

iPad + SLP

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Happy New Year

Welcome to 2012! What kind of new and amazing apps will be developed this year? Will there be an iPad Mini for sale in 2012? Will there be an iPad 3 in 2012? Will it be cheaper? Will there be an updated operating system that enables your iPad to do new things? It's pretty exciting to see where technology in 2012 will lead us. For those of you who are using the iPad in therapy, you see first hand what a positive impact it has made on your student's therapy as well as sparking a new interest in delivering therapy for you.

Happy Technology in 2012



2 Quick Tips

Change your Default Email Signature

The default email signature on the iPad says, "Sent from my iPad". To remove the Apple marketing and make it your own, go into Settings and tap on Mail, Contacts, Calendars. Tap on Signature (it's toward the bottom of the screen) and type in whatever you wish like "sent from a tropical island in the South Pacific" or your name and contact info would work too.

Hidden Apostrophe Key on the Keyboard

This is a great tip for any app, like Notes, Pages or Mail. Rather than having to go to the second screen of the keyboard each time you want to type an apostrophe just tap and hold the exclamation key and a hidden apostrophe option will pop up then just slide your finger over it to access it. There are other hidden options when you hold down the question mark, l, n, c, z, a, s, o, i, u, y and e. These options are mainly used when typing in a foreign language or phonetically.

For the Dudes.....

Working with boys, especially junior high boys can be quiet a challenge as they are pretty quiet. The good news is that there are apps that are geared especially for boys. These apps are engaging and can really stimulate language development, even the ones that just seem like pure fun only!

Crazy Snowboard .99 cents

This app gives you the thrill of snowboarding without the expensive lift tickets or broken bones. There are many courses/missions to board based upon difficulty level. You guide the dude on the snowboard by holding the iPad like a steering wheel. You can earn extra points by tapping the screen to make him do flips, rotations and tricks on the board. [I have used this as a reward for a good therapy session and kids will do anything to play it just one time. I've also had them run the course and then retell what happened during the run.](#)

There are many snowboarding apps out ranging from free to \$5.99.

Tell Me a Good Story.....

The first story tellers sat around a fire in animal skins and furs telling tales of real and probably made up adventures as well. The tradition of oral story telling is as old as humans and a good story will always be a good story. We now have a wide variety of apps to convey that good story.

There are a lot of digital story telling apps on iTunes so trying to determine which one would be right for the needs of your students can be confusing. This is review of 17 story telling apps. I have 10 of them and plan on purchasing a few more. I find these apps very versatile as I can use them with all age groups and skill levels. My best advice when purchasing one of these apps is to read the description and the blurb in blue and then take into account your students needs and how you would use it in therapy. Some of the digital story telling apps I like the best are the cheapest so more expensive does not always equal better.

Storyrobe .99 cents

This is an app that allows you to share your story with other [Storyrobe](#) users. You can add to existing stories to create longer tales of travel, events or history or you can create your own. This app can be used for work, school or just to share stories with each other. [This app is a really nice app for .99 cents. It's very easy to use in fact you can create a story in 3 easy steps. You can record narration as well.](#)

StoryPatch \$2.99

[Storypatch](#) is a storytelling app designed for children to create their own picture books. It has hundreds of images in its library as well as the ability to import photos. Students will love this app because they will be creating fun and engaging stories almost immediately. [This one is a more involved than Storyrobe to create a story. You pick characters, background, etc. It takes a longer time to create a story. You can build a story from scratch or you can build a story using one of the 14 themes that come with the app. It will guide you through the steps and at the end you have a tidy little story. This would cover about 2-3 therapy sessions.](#)

Story Apps Continued.....

PuppetPals free, Directors Pass = \$2.99 LOVE IT!

Create your own animated stories. [PuppetPals](#) let you simply pick out the characters, drag them onstage and tap record. Movements and audio is recorded for your performance. If you get the Directors Pass (these sets of characters included: pirates, fairy tale characters, Arthropod Armada, Christmas, Entertainers, Fair Weather Friends, Pirates, Monsters, On the Farm, Political Par-tay, Space, Talk Shows, Thanksgiving, Wild West, Zombie Attack) you can act out a story of Pirates on the high seas, fight scary monsters or play the part of a wild west bandit. Students can also draw their own characters and they can easily be turned into characters to use with backgrounds in the App. [I love this app almost as much as the Cookie Doodle app. I have used this with students to create a social story, have them create questions and have the characters interview each other, they have created their own robots and we used them to create a public service announcement about the importance of recycling. Your students will have a ball with this app and the possibilities for expressive language opportunities are endless!](#)

Sock Puppets free

[Sock Puppets](#) lets you create your own lip-synched videos and share them via iPad photo, Facebook and YouTube. Add Puppets, props, scenery, and backgrounds and start creating. Hit the record button and the puppets automatically lip-synch to your voice. Friends can work together with multiple puppets and create hilarious conversations. Record and share. [Cute app but it only allows you to record about 90 seconds of talking.](#)

Reel Director (Free and Pro) \$1.99

[Reel](#) allows you to create, edit and share movie clips on your iPad. Smooth or blend transition between scene changes are its biggest feature but it also does Ken Burns, text overlays, music imports and voice over capabilities.

