prompting tool or AAC device.

iComm by Mias Apps (See Demo Video) The iComm (short for I Communicate) is an app providing an affordable, custom built and easy to use communication system using pictures and words – both written and spoken. It is ideal for children under three until they are able to express their needs through well formed speech. The iComm is also very useful for children with a broad range of disabilities who have trouble communicating such as cerebral palsy or autism.

iEarnedThat by a Pediatrician & Parent Designed by a Pediatrician and parent, iEarnedThat is an amazingly simple motivational tool to help children develop desirable behaviors by working towards

tangible goals. Turn any picture of a desired reward into a 3D interactive jigsaw puzzle of up to 60 pieces! Set the goal and have your child EARN their reward one puzzle piece at a time!

In My Dreams by DevelopEase (See Demo Video) Have fun with reading, matching, and sign language. "In My Dreams" uses animation and repetition to promote literacy. Each page has the same sentence structure and reinforces understanding of nouns, verbs and prepositions. "In My Dreams" is an instructional app designed with illustrations that provide language cues. Personalize the app for your child, student or client by adding their photo!

iPrompts provides visual prompting tools (no audio prompts or voice output) to help users transition from one activity to the next, understand upcoming events, make choices, and focus on the task at hand. Teachers or caregivers can create picture schedules from hundreds of stock photos and illustrations and their own uploaded images. The app also has a countdown timer to show users when the current activity will end. Other features include choice prompts and an image library. Version: 2.06; Size: 5.2 MB; Requirements: iOS 3.1.3 or later.

Locabulary provides vocabulary to communicate quick phrases, moods, and requests for assistance. The app can be used for everyday communications, teaching, or for fun. **Locabulary Lite** has expanded Category and Phrase Settings. Users can create and link Location Presets for points of interest to a category or bank of phrases. The app speaks text-message abbreviations, e.g. type "cul" and "See you later" is spoken. You can also backup and save all phrase categories to a remote Locabulary server. Version: 2.0; Size: 32.5 MB; Requirements: iOS 4.0 or later.

My Choice Board app enables users to increase independence and communicate needs and wants by presenting a visual display of choices. The user touches the choice icon, which is displayed at the top of the screen. A second touch enlarges the choice to the entire screen and, if selected, any prerecorded messages. Users can create multiple boards with as many choices as needed. Images can be uploaded from the device's camera, computer, or the web and can include sound. Version: 1.1; Size: 5.1 MB; Requirements: iOS 3.1.2 (4.2 for the iPad) or later.

iReward by Grembe iReward is a fun and useful app. Use it with your spouse, kids, yourself, or anyone for whom you want to provide some positive reinforcement. iReward is a motivation chart for your iPhone, iPod Touch, or iPad!

iTouchiLearn Musical Story (see demo) features an interactive, animated story that teaches toddler, preschool and special needs kids about morning routines. Kids can sing along and interact with the catchy iTouchiLearn Ready for School song sung to the tune of Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush. Designed to build early learning and life skills through virtual rewards, the app features 3 modes of early learning: Game, Music and Activity.

My Talk Tools (LITE version) MyTalkTools Mobile Lite is a fully-functional version of MyTalk Mobile with 12 cell capacity, using one or two boards. Using the 12 cells offered by MyTalk Mobile Lite, users can gain comfort with the mobile use and our online authoring (building communication boards or pages) via MyTalk Workspace. Using MyTalk Mobile Lite, experience the ultimate in customizable communications. If you find that MyTalk Mobile Lite provides the right solutions, but you would like the increased capacity of 32,000 cells, consider MyTalk Mobile.

Off We Go! Going on a Plane and Going to the Dentist books are available as iPhone and iPad apps in English and Spanish. If you are going on a plane or visiting the dentist, you can use your iPhone or iPad to help prepare your child and make the experience easier for everyone. These books are a visual step by step guide to everyday experiences, particularly for children with special needs.

Open-Ended apps that have received positive feedback from parents and therapists who work with special needs kids. These apps don't have a "right" or "wrong", but rather an open platform for children to experiment and explore: **Draw With Stars, Snow Wonder, Faces iMake.**

Predictable is an AAC app providing text-to-speech and customizable functions with social media integration. The app uses a word prediction engine featuring integrated intelligent self-learning of new words and contexts and easy-to-use category folders. Users can compose and send email and SMS messages, Tweets, and Facebook updates. It supports switch access, including use of the entire screen as a switch. The app is also accessible via Bluetooth switch box. Version: 2.0; Size: 606 MB; Requirements: iOS 3.0 or later.

