












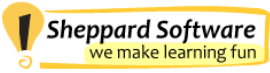








SSFS Lower School Summer Practice Apps & Online Resources

During the summer, your children will undoubtedly want to get out of the heat and spend some time on the computer. While we hope that your kids will spend the majority of their time out in nature or participating in energetic social activities, a little exercise for the mind can be welcome. You may also want your children to spend some time practicing their basic skills so that they don't become rusty over the summer break. To that end, we offer these recommendations for iPad Apps and online resources your children can use that are fun as well as educational. All of these sites and iPad apps are recommended by Lower School teachers, so you can rest assured that your children's time online will be well spent. Of course this is in no way a comprehensive list of Apps or web resources! We offer this simply as a starting point. We will continue to develop and expand this list as time goes on, so your contributions are welcome. Visit the Lower School Tech Swamp for a link to our SSFS Lower School Summer Practice Apps & Online Resources pages (<http://lstechswamp.weebly.com/ssfs-lower-school-summer-practice-apps--online-resources.html>). If you find a site or app that you want to share, please send that information to Beverley DiTusa, Lower School Learning Specialist, at beverley.ditusa@ssfs.org or Fred Sisk, Lower School Technology Coordinator, at fred.sisk@ssfs.org. Please note that a number of these sites rely on advertising to support their efforts; though from what we've seen so far, the advertising is not inappropriate to the audience. Please know that these sites do change from time to time, so we cannot guarantee their content.




General Subject Websites and Apps

	ABCYa www.abcya.com	A favorite among our younger students, ABCYa offers a wide variety of games, organized by grade level, that are both entertaining and educational.
	Arcademic Skill Builders www.arcademicskillbuilders.com	These high-quality games are more academic in nature, but allow children to practice skills through fun and engaging games.
	Dexteria – Fine Motor Skill Development https://www.google.com/search?q=Dexteria+app&oq=Dexteria+ap&aqs=chrome.0.0j57j0l2&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8	Named 2012 "Developer of Distinction" by Apps For Children With Special Needs.
	Educreations https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/educreations-interactive-whiteboard/id478617061?mt=8	An easy screencasting tool for teaching and sharing a concept using text, images, drawings and audio.
	Explain Everything https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/explain-everything/id431493086?mt=8	Explain Everything is an easy-to-use design, screencasting, and interactive whiteboard tool that lets you annotate, animate, narrate, import, and export almost anything to and from almost anywhere.
	FactMonster www.factmonster.com	Fact Monster offers games and general information on a wide array of topics. The site offers not only games, but also reference resources and homework help.







	Flipboard https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/flipboard-your-social-news/id358801284?mt=8	This RSS feed reader is an easy way to follow kid friendly current event sites like National Geographic for Kids.
	FunBrain www.funbrain.com	FunBrain is a classic in the educational games world. A wide variety of games and activities across subjects.
	Knowledge Adventure www.knowledgeadventure.com	This site offers a wide variety of fun and educational games for children in Preschool through grade 6.
	Mr. Nussbaum www.mrnussbaum.com	This site offers a large number of clever educational games and activities that are organized by grade level. The site also offers teacher resources that parents might find useful as well.
	PBSKids www.pbskids.org	PBSKids is best-of-breed when it comes to educational online activities. Games and activities linked to PBS Kids television shows offer fun and educational opportunities in every subject and for a range of ages.
	PlayKidsGames www.playkidsgames.com	This interesting site has games that have been customized by teachers for their classes.
	Popplet https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/popplet/id374151636?mt=8	Mind mapping and graphic organizing app.
	Sheppard Software www.sheppardsoftware.com	Sheppard Software offers hundreds of high-quality games in numerous educational subjects. Games are organized by academic level and by subject.
	Unblock Me https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/unblock-me-free/id315019111?mt=8	Brain-break, logic puzzle.
Reading and Language Arts Websites and Apps		
	Aesop For Children https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/aesop-for-children/id538815234?mt=8&ls=1	An amazing (and free) app version of the timeless classic from the Library of Congress.
	Blue Hat, Green Hat https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/blue-hat-green-hat-boynton/id444031617?mt=8	App version of the Sandra Boynton book.