Splice (Free and Pro) \$3.99

While [Splice](#) is designed for the iPhone or iPod touch, this video app is Bernajean's PERSONAL CHOICE for video editing. Create your own movie with awesome features such as video and photo effects, cropping, trimming as well as synchronization of sound effects and voice-overs. Control and mix for multiple audio tracks - a SPLICE exclusive plus view without rendering - a PLUS over other video APPS! With an exclusive scrub and timeline feature that is intuitive and easy to use, gathering the raw materials to make your movie has never been easier.

iMovie (\$4.99)

[iMovie](#) helps you turn the HD video you shoot on your iPad, iPhone, or iPod touch into a masterpiece worthy of the red carpet (or just the one in your living room). This fun, fast, feature-rich app is designed especially for Multi-Touch. When it's time for your big premiere, publish right from iMovie to YouTube, Facebook, Vimeo, or CNN iReport for your friends and family to see. It works like the MAC laptop version saving learning curves for those familiar with this video-editing tool.

Blurb Mobile free

Quickly create fun visual media stories on the go. Blurb Mobile uses existing libraries, imports or creates media in real time. Sequence your media - edit (rotate, crop, scale, drag and drop sequencing) - attach audio clips to images and entire story to create a great story....tap share, and your network of friends and family can receive your creation on facebook, twitter, tumblr and email. **A nice little app that is easy to use and the price is right.....free!**

Silent Movie Director .99 cents

Creating with Silent Movie Director delivers amazing silent and vintage movies - never been so Easy and Fun! Choose from

20's - 60's (for the Hippie style videos) - 70's home videos as well as Black and White; Sepia and Vintage Sepia. Also get access to LIVE Gallery of Silent Films. A great spin on back-to-the-past.

In a World.... Drama (\$1.99)

Create your own movie trailer for any situation. With almost 400 audio clips to choose from, you have over 2 TRILLION possible combinations. Create scenarios to tell most any kind of story. You create the script, add your own images, choose the music, etc...

StoryKit

Create an electronic storybook with StoryKit. Write some text, illustrate by drawing on the screen, tag a photograph or drawing on paper and then photograph the image. Sounds can be recorded for narration or effects and the layout elements of your story can be dragged, pinch and altered with ease. **This one is not one of my favorites.**

Story Lines free

StoryLines is a game of 'telephone' using pictures. One storyteller begins a StoryLine with a common saying provided in the app or you can type in your own sentence, then passes it to another. A friend grows the StoryLine by illustrating that saying. Another friend titles that drawing (without seeing the original saying). Yet another friend illustrates that title, and so on. When the story is complete the StoryMakers come together to enjoy the creativity and humor in everyone's imagination - share in gallery or on Facebook. **This is an interesting app. My 4th-7th graders enjoy it. I'm thinking it could be very useful to show why it is important to use detailed sentences to convey exact meaning.**

Sonic Pics \$2.99

Sonic Pics app is like a narrated slideshow of your images. You can add images from your library or take new ones in app. The images can be arranged any way you like and then you records a voiceover that narrates your story as you swipe through your images.

Demibooks (FREE version)

Experience iPad-based easy-to-use authoring software for building interactive books as APPS. Demibooks lets you design your own book apps with realistic physics (complex behaviors with simple clicks), animations, audio – music, effects and speech and visual effects. Design and build pages allowing readers navigation through your stories.

Downloaded it but haven't had time to figure out how to use it yet. It sounds promising.

StoryMakerHD free

You can make your own Avatars from over 200 FREE Items, offering millions of combinations. Your Avatars will be printed as a paper craft. Your Avatars will act as characters in your story.

I have this app and it's good for following verbal directions to create a character. The graphics are very colorful. What it's really good for is to create characters, save them to the camera roll and then use them in PuppetPals as custom made characters. I haven't used it for creating a story b/c there are other apps that I like better.

Picturebook App free

Create a simple book in a few steps. **I wasn't too thrilled with this one because they want you to buy character packs for .99 cents each.**

Story Builder \$7.99

Story Builder is designed to help children accomplish the following educational goals: 1) Improve paragraph formation; 2) Improve integration of ideas; and 3) Improve higher level abstractions by inference. Extensive use of audio clips promotes improved auditory processing for special needs children with autism spectrum disorders or sensory processing disorders. I know when I first bought this a year ago it was NOT \$7.99 because I'm thrifty with my iTunes bucks so I think they upped the price by about \$2 because just about every SLP with an iPad has bought it. **It's a decent app which provides a super scripted way for creating a story.**

What is your favorite digital story telling app and why? How are you using it in therapy? Email me at: Tootieu@yahoo.com and I'll compile the results in the February newsletter.



