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Students Wellness Services
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Apps with Subscription for Students with Special Needs

• Busy Shapes

Based on Piaget's research on cognitive development, cause-and-effect play that evolves into an exercise in problem-solving and tool use. The game also helps children improve their fine motor skills through a series of puzzles in an exploratory and evolving playground.

• Edoki Academy

A series of math apps using a step-by-step approach whereby students learn Montessori math by manipulating various objects that appear on the screen. It also helps boost motor skill development.

• Math Drills

A skill-based math drills app that students tend to love, as they can compete against themselves to increase their speed and accuracy. It includes basic math operations like addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, and also features advanced options in the settings so that teachers and students can create personalized environments, and track scores and test history.

• Phonics Genius

Provides a simple way for children to learn how to recognize, read, and speak words through letter sounds. The app contains more than 6,000 words, compiled by phonetic groups, in addition to the fun games for practicing skills.

• SentenceBuilder

A conversation simulator designed to help elementary-aged children learn how to have conversations with their peers in a variety of social settings, which can be a particular challenge for special needs students. <u>ConversationBuilderTeen</u>, for older students, is geared to help kids learn when it is appropriate to introduce themselves, ask questions, and change the subject of the conversation. This app also covers sarcasm and addresses how kids should respond to bullying.

Word Wizard

Has a talking alphabet that allows kids to experiment with phonemic awareness and word building. The verbal feedback helps teach children in a non-threatening way, as the voice reads any words the child creates—allowing for self-correction. The app also supports letter recognition, phonological awareness, and spelling, and comes with 184

built-in word lists such as the 1,000 most frequently used sight words. It even keeps tabs on children's progress with detailed monitoring and has an extensive teacher activity guide.

• The Anti-Coloring Book App

This suite of online books uses the space at the bottom of the page for a question and the child draws the answer. These are open-ended questions—with no right or wrong answers—that promote a child's critical thinking skills, foster creativity, and encourage risk-taking and problem-solving.