



Here are some great apps, games and books that help develop kids' reading and problem-solving skills, while they explore and learn (and have fun too!).



SpongeBob Moves In
\$3.99; [Nickelodeon](#)

Gamers can transform Bikini Bottom into their very own haunted Halloween town and join in some frightful festivities with their favorite Sponge. In the latest update, Bikini Bottom becomes engulfed in a ghostly glow when the Ghouls Fools ship appears in Jellyfish Fields. When Lord Poltergeist and his ghost crew begin to take over the town, gamers must help SpongeBob rid Bikini Bottom of all the ghouls by cooking up some creepy recipes, feeding the hungry ghosts and much more.



Pictopia: Disney Edition
Free; [Wonder Forge](#)

Discover playful trivia spanning decades of Disney magic, from the animated classics and blockbuster movies to television hits and dazzling theme park destinations. Image-based questions celebrate touchstone characters like Mickey Mouse, Cinderella, Jack Sparrow, Buzz Lightyear, and Elsa from Frozen.



DreamWorks Dragons Adventure World Explorer
Free; [DreamWorks](#)

This one-of-a-kind, location-based mobile game is playable on a range of Windows phones and tablets. The game uses GPS mapping through HERE Maps to transform the family drive into a real time, immersive gaming adventure inspired by one of the hottest films of

the summer, "How to Train Your Dragon 2." Whether at home or on the road, kids will enjoy 38 quests to fine tune their dragon training and flying skills.



Toca Town

\$2.99; [Toca Boca AB](#)

You rule in Toca Town, a play world where anything and everyone is welcome! With different locations and many classic Toca Boca characters, the everyday adventures in Toca Town are infinite.



TravelsWithMusic.com

\$69.95 for individual subscription, DVDs or DVD-ROMs; [Listen for Life](#)

This multimedia program explores the richness and diversity of 15 world cultures through the use of 300 video and audio segments that comprise six hours of classroom instruction. It introduces the musical instruments native to each culture and enables students to see and hear Master Musicians showcasing their instruments through instruction and performance footage.



StarStable.com

\$7.49/month; [Zebra Partners](#)

Hailing from Sweden, Star Stable is a wholesome, horse adventure game where players explore a fully fictional world on horseback. Players explore Jorvik, a mystical island and home to Star Stable, and dive into the joys of horse-riding through an epic story that encompasses incredible adventures through lively competitions, solving quests and more! Each player gets to design their very own horse and rider. Available for PC or Mac.



Jake's Treasure Trek

\$3.99; [Disney](#)

In this swashbuckling adventure, Jake is on an epic quest to defeat Captain Hook and save Never Land from darkness by running, jumping, swimming, climbing, flying, and zip lining his way through jungles, islands and more. Three different environments to race

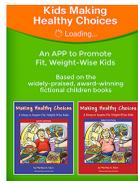
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collectable Gold Doubloons to help players earn higher scores, power-ups throughout the story and unlock-able islands and rewards.



My Little Pony: Party of One

\$2.99; [PlaydateDigital](#)

Who throws better parties than Pinkie Pie? Having just finished one celebration, Pinkie Pie sets off to invite all of her favorite ponies to a new party, but suddenly every pony seems to be quite busy. What's going on? Join the investigation as Pinkie Pie visits her My Little Pony friends looking for clues.



Kids Making Healthy Choices

\$2.99; [Upward Bound, Inc.](#)

This app is intended to foster kids' good nutrition, fitness and overall health and impede the childhood obesity epidemic while also lessening the incidence of bullying by cultivating empathy and understanding among peers. This app helps to educate and motivate all children to live a healthy lifestyle, one choice at a time.



Luca Lashes and his First Haircut

\$2.99; [Luca Lashes LLC](#)

Have your child join Luca Lashes as he discovers the hair salon for the first time! The entertaining tale encourages children to their first haircut along with Luca Lashes, the Brown-Eyed Boy with the Magic Eyelashes.



Speakaboos.com

\$4.99/month, \$49.99 annual subscription; [Speakaboos](#)

With Speakaboos, children develop literacy skills while learning about technology in a safe and fun environment. Beloved characters and treasured stories are given new life through beautiful illustrations, original music and amazing celebrity performances, including Miranda Cosgrove and Kevin Bacon. Available on all iPad, iPhone, Android and Nabi tablet devices, as well Speakaboos.com.



A to Z Music Videos

Free; ABCmouse.com

Comes with three videos pre-loaded, for the letters A, B and C. Children can earn “tickets” to acquire the remaining 23 videos at no cost just by listening to and watching the videos they already have, or parents can use the in-app purchase feature to buy any or all of the remaining videos.

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