

CREDIBLE MEDIA FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

The chart below contains examples of digital tools for parents, older toddlers, and preschoolers. The digital tools for parents with asterisks* promote face-to-face interactions between families and their children. They offer parents ways to interact and talk with their child during everyday family routines and activities. The apps and website for older toddlers and preschoolers offer engaging, interactive experiences that support learning in multiple domains. Teachers, family child care providers, and home visitors can share these tools with families or incorporate them into distance learning activities with children and families while programs are closed.

TEXTING SERVICES (DATA COSTS MAY APPLY)				
TITLE	LINK	LANGUAGE	AGE	FOCUS
*Bright by Text	https://www.brightbytext.org/Families Need internet connection to access links	English, Spanish	B-8 years	Tips and information to help with children’s language and development
*READY4K!	https://ready4k.parentpowered.com/	English, Spanish, Arabic	B-8 years	Three tips on one topic each week to promote language, literacy, and other developmental areas by age

APPS (AVAILABLE ON APPLE AND ANDROID DEVICES)				
TITLE	LINK	LANGUAGE	AGE	FOCUS
*Beginning with Babble	https://leapempowers.org/beginning-with-babble/	English, Spanish	B-4 years	Short tips for language-rich interactions
*Daily Vroom	https://www.vroom.org/ Need Internet connection to access links	English, Spanish	B-5 years	Everyday activities to help language and brain development
Little Chickies (Los Pollitos) by Canticos - Sing, Play & Learn with Latino Nursery Rhymes	https://www.commonensemedia.org/app-reviews/little-chickies-los-pollitos-by-canticos-sing-play-learn-with-latino-nursery-rhymes	Song available in 8 languages	2-5 years	Four simple, open-ended activities support multilingual learning, creativity, fine motor skills, visual awareness. Song is available in English, Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese, Hindi
Sago Mini	https://sagomini.com/apps/village/	English	2-5 years	Children build a gnome village by moving around various block pieces and accessories. Builds children’s creativity, problem-solving, and fine motor skills.

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Peep Family Science: Colors (Peep and the Big Wide World, PBS)	http://www.peepandthebigwideworld.com/en/educators/peep-family-science/colors/#item-0	English, Spanish	3-5 years	Offers an array of short videos and tutorials to introduce the science of colors. Adults and children explore colors through hands-on activities that use the scientific method in a fun, challenging way.
Cat in The Hat Builds That (PBS Kids)	https://pbskids.org/apps/cat-in-the-hat-builds-that.html	English	3-5 years	Offers a variety of engaging STEM mini-games and activities; includes supplemental materials and suggestions for adult/child interaction (future updates include Spanish option)

WEBSITE (REQUIRES INTERNET CONNECTION)				
TITLE	LINK	LANGUAGE	AGE	FOCUS
Peg + Cat (PBS Kids)	https://pbskids.org/peg/about/overview	English	3-5 years	Offers math-based number, measurement, shape, and pattern games, short video adventures, and full-length Peg + Cat videos/episodes

For more information about using media with young children, check out [Tech Time for Infants and Toddlers](#) from the Illinois Early Learning Project (webpage available in multiple languages) and [Screen-Use Tips for Parents of Children Under Three](#) from Zero to Three.

For more information about digital tools for parents, see Providers' Guide to Digital Tools to Support Children's Learning – <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/providers-guide-digital-tools-support-childrens-learning>

For more information about digital resources for children, see:

- Digital Remote Learning (NC Office of Early Learning) – <https://sites.google.com/dpi.nc.gov/nck-3fap/home/pk-3/remote-learning/digital-remote-learning>
- Notable Children's Digital Media 2020 (Association for Library Service to Children) – <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncdm>
- Common Sense Media (search apps by age) - <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/app-reviews>