

Suggestions for selecting apps for use with students

To find specific names of apps to consider check with:

- Other educators of students with needs similar to your students (Always the best source)
- Internet resources (Such as these links popular with educators of special needs students)
 - Special Needs Apps for Kids: Find an App <http://www.snapps4kids.com/find-an-app/>
 - Apps for Children with Special Needs <http://a4cwsn.com/>
 - iPodsibilities - Adaptive Needs
<http://www.ipodsibilities.com/iPodsibilities/macATtac.html>
 - Moms with Apps <http://momswithapps.com/>
 - Mobile Learning for Special Needs <http://mobilelearning4specialneeds.wikispaces.com/>
 - Autism Spectrum Directory iPads and apps
<http://blog.autismspectrumdirectory.com/category/ipad-and-iphone-apps-for-autism-spectrum-disorder/>
 - MITS Apps from their iEducate workshop series:
<http://mits.cenmi.org/Resources/ArchivedMaterialsResources.aspx> find 'Presentations'
 - App-itic filters apps using Bloom's continuum (see below) <http://appitic.com/>
 - Six-part series, highlighting apps useful for developing higher order thinking skills in grades K-5 classrooms. Each list highlights a few apps that connect to the various stages on Bloom's continuum of learning: Remembering, Understanding, Applying, Analyzing, Evaluating and Creating.
 - <http://www.edutopia.org/ipad-apps-elementary-blooms-taxonomy-diane-darrow> complete series
 - <http://www.edutopia.org/blog/ipad-apps-elementary-blooms-taxonomy-evaluating-evaluation-diane-darrow>

Tips for selecting apps from iTunes store:

- On the iPad in the Apps Store enter the name or type of app in the search bar.
 - Use headings to filter search by device, price, and rating
 - Nice way to find free apps
 - Ratings should be at least 4 + stars, so many to choose from
 - Allow less than 4 stars for a narrow/specific need
- On the computer in iTunes
 - Note last date updated, apps that are not kept up-to-date should not be a priority
 - Look at number of reviews
 - 5 star apps with few reviews may not be as good as a 4 star app with many reviews
 - After skimming latest reviews looking for any problems with last update, sort by critical reviews
 - Critical reviews can alert you to issues that may or may not be a concern for your need