

There's an APP for that

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Apps I would recommend for research:

I-Tunes University- This app has tons of videos, lectures, and printed resources from top universities around the country including MIT, Stanford, Harvard, etc. If you really want to dive deep into a topic, this app is for you.

Study Blue- This app gives you the ability to make flashcards using pictures from your iPad or text. This app could be a great way to check for understanding with your kids about a topic or for them to demonstrate knowledge of a topic. You can also access thousands of already made flashcard sets filtered by topic.

Slide Shark- This app gives you the ability to open and present PowerPoint presentations. Your iPad can be used as a remote during the presentation to allow you to move around and you can annotate existing PowerPoint presentations to interact them at a deeper level.

DocsTeach- This app gives you access to many primary source historical documents. It also has pre-built lessons and activities revolving around these documents.

Apps I would recommend for Collaborating:

Edmodo- This app is basically Facebook for teachers. It is very open-source and has a very deep supply of project ideas, documents, and websites.

Evernote- This app allows you to create a set of notes using pictures, audio, and text. It can easily be emailed to anyone with an email account. This app would be great for helping students who struggle with writing by giving them a way to present their knowledge through a more visual format.

Talkboard- This app allows students to work on a project board at the same time. They are able to see each other's edits, ideas, and revisions in real-time.

Apps I would recommend for Creating:

Doceri- This app allows you to take a video of your iPad screen as you add pictures and text. It also records your voice as you do so.

Quick Graph- This app allows students to have a visual representation of their mathematical formulas. It creates shapes based on their formulas and students can examine these shapes/lines from the x, y, or z axis.

Speak Text- This app allows the user to go to a webpage and have the text from that webpage read aloud. This app would be very helpful for students who struggle with reading and would give them access to the content they need to learn in an auditory way.

Finally apps I would recommend for productivity:

Sticky notes- This app is a great way to have students brainstorm or highlight main ideas on a topic. They can create virtual sticky notes with text that can be emailed to whomever.

My homework- This app is a virtual planner. Students can input assignments, classrooms, and it helps them to prioritize what needs to get done when. It can also sync to your I-calendar to give students reminders of due dates.