

Supporting Literacy with Digital Tools

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- **DCCECE**

www.arkansas.gov/childcare

Information about Development

- Zero to Three, for example: “Your Baby’s Development; 9 sets of age-based fact sheets; while written for families this is also good information for all providers (www.zerotothree.org)
 - http://www.zerotothree.org/site/PageServer?pagename=ter_par_agebasedhandouts
 - Brain Quiz
http://www.zerotothree.org/site/PageServer?pagename=ter_key_brain_quiz
- TRUCE (Teachers Resisting Unhealthy Children’s Entertainment -- an organization of educators who work to counteract the harmful impact of media and marketing on children <http://www.truceteachers.org/>)
- Center for Disease Control web page on Child Development with information specifically for parents <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/child/>
- American Academy of Pediatrics page for parents and providers www.healthychildren.org
- Arkansas Center for Effective Parenting – handouts for ECE ages <http://parenting-ed.org/parent-handouts-sec2.asp>
- Nemours Foundation <http://kidshealth.org/parent/>
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association <http://www.asha.org/public/speech/development/>
- Georgetown University Bright Futures <http://www.brightfutures.org/tools/index.html>
- National Network for Child Care (Extension) Development <http://cyfernet.ces.ncsu.edu/nbcc/index.php?mode=b&c=109>
- Talaris Institute (information for parents and providers) <http://www.talaris.org/>
- National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities <http://www.nichcy.org/>

Free Software

- **Windows Live Essential 2011**
<http://explore.live.com/windows-live-essentials>
- **Photo Story:**
[http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/pho
tostory/default.mspx](http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/pho
tostory/default.mspx)
Allows you to easily create a multimedia video
- **Open Office:** <http://www.openoffice.org/>
An alternative to Office
- **Audacity:** <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>
Audacity makes cutting and trimming audio files a breeze, but also provides a rich toolkit for doing more advanced editing
- **Switch:** <http://www.nch.com.au/switch/index.html>
Switch changes audio files from one format to another, which is useful when editing and sharing digital voice recordings
- **Paint.Net:** <http://www.getpaint.net/download.html>
An easy, free alternative to Photoshop or Paintshop, providing many of the most-used functions of other digital imaging software
- **Google apps:** <http://www.google.com/intl/en/options/>
Google apps has a variety of free tools that you can use.

Websites – free

- **Pics4learning:** <http://pics4learning.com/>
Copyright free graphics etc...
- **Music:** <http://freeplaymusic.com>
Copyright free music
- **UDL Book Builder:** <http://bookbuilder.cast.org>
On-line – can create books, upload their own images and add audio
- **Xtranormal:** <http://www.xtranormal.com/>
Allows you to type in text and create an animated movie
- **Pinterest:** <http://pinterest.com>
- **Tumble Books:** <http://www.libraryinjonesboro.org/> then children,
then #2

- Read Write and Think: <http://www.readwritethink.org/>
Has classroom tools and comic creator
- Pixton: <http://pixton.com>
On-line comic book creator
- Suggested reading bookshelf: <http://Shelfari.com>
Can either share or can add 'widget' to your own website for example:
<http://myweb.astate.edu/dwilliam/Websites/Children's%20%20Literature.html>
- Digital Story teller: <http://www.digitalstoryteller.org/>
Web-based tools – can insert text images and narration
- iPhone apps for children: <http://www.babble.com/products/kids-products/50-best-iphone-apps-for-kids-2010-123-color-talking-coloring-book-and-123-world-geography-coloring-book/>
- Zoodles: <http://www.zoodles.com/home/marketing> -- note: this installs but plays on-line but can individualize for each child
- Game Classroom <http://www.gameclassroom.com/>
Learning games based on grades and curriculum
- Kerpoof: <http://www.kerpoof.com/>
Can make movies, cards, etc...
- Spelling City: <http://www.spellingcity.com>
Can place specific spelling words in to practice
- Wordle: <http://www.wordle.net/>
Can make graphic using words
- Thousands of Applications for Web 2.0 Environment: <http://www.go2web20.net/>
Site for various software and apps
- EduTecher: <http://edutecher.net/>
Variety of resources for teacher. There is also an iTunes app for this
- Audiopal: <http://www.audiopal.com/>
Can add audio to a site or to a blog to make it interactive
- Alphabet Zoo: <http://www.bemboszoo.com/>
- Bonomo: <http://bomomo.com/>
- Encyclopedia: <http://downloadpedia.org/>
Software encyclopedia

More Ideas

- <http://littlefamilyfun.blogspot.com/2010/03/abc-baby-book.html>
- Ideas on how to use a digital camera:
<http://www.wacona.com/digicam/digicam.html>
(Digital cameras start at \$29 at Wal-Mart)
- <http://prekinders.com/class-books/>

Using Interactive Whiteboard

- <http://pbskids.org/whiteboard/>
- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/interactive.aspx>
- <http://www.scholastic.com/interactivewhiteboards/>
- <http://www.mrshurleysl.com/smartboards/smartboardfavorites.html>