	The Cat in the Hat https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/the-cat-in-the-hat-dr.-seuss/id353473931?mt=8	App version of the Dr. Seuss classic.
	The Correct Spelling https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/the-correct-spelling/id460028808?mt=8	Can you find the correctly spelled word from three possible choices?
	FunFonix http://funfonix.com/	PK – 1 st grade. This site has alphabet games, initial sounds and three letter word games.
	Game Goo www.earobics.com/gamegoo/gooeyhome.html	With excellent and appealing graphics, Game Goo offers phonics-based practice in language arts, based on the Earobics program of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
	Gamequarium http://www.gamequarium.com/	PK – 5 th grade. When the main menu appears, navigate to “ReadQuarium”. This covers an array of reading skills from simple phonic games to comprehension and fluency skills.
	Goodnight Moon https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/goodnight-moon/id546560960?mt=8	App version of the Margaret Wise Brown classic book.
	Kizphonics http://www.kizphonics.com/	PK – 2 nd grade. Phonic games-initial sounds, short vowels, digraphs (sh, ch, th, wh), blends (e.g. ‘bl’, ‘tr’) and long vowel sounds.
	The Monster at the End of This Book...starring Grover! https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/monster-at-end-of-this-book...starring/id409467802?mt=8	App version of the Sesame Street book.
	Nursery Rhymes with StoryTime https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/nursery-rhymes-storytime/id423322533?mt=8	Nursery Rhymes with StoryTime is a magical book. Play with Humpty Dumpty, Jack & Jill, Three Blind Mice and other classic nursery rhyme characters.
	Sadlier-Oxford Phonics www.sadlier-oxford.com/phonics/family.cfm	A more academic site, Sadlier-Oxford provides grade level phonics practice.
	Simplex Spelling Phonics 1 https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/simplex-spelling-phonics-1/id481553580?mt=8	Placed 3rd in the 2012 Best App Ever Awards - Best Elementary Student App.
	Starfall www.starfall.com	Starfall is oriented toward younger children and is exclusively focused on early reading.
	Toy Story Read Along https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/toy-story-read-along/id364376920?mt=8	An animated, interactive version of the Pixar movie. One of the better books for iPad.

Handwriting Apps







	<p>ABC Cursive Big Trace HD Free Lite https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/abc-cursive-big-trace-hd-free/id422793768?mt=8</p>	<p>Free cursive app</p>
	<p>Accurate Tracer – ABC Cursive Free Lite https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/accurate-tracer-abc-cursive/id532447621?mt=8</p>	<p>Can you find the correctly spelled word from three possible choices?</p>
	<p>Accurate Tracer – Numbers HD https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/accurate-tracer-numbers-hd/id534352812?mt=8</p>	<p>Learning tracing numbers zero (0) through fifty (50) properly through validation guides.</p>

Math Websites and Apps

	<p>Adapted Mind www.adaptedmind.com</p>	<p>A more academic site, Adapted Mind charts progress through a large number of math exercises organized by subject.</p>
	<p>Coolmath4Kids www.coolmath4kids.com</p>	<p>This visually dynamic site offers both lessons and practice games in a variety of math subjects.</p>
	<p>Dragonbox+ https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/dragonbox+-algebra/id522069155?mt=8</p>	<p>The educational game that secretly teaches you algebra.</p>
	<p>IXL www.ixl.com</p>	<p>IXL offers a limited number of math problems per day through its free service, but a membership provides access to a large database of excellent math activities organized by subject and grade.</p>
	<p>Kids Numbers www.kidsnumbers.com</p>	<p>This site provides a week-to-week program of learning and practice in basic math skills using online games.</p>
	<p>Mathmateer https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/mathmateer/id393989284?mt=8</p>	<p>Editor's Choice Award! - Children's Technology Review Top 10 best app for elementary school kids - Appolicious</p>

	Mathtopia https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/mathtopia/id569333308?mt=8	Stamp math expressions with colorful answer tiles. Solve a tile-matching puzzle to advance. Earn stars and trophies as you get faster at recognizing equivalencies.
	Math Ninja HD https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/math-ninja-hd/id370144476?mt=8	Use your math skills to defend your tree house against a hungry tomato and his robotic army in this fun action packed game!
	Operation Math https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/operation-math/id487387270?mt=8	Operation Math teaches basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division through interactive game play that turns boring tables into a global adventure.
	Operation Math Code https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/operation-math-code-squad/id555750694?mt=8	Decode a series of math-busting devices.
	Numerosity: Play with Addition https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/numerosity-play-addition/id608443525?mt=8	This educational math game is aimed at children 6 to 8 years old. Learn math, review concepts and improve numerical skills.
	Super 7 https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/super-7/id366612434?mt=8	Draw lines to combine the numbered discs and try to create 7s.

Science and Social Studies Websites and Apps

	BrainPOP – Featured Movie https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/brainpop-featured-movie/id364894352?mt=8	An animated resource with an impressive variety of science-related resources.
	Bubble Ball https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/bubble-ball/id412089940?mt=8	Fun and challenging! This app was created by a 14-year-old young man!
	Leaf Snap https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/leafsnap/id430649829?mt=8	A great app for tree identification. Scan a leaf and Leaf Snap matches it with images from its huge database of leaves.
	Maggie's Earth Adventures www.missmaggie.org	This site has a strong environmental focus, their signature game being Geo Spy. But they also offer games in math and language arts as well.
	Science 360 https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/science360-for-ipad/id439928181?mt=8	A science resource like BrainPOP, but for older students.
	Spacecraft 3D https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/spacecraft-3d/id541089908?mt=8	A remarkable virtual reality app that creates 3D virtual, interactive models of various NASA satellites and probes.



Stack The States

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/stack-the-states-lite/id390058619?mt=8>

As you learn state capitals, shapes, geographic locations, flags and more, you can actually touch, move and drop the animated states anywhere on the screen.

Spanish Websites and Apps



Chillola

<http://www.chillola.com/index.html/>

Lots of fun games and visuals for practicing vocabulary.



