The five behaviors essential to early literacy skills: talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing have all gone digital with apps and tablets!

Interacting with apps and enhanced books does not replace traditional print formats, but enhances and extends their influence and effect.

Using apps is all about the three C’s: Content, Context, Your Child.
FREE APPS!

- Starring You Videos by Storybots
- DoodleBuddy
- Companies to search under with several free apps:
  - Fisher Price
  - Disney
- Several apps feature Lite versions
- Talking Ben
- Lazoo Zoo

EBOOK APPS WORTH PAYING FOR

- Going to Bed Book, Sandra Boynton
- Don’t Let the Pigeon Run This App, Mo Willems
- Hugless Douglass
- The Monster at the End of This Book
- The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore
- Pat the Bunny

NOT-FREE APPS ($6.99 OR LESS)!

- Toca Hair Salon, $1.99, Ages 4+
- Trucks HD, $1.99, Ages 2-6
- Little Fox Music Box, $3.99, Ages 2+
- The Singing Alphabet, $0.99, Ages 2+
- Reading Raven, $3.99, Ages 4+
- Wee Sing & Learn ABCs, $2.99, Ages 2+
- Alphatots, $2.99, Ages 3+
- Elmo Loves ABCs, (Lite Version Available), $4.99, Ages 2+

APP REVIEW WEBSITES

http://www.commonsensemedia.org/
A nonprofit dedicated to improving the lives of kids and families by providing the trustworthy information, education, and independent voice they need to thrive in a world of media and technology. Features reviews of Apps, movies, websites, games and more.

http://childrenstech.com/
A comprehensive searchable review database of children’s interactive media. Each product is clearly described and tagged for education content, platform and age. It is also rated using a standardized rating system. The publication was modeled in the spirit of Consumer Reports — designed to summarize products and trends in children’s interactive media.

http://digital-storytime.com/
A Parent-created site that helps other parents and educators find out more about picture book apps for iPad. Detailed ratings and information are included for every app reviewed.