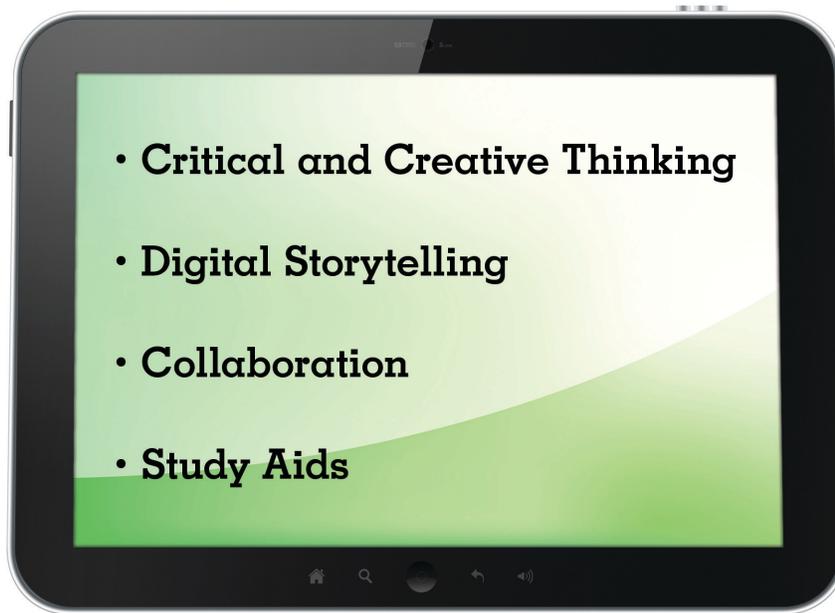


# Starter Kit of Recommended Apps

With hundreds of thousands of apps to choose from, how do you decide where to start? We've curated a collection of recommended starter apps for 1-to-1 teachers. We've organized these high-quality, engaging, and easy-to-use apps into the following four categories:



Ratings Key:



**Best for Learning**



**Very good for Learning**



**Good for Learning**



**Fair for Learning**



**Not for Learning**



*If you're looking for a basic introduction to the iPad, we recommend AppStart for iPad. It's a free app available in the App Store. AppStart's tutorial called "iPad 101" gives you the basic instructions you need to familiarize yourself with how an iPad functions. It's a great place to start.*

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From idea mapping and video editing to slideshow creations, these multipurpose tools can help students develop critical and creative thinking skills as they produce their own digital works.



### Educreations Interactive Whiteboard



This functional and easy app takes the whiteboard to a new level. Learning is baked-in as users experiment with the various ways to create and share lessons and presentations, as well as watch those posted by others. This is a “one-take” creation app; work cannot be saved until it’s completed.

*Platform: iOS*



### Animoto Video Maker



*Animoto Video Maker* is a video slideshow creation tool with sharing features. Students follow sequential steps to organize and stylize their original content. Kids can easily share their final creation to a host of social media sites directly from the app or its accompanying website.

*Platform: iOS and Android*



### GarageBand



Students can learn about recording, editing, and mixing music with *GarageBand*, a virtual audio workstation. In addition to composing original songs, students and teachers also can use this app in the background of other applications in order to record a voiceover – think feedback for assignments, explanations of solutions, and more.

*Platform: iOS*

Other recommended tools:



**Popplet**



**Explain Everything**



**ShowMe**



**Prezi**



**ScreenChomp**

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These digital tools can help transform students from passive story listeners into active, creative, and collaborative storytellers.



### Toontastic



*Toontastic* is an interactive cartoon design tool that empowers kids to organize and present ideas into creative stories. Students can learn the process of effective storytelling and create engaging animated cartoons. The app itself is visually appealing and has great sharing features.

*Platform: iOS*



### VoiceThread



*VoiceThread* is a collaborative creation site that allows students to easily tell stories and create multimedia projects, focusing on the use of images and audio. If an entire class is sharing a wireless connection, bandwidth may be an issue.

*Platform: Flash-based (not tablet browser accessible); has iOS app*



### Capzles



Teachers and students can create and view dynamic presentations using *Capzles*. This slideshow tool lets students string photos and videos together with music and text to create virtual scrapbooks. Users can adjust their creations based on feedback from other users' comments.

*Platform: Flash-based (not tablet browser accessible); has iOS app*

Other recommended tools:



Scribble Press



Storybird



Comic Life



Story Kit



Figment

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Use these digital tools to provide a platform for students and teachers to connect with one another, exchange ideas, and share diverse perspectives. Start here and help maximize digital workflow, which streamlines the school-home connection.



### Edmodo



Users can post to each other and even embed videos and other multimedia content on *Edmodo*. Built-in features allow teachers to provide lessons, assessments, and annotate student work. Teachers can post work electronically and students can submit it the same way, leading to a truly paperless classroom. Students also love the ability to ask each other questions and work on projects collaboratively.

*Platform: iOS and Android*



### PrimaryPad



*PrimaryPad* is a collaborative word processor where students and teachers can create and share ideas with each other in real time. Students can generate new ideas, refine existing ones, and take control of their own learning. This tool offers an interactive and collaborative way to practice writing, while making the learning process social and engaging.

*Platform: iOS/Android browser compatible*



### Edublogs



With *Edublogs*, it's easy to extend the classroom into a global community. Such online writing spaces open up powerful incentives for students as writers and creators, allowing them to potentially change whom they are writing for, and why. Teachers in any content area easily can integrate this creating and sharing blog platform into their daily writing and publishing routine.

*Platform: iOS and Android*

Other recommended tools:



Skype



Today'sMeet



Dropbox



eBackpack



GoodNotes

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Help address students' different learning styles with these tools that support productivity and promote self-directed learning.



### Time Timer



*Time Timer* goes beyond standard timers to include customization and visual cues. This productivity app helps students learn to focus on timed tasks, and manage transitions. The clear, colorful visuals help kids understand concepts of time – concepts such as having a limited amount of time to complete something or needing to wait for a certain amount of time.

*Platform: iOS and Android*



### My Spelling Test



This do-it-yourself spelling study tool promotes self-directed learning and academic growth. Students become their own spelling tutors by creating tests and quizzing themselves. A progress tracker provides instant feedback.

*Platform: iOS*



### Shmoop



*Shmoop* offers a variety of materials to supplement classroom instruction—including activity ideas, quizzes, and essay-writing help. The site's real strength, though, is in its presentation. Instead of just offering endless pages of content, it breaks subjects down in fun and humorous ways.

*Platform: iOS/Android browser compatible*

Other recommended tools:



Notability



Penultimate



Socrative



A+ Flashcards



EasyBib

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