Proloquo2Go features text-to-speech, high-rez symbols, a 7,000-word vocabulary, and advanced word prediction. The app can be used without a WiFi or 3G connection. Version 1.7.2 contains 30 improvements and fixes. Includes an "Adjust # of Columns" feature removed from version 1.7 that displays more columns in landscape view. Also back is the "Try to Fill Screen" feature that enlarges some category buttons. The message window and navigation bar are now adjustable. All Settings are now consolidated into a password-protected Option View. Version: 1.7.2; Size: 341 MB; Requirements: iOS 4.2 or later.

Rainbow Sentences by Mobile EducationStore Rainbow Sentences is designed to help students improve their ability to construct grammatically correct sentences by using color coded visual cues. The who, what, where, and why parts of sentences are color coded to help students recognize and understand how combinations of these parts create basic sentence structure. Students will learn how to recognize the parts of sentences such as nouns, verbs, and prepositions, improve their understanding of how combinations of these parts create basic sentence structure. Students have the opportunity to record their sentences in their own voice to improve their receptive and expressive language skills.

See. Touch. Learn. by Brain Parade See.Touch.Learn.™ is a picture learning system designed by professionals specifically for those with autism and other special needs. See.Touch.Learn.™ makes traditional picture cards obsolete. Parents and professionals use See.Touch.Learn.™ to build custom picture card lessons and automatically track their child's responses. Includes a starter set of stunning, high-quality images and 60 exercises created by a certified behavior analyst! Additional libraries of images and lessons are available for purchase from within the app.

Sentence Builder by Mobile Education Store Sentence Builder is designed to help elementary aged children learn how to build grammatically correct sentences. Explicit attention is paid to the connector words that make up over 80% of the English language. Sentence Builder offers a rich and fun environment for improving the grammar of all children.

Speech With Milo: Verbs by Doonan Speech Therapy (See Demo Video) Created by a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist, this app offers a versatile and entertaining speech therapy tool for children. The app is for speech therapists working with children, or parents who want to teach language skills to their children. The animation that comes with Milo will keep any child focused and attentive. And most important- it is fun!

Story Builder by Mobile Education Store Story Builder is designed to help children accomplish the following educational goals: 1) Improve paragraph formation; 2) Improve integration of ideas; and 3) Improve higher level abstractions by inference. Extensive use of audio clips promotes improved auditory processing for special needs children with autism spectrum disorders or sensory processing disorders.

Story Pals by Eric Sailors LLC, Whimsical. Enjoyable. Data-driven. Practicing listening and reading comprehension has never been easier or more exciting than with StoryPals. StoryPals is a story comprehension app for iPad that features fun, original stories with unique characters, colorful, modern artwork and interactive illustrations. Best of all, it collects and saves student scores automatically so tracking student progress is simple.

TapSpeak Choice for iPad is a comprehensive communication board and speech editor and player designed to save setup and maintenance time. The app supports the DynaVox PCS library as well as user photos and images. Boards can contain from one to 56 messages. The app offers 18 grid

dimensions and a dynamic layout that automatically adjusts grid size as you add buttons. TapSpeak Choice can use the iPad screen as a switch for scanning to help users with limited motor skills. Version: 2.2.0; Size: 206 MB; Requirements: iPad with iOS 4.2 or later. Price restricts sale to persons 17 or older.

TouchChat HD speaks words, phrases, and messages using any of seven synthetic voices. Buttons enable users to navigate among page sets, speak messages, change the volume, or clear the display. Tilt the device to display a message full-screen with large letters. TouchChat text can be shared via Facebook, Twitter, text messaging, and email. Text from other applications can be imported and read aloud; TouchChat text can also be copied to other applications. TouchChat HD is bundled with WordPower24. Version: 1.1.2; Size: 603 MB; Requirements: iPad with iOS 3.2 or later. Price restricts sale to those 17 and older.

Zanny - Born to Run “Zanny, Born to Run” is part of the very first book series ever written expressly FOR children with special needs. We know that not all kids are the same, so each book address a different symptom, not a disorder. This way, stories can benefit “typical” children who might have difficulties in one area while also helping kids diagnosed with learning disabilities.