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THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT JUST FOR KIDS!

If your child has access to any form of mobile device, take a look at these FREE apps. Free is great, but wading through all of them is not so great. Although some have in-app purchase options and advertisements, they are still fun to play without paying. To get these apps go to the iTunes or Amazon App Stores or the Google Play Store.

A to Z-Mrs. Owl's Learning Tree-Free/Android uses beautiful illustrations and sound effects to focus children's attention to learn the alphabet and phonetic letter sounds with Mrs. Owl.

Alien Assignment (age 3+) is easy to play. Kids join the loveable Gloop family of aliens in a problem-solving adventure to repair their space ship so they can return to their home planet. The app encourages problem solving and discussion, and adults and kids can enjoy it together.

ICDL Free Books (Gr. K-5) is an app with a collection of thousands of free picture books from more than 60 countries from the International Children's Digital Library Foundation.

Kid Mode: Play + Learn (Gr. PK-3) uses familiar movie and T.V. characters to engage kids in games to help them learn the alphabet, basic reading skills, and math skills, too!

Letter Cross-Tracking (age 5+) provides practice activities to help students discriminate easily confused (m, n), reversed (b, d) or inverted letters (u, n) as well as to pay attention to detail about position in space. All of these skills are vital for reading success. Some children may need outside motivation to complete assigned work so they don't lose interest because the entertainment value lasts only a short time on this app.

Limikids Park (age 3+) focuses on skills such as attention and memory, sorting, and visual motor coordination, and the game adapts to your kid's progress. This is a *Pac-Man* style game that more than one person can play at the same time.

MeMeTales have a text-highlighted audio read-along option to help beginning readers who need help. Kids earn points and stickers when they read. It comes with 20 free books when you first install it.

MOVING BOOKS! Jajajajan (age 3+) introduces kids to fun, animated versions of seven classic stories and silly songs. The text is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

Sight Words List (Gr. K-2) makes the task of learning to read those first frequently used words easier. This app has 315 sight words broken down by age. You can select the words you want your child to learn and record them with your own voice. Change the list as your child improves.

StoryKit (Gr. 1-4) has four beautifully illustrated classic stories for young readers to use as a starting point for their own creative writing skills. After reading the books, kids can change the stories to fit their own ideas, or make their own illustrations. It's a very versatile app.

Word Domino Free/Android is a fun letter game that helps children on their vocabulary and reading skills.