Favorite iTunes Apps from the AACchicks!

Apps for Vocabulary Exploration & Building

SoundTouch – LOVE this one! 6 categories of cartoon pictures with 12 examples of each category. Students touch a cartoon of an animal and get a full sized, beautiful photo with sound effects. Each touch of the same cartoon gives the user a different photo example. 2-3 examples for each vocabulary item. Categories include pets & common animlas, wild animals, birds, vehicles, musical instruments and common household items.

Learn to Talk- One of the first apps we tried, this one has flashcards that are organized by high impact words, objects/labels, actors, 1-word actions, and 2-word actions. Pictures are drawing that are appealing. A good basic vocabulary set of cards.

Peek – a – Boo Barn – Allows you to hear an animal sound then open the barn door to reveal the animal inside. So cute!

My Silly Sounds Farm – There is an iPhone/Touch and iPad app for this one. Great app that has farm animal sounds that allows you to listen to the pre recorded sound or record your own funny noises and words for the animals to repeat It also allows you to touch-and-drag the animals around the farm scene.

Farm Friends – a virtual See n' Say.

Animal Sound Chase - Match the right animal to its sound 2 up to 16 tiles and timed or untimed game (iPhone and Touch only)

Zoo Sounds, City Sounds- clear photos with either single picture presentation or 4 to pick from, cool sound effects

Tantrum Apps - Vocabulary with objects / items and their sounds. Allows for single up to 4 tiles of choices.

AutismXpress- Funny animated faces express 12 emotions with silly sound effects.

SoundBoard- Several different apps that have high quality pictures you press to hear sounds effects. We have Pets and there is On the Road and The Farm

Kindergarten.com- Flashcards in a variety of categories with intermittent reinforcement to keep kids looking such as Science, Shapes, Sports, Eat, Play, Wear, Instruments, Actions, Emotions, Vegetables, Fruits & Nuts, and Zoo AND Kindergarten.com Quizzes- Pictures are presented 3 at a time and students are asked to select the item with specific Receptive labels, in a specific Class, with a certain Function, with certain Features, by What Rhymes, or these all Combined (Each app name is underlined.)

Dress Studio- Cute app that lets kids play dress up with cool girls. Kids can select new skin color, tops, bottoms, hair styles, shoes, eye color and accessories.

Cookie and Cake Doodle – These 2 apps take you through the process of baking cookies and cakes with an interactive recipe, baking, decorating, and eating process.

Animal Fun- A ton of very clear animal pictures to explore with sound effects

Story Book Apps

Little Bella's I Close My Eyes- beautiful story book with animation. Great to discuss actions and build sentences.

1 Little Boy- (Storyboy) Cute counting story, clever with rhyming words and

Dinosaurs! Dinosaurs!- a predictable line story with a new easy action word on each page

Who Am I?- a cute bunny tale free from (iStoryApps)

Cat In The Hat, Green Eggs & Ham- Two of several Dr. Seuss favs on iTunes

Old MacDonald, Itsy Bitsy, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Wheels On The Bus (Duck Duck Moose)- interactive song books, hysterical and fun for talking about animals

Apps to Support Literacy Development (Letter Skills, Spelling, Sight Words)

Charles Peattie's Animal Alphabet- An animated animal cartoon for each letter of the alphabet, tongue-in-cheek humor, a first letter quiz and song.

Montessori Crosswords- Nice graphics, simple crossword with picture cues if needed. 1-3 words with single sounds and consonant blends for increasing complexity

Pocket Phonics- Nice letter sound exploration and word building games. Letters are taught by sound, not letter name for ease in learning to sound out words.

iTouchiLearn Words- Several word exploration activities with matching games, sight word reading, video explorations of action words and more. Very nice app that also is a great language therapy tool

Bob Books #1 Reading Magic- A big fan of Bob books for teaching phonics, this is a great app. Students are given letter tiles to drag to spell simple words. When words are spelled correctly, the pictures become colored and animated. A wonderful supplement to the Bob Books!

Apps for Fun & Motivation

iReward- GREAT app that lets you choose a picture to represent a reward, decide how many activities have to be accomplished to earn the reward and then let the kids check off (or put smiley faces on) the blank stars until they've completed the task and earn their reward. A completely different use we've made of iReward is for creating grocery/store and to-do lists. The app lets you keep a list of the rewards so instead of using reward pictures, we use task/item pictures in our list then go check them off when accomplished. The changeable number of stars are great for indicating the number of boxes of popcorn (or bags of chips or bottles of milk) the client needs to put in the cart before moving to the next item on the list.

Balloonimals – Allows you to make balloon animals by blowing into the microphone (or touch on an iTouch); shake to shape the animal; touch the balloon animal to watch it's actions; and finally pump the balloon with air to pop it! (iPhone/Touch and iPad versions)

Elephant Song – an interactive video of the youtube Elephant Song. Great app to discuss animals and their actions.

Hatch – (Free) Tap the egg until it cracks open to reveal an animal.

Wood Puzzle – Cute app that lets kids click and drag pieces of a puzzle into place. Looks like a real wooden puzzle you can shake to mix up the pieces.

Apps for Communication

Proloquo2Go- One of the only comprehensive communication apps for non-speaking individuals or those who need voice output to clarify. We use this program as a backup to dedicated communication devices. Expensive but a value for the quality. This is the only app we are aware of that has a legitimate, research based vocabulary/message

organization. To date, it is the only app we would recommend for sufficient content to meet a nonverbal person's communication needs.

iComm- A simple communication app that allows users to swipe to select messages in categories. It comes with a basic category setup. Users need to be able to swipe to select. It does not have a picture or symbol library so all images have to be gathered to add to the app. Not a comprehensive system but, like many of the other communication apps, a valid option for basic communication on the go.