Doki Further

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/learn-spanish-doki-further/id582957263?mt=8>

Has a free lesson about clothing vocabulary, in Spanish, for 4th and 5th graders.



Flash Cards Spanish

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/flash-cards-spanish-free/id434189504?mt=8>

It has Spanish vocabulary words about food for 1st – 5th graders.



Lingo Zoo

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/lingo-zoo/id461757740?mt=8>

Fun puzzles with Spanish words about animals for PK, K and 1st graders.



Quizlet

1. <http://quizlet.com/subject/spanish-animals/>
2. <http://quizlet.com/516323/spanish-body-parts-flash-cards/>
3. <http://quizlet.com/subject/spanish-days-of-the-week/>
4. <http://quizlet.com/21416636/spanish-5a-family-flash-cards/>
5. <http://quizlet.com/227832/spanish-i-adjectives-flash-cards/>

Spanish vocabulary flash cards, spellers and games:

1. Animals (PK – 3rd grade)
2. Body Parts (PK – 5th grade)
3. Days of the Week (3rd – 5th grades)
4. The family (4th and 5th grades)
5. Adjectives (5th grade)



SpanishSpanish

<http://www.spanishspanish.com/>

Great site for practicing your vocabulary. The lists of choices in blue are free.



Spanish Trip

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/spanish-trip/id504233075?mt=8>

Nice free lessons about colors, in Spanish, for PK – 4th grades.






Trabandolenguas Blog







<http://trabandolenguas.blogspot.com/2012/09/descripciones.html>

Fun blog for 4th and 5th graders to practice vocabulary with flash cards.

Keyboarding Websites and Apps

	<p>Typing Web www.typingweb.com</p>	<p>Free online keyboarding program.</p>
	<p>Typing Club http://www.typingclub.com/</p>	<p>Free online keyboarding program.</p>
	<p>Dance Mat Typing http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/</p>	<p>Free online keyboarding program.</p>

Creativity Websites and Apps

	<p>Camera iPad camera</p>	<p>The iPad's camera is a wonderful tool for taking photos and videos and for screen captures.</p>
	<p>Crayola www.crayola.com</p>	<p>A favorite in the tech lab, this site by the crayon manufacturer offers a wide range of creative activities, many of which result in printable coloring pages for offline fun.</p>
	<p>DMD Panorama https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/dmd-panorama/id441183050?mt=8</p>	<p>Take panoramic, 360-degree photos. Save images to the iPad's Camera Roll or upload them to the Dermandar web site.</p>
	<p>Doodle Buddy https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/doodle-buddy-paint-draw-scribble/id313232441?mt=8</p>	<p>Fun, easy and full-featured drawing app.</p>
	<p>Draw and Show https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/draw-and-show/id427490853?mt=8</p>	<p>Yet another drawing app with web sharing capabilities.</p>
	<p>Haiku Deck https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/haiku-deck/id536328724?mt=8</p>	<p>Another powerful screencasting and presentation tool with amazing graphics capabilities.</p>

	<p>iMovie https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/imovie/id377298193?mt=8</p>	<p>Create and edit professional-looking videos and easily upload them to YouTube or Vimeo.</p>
	<p>My Story https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/my-story-book-maker-for-kids/id449232368?mt=8</p>	<p>Simple story maker and book creator. It combines drawing, photos, voice, and text to promote literacy and creativity.</p>
	<p>Paint.net goo.gl/yPF9e</p>	<p>This free software has much of the functionality of Photoshop, for those who want to experiment with digital art and photo editing.</p>
	<p>PicCollage https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/pic-collage/id448639966?mt=8</p>	<p>Create and arrange photographic collages using a variety of multi-frame templates.</p>
	<p>Pinnacle Studio https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/pinnacle-studio/id552100086?mt=8</p>	<p>Pricier than iMovie but loaded with cool video editing features.</p>
	<p>Puppet Pals – Director’s Pass https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/puppet-pals-hd-directors-pass/id462134755?mt=8</p>	<p>Create/record your own puppet shows with multiple characters, backdrops and props. Import your own photo and characters.</p>
	<p>Scratch scratch.mit.edu</p>	<p>For the budding programmer, this free software from MIT is a powerful programming language bundled in an easy to use, visual package designed for young kids. In no time, your child will be programming animated games. They might not even realize that they are learning sophisticated programming concepts at the same time.</p>
	<p>Scribble Press https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/scribble-press/id487300076?mt=8</p>	<p>Create and share stories with hundreds of great drawing and writing tools. Download your books instantly to the iBooks library.</p>
	<p>Sketchup sketchup.google.com</p>	<p>This free software from Google is a fun and powerful 3D modeling program that can be used by professionals and kids alike. Kids can use the libraries of elements to create fanciful houses and environments.</p>
	<p>Story Bird www.storybird.com</p>	<p>Create an account for your child in this family-friendly site so that they can write online stories using the beautiful, professional illustrations the site provides. The site also allows users to invite one another to share in the story writing process as well so friends can write together online.</p>