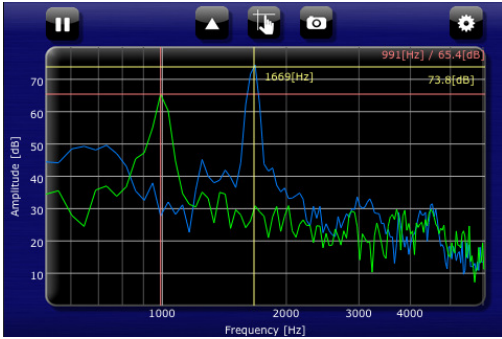
Here's my story.....
My name is Buddy. I
like to relax in the
snow and sometimes
I even eat it. I don't
have an iPad so I
can't tell this story
digitally...bummer.
The End

Today is Tomorrow's Yesterday.....

I saw this quote the other day on a website and I thought about how true it really is. This quote could be used when giving a rationale for purchasing an iPad and using it in the educational setting. I've heard administrators take the approach that something "better than the iPad" may be coming down the road and they want to wait for that "something better". There will always be something "better" down the road, that's the nature of the ever changing world of technology, however this should not be a deterrent for embracing the technology of today. There are times when you have to use the existing technology to understand and build a schema for using future technology. If everybody took the view of "let's wait because something better will be coming" then no new technology would ever be invented.

I've had the pleasure of working with an administrator who takes this approach: "if you can take the technology of today (iPad) and use it everyday to move a student forward, then do it (because there are so many kits, programs and books that sit on shelves collecting dust that are never used), even if there is something "better" coming down the road. At least that iPad was utilized by the SLP and didn't sit on the shelf like all of those expensive programs collecting dust". I paraphrased it but the general idea is there.

Concisely put: Learn from yesterday's technology, embrace today's technology, look forward to future technology and use it.



Spectrograph App

Remember using the giant spectrograph machine in college at the speech and hearing clinic? It was about as big as a small convection oven and 5 times as heavy and most likely cost more than your first used car! Now you can have one in your iPad. Mind blowing! They vary in price from \$30 to \$1.99 to free but they all do about the same thing.....measure

amplitude and frequency and provides a visual display for feedback.

Spectrogram Pro \$3.99

bs-spectrum \$3.99

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/bs-spectrum/id327802142?mt=8>

SpectrumView free

I am using this one with a student who needs to produce a crisp /s/. It provides a decent visual but you can't put up 2 specs at a time to compare productions so you have to make a /s/ sound and then have the student immediately make one to compare them.

Sound View \$1.99

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/soundview/id423666302?mt=12>

Spectrograph Lite free

I downloaded it but it kept crashing everytime I opened it up.

Voice Analyzer Pro \$1.99

Visible Sound HD \$1.99

Pocket RTA Spectrum Analyzer \$39.99

Spectrograph Pro free

Spectrogram HD \$12.99

Spectrographs continued.....

Acoustic Picture Transmitter .99 cents for color version and black and white version is free

Spectrogram \$9.99

There is interesting research and therapy using spectrograms to achieve a correct /r/ sound. This is a link to take you to a website to view a spectrogram bank with examples of what a spectrogram looks like for the correct production of the vocalic /r/ and consonantal /r/:

<http://www.spectrogramsforpeech.com/slp-resources/phoneme-bank/>

Link to selecting targets for spectrographs:

<http://www.spectrogramsforpeech.com/slp-resources/target-selection/>

Link to data sheets for students to track their progress during spectrograph therapy.

<http://www.spectrogramsforpeech.com/slp-resources/data-collection/>

Has anybody been using a spectrograph app in therapy? If so email me your recommendation and I'll add it to the February newsletter.

Free snow related apps for your “inner-flake”

Snow Photos – beautiful snow related photos

Snow Wonder – build a simple snowman

Solo Ski – Stick figure snowman skiing game

Snowman Kit – Build a snowman

Happy Snowflake – cut your own virtual paper snowflakes

An app for the artist/scientist in you.....

coloruncovered – free

This is a really cool app or maybe I just like it because I like art! Decide for yourself....it's free! It could be used with both older students and younger students as well. There are easy illusion experiments using the iPad that could be used with younger kids as a jumping off point for discussion and vocabulary development.

App description: Explore the surprising side of color with Color Uncovered, an interactive book that features fascinating experiments, illustrations, articles, and videos developed by the Exploratorium. Color Uncovered features a wide spectrum of cool color related topics to explore.

Using the Cookie Doodle App: .99 cents

Snow People Cookies

Kind of dough: lemon

Shape category: holiday

Shape: snowman

Frosting: After you frost the entire snowman white, frost the hat black

Piping: light blue piping around the outside of the hat

Candies: Before you put a carrot nose on the face, put a red heart on for the mouth and two black round candy eyes. Place 5 milk chocolate chips down the front of the snowman for the buttons.

Sprinkles: Sprinkle small, white, round sprinkles all over the body of the snowman.

Instructions: Place the cookie on a dark blue plate with a yellow tablecloth. Eat everything but the hat.

One step further:

Pretend you are giving this cookie to someone special. Write a message telling them what love about wintertime.

Tell which one does not belong and why:

Skis, surfboard, snowboard, scarf

Rice, snow, cauliflower, apple

Ice cream, snow, soup, ice cubes

Melting, dripping, warming, longitude

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