TapToTalk- Another simple communication app but with a much more comprehensive programming capability to allow savvy users to create a more comprehensive system. Customization is a little awkward but the end result is clean and affordable.

MyTalk- Like TapToTalk, My Talk is a simple communication app that allows much more extensive customization. Content can be customized on your computer for a reasonable monthly or annual fee. SLPs have access to the custom programming option for free to support their patients/students. We haven't invested in this app yet but it looks very promising for a simple solution.

Text-To-Speech Apps:

PhraseBoard- a simple and free communication app that is designed for adults in the hospital setting. It allows simple text to speech, saving frequent messages and quick yes/no

Choice-Making Apps:

Look-2-Learn- a very simple requesting app that lets users select "I want" + snacks, meals, indoor play items, outdoor play items, basic needs and emotions. We haven't found how to add custom pictures and messages at this point. Very simplistic but a quick fix for requesting basic items.

My Choice Board- another VERY simple choice-making app, similar to Look-2-Learn, allowing users to make a simple requesting sentence, "I want ___." except with a simple way to add custom messages and photos. Comes with very basic stock pictures but basically users have to add their own pictures.

Single Message and Sequenced Messaging Apps:
TapSpeak and TapSpeak Sequence- These two apps emulate a single message switch (like a Big Mac) or a sequenced message switch (like a Step By Step). The added bonus is that you can have individual pictures for each message of the sequenced messages and you can record and save numerous single messages.

Apps for Following Verbal & Visual Directions

Time Timer- Just like the actual Time Timer clocks, this is a visual timer that counts down time and alerts the student by sound (if desired) when the time is over. Easy to read and hard to miss!

iCommunicate- Very nice visual scheduling app that lets you use either your photos, searchable images from the internet or, recently added, the entire **Symbolstix** library (hurray!). Great for sequencing and scheduling for our friends who need visual information.

Apps for Articulation and Speech Therapy

ArtikPix- Like a whole box of articulation cards with all of the speech sounds in initial/medial/final position, data collection, ability to record the child's production, AND a fun matching game. Each student can have their own folder of data from their sessions. A bit pricey but excellent and worth every penny!
Mobile Articulation Probes- Another box of articulation cards on the iPad except this time with photos. Very clear photos for articulation therapy. Therapists can introduce speech sounds based on individual phonemes, mode of articulation or, phonological processes. Numerous students can be tracked within the app. By **Smarty Ears** this is

one of several apps designed specifically for speech therapy, by a speech therapist. Other apps we haven't tried but think might be worth a look: Sunny Articulation Test and Articulate It!

Pete-Repeat (or..apps that echo what you say!)

Talking Tom Cat- Hee, hee, hee, this is a seriously funny app that repeats everything you say, in a silly voice AND you can mess with Tom by poking him to see what he does

Talking Carl – Very colorful app that repeats what you say (similar to Talking Tom Cat)

Talking Hippo- Yet another repeat-what-you-say app but slightly sweeter than Tom- adorable

Crazy Face- Silly monster faces that repeat you- highly colorful and motivating

Practice Management Apps

Percentally- Simple app that lets you tap and tally responses, calculate percentages simply and create individual data folders for each student.

Tally Counter – extremely simple counting tool with a satisfying "click" for tallying responses.

Time Timer- An app that looks just like the real deal Time Timers! A visual timer that lets kids watch the red highlighter on a clock count down. Great for helping students understand the length of time allotted to complete a task.

iEarnedThat- A very motivating motivation tracking app. As students complete a portion of their task they can tap the puzzle to add a piece of their prize (motivator). Pieces rotate in with an exciting train sound effect.

Language Therapy Apps (social skills, sentence building)

Going Places- by Model Me Kids this is app gives users a taste of the video modeling products offered by Model Me Kids. Social stories for kids with autism these are extremely well done and include exploration of trips to the grocery store, hairdresser, mall, doctor, playground and restaurant.

Stories2Learn- This is a make-it-yourself story book app that lets you use your own pictures and text to create any story you like. Simple to use with a nice interface for kids. We are interested in using this app for social stories for our kids with autism.

StoryCubes- virtual dice with symbols kids can shake up to create their own stories

Idea Sketch- An app similar to Inspiration/Kidspiration for helping students outline their papers/stories etc.

PictoFun! A fun association app that asks kids to find "what goes with" from a choice of 5 dancing pictures. It also includes a cute match game.

iSentence- Let's kids practice selecting correct words or word forms to make sentences to match pictures. Very good for kids working on grammar.

Story Builder- A higher level language app, this one gives students a picture and asks them to formulate an appropriate response to a series of question prompts. Students can record their answers and move on to the next question. After all questions are answered, the student can listen to the story they have created.

Strip Design- Build your own comic strips with your own photos and text. We are using this to implement Carol Gray's Comic Strip Conversation idea http://bit.ly/anvMYb

Speech With Milo: Verbs- A brand new app for our clinic, Milo is a mouse who performs a variety of basic actions. The graphics are uncluttered making it easy for students to focus on the action that Milo performs. The action is labeled verbally and in writing. Settings allow you to choose single word or phrase cues.

What Doesn't Belong- by Brain-Go this classification app asks students to select the one of 5 items that doesn't belong in the category. 100 questions to practice!