

That's an
App!

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Apps for handwriting

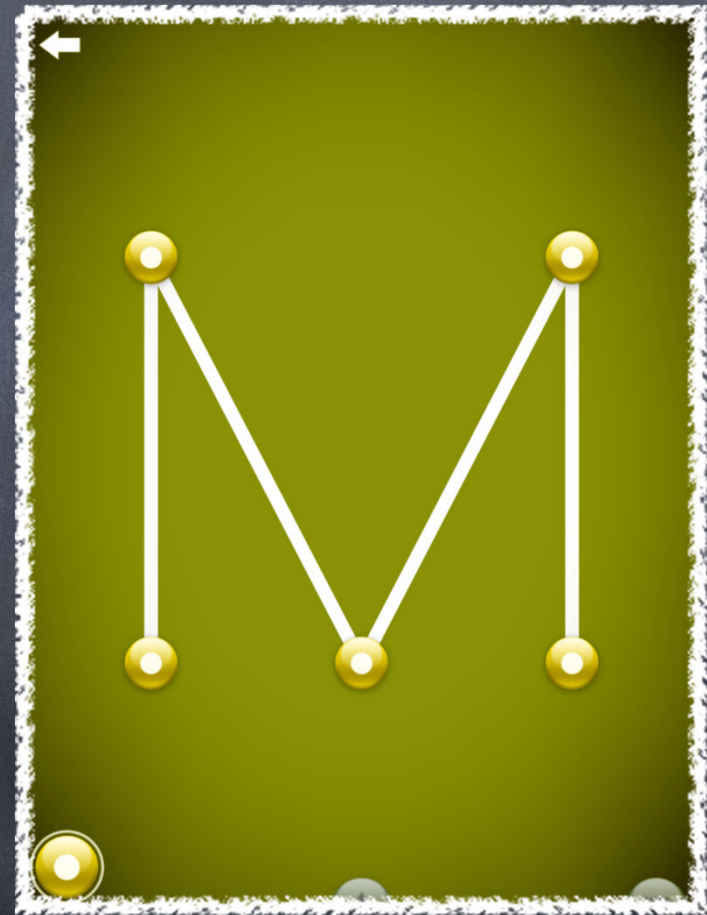
Letter School

- Allows children to practice both upper case and lower case letters
- Animations are very motivating
- Repetition of forming letters helps children be successful



Letter school

- Step 1: practice forming the letter
- The child taps the dots and the animation will form the letter



Letter school

- Step 2: tracing the letter
- The child will connect the dots by using a stylus or their finger
- The animation will appear as the letter is formed.



Letter school

- Step 3: independently forming the letters
- The child will draw the letter with no dots or lines to guide them.



Paint Sparkles

- Allows children to practice letter formation in a manner that simulates finger painting without the mess!
- Sparkles and sound effects provide motivation for children to create letters and words.



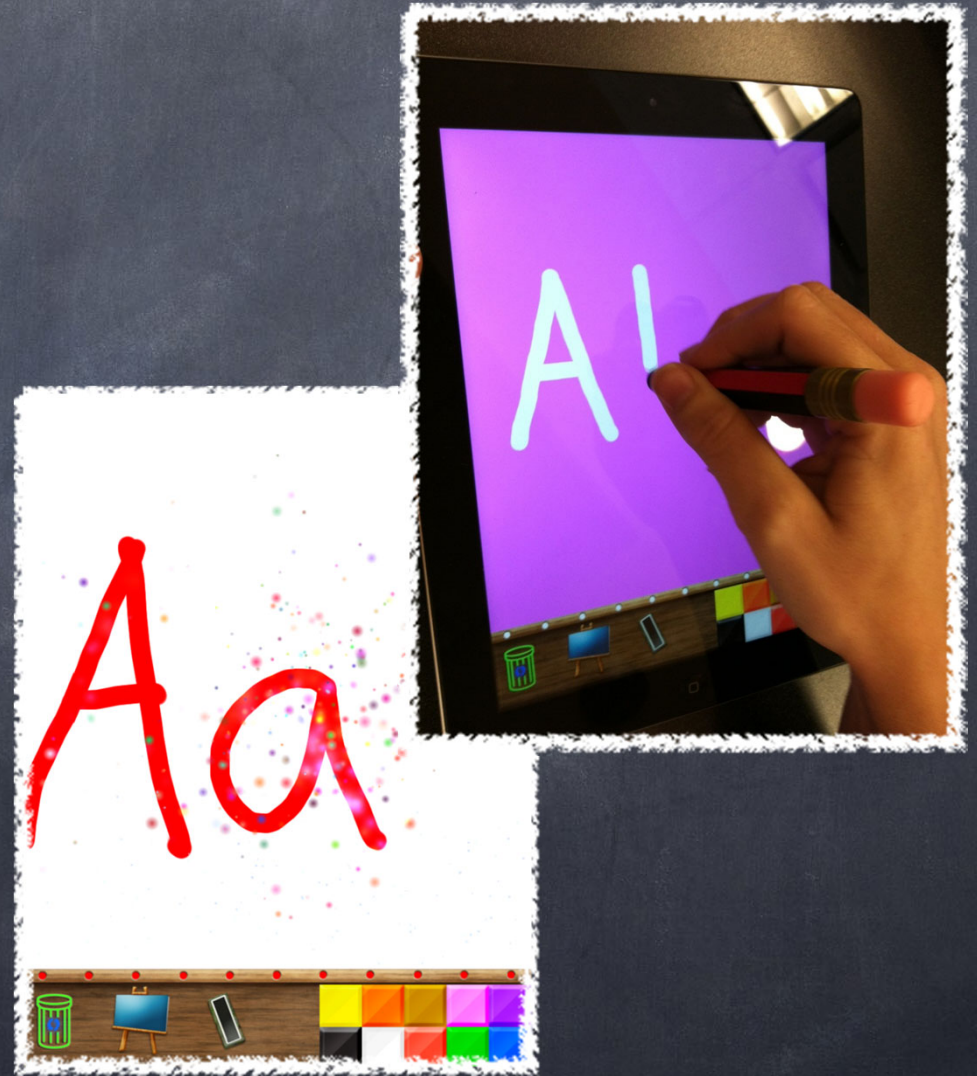
Paint sparkles

- Step 1: child can choose which background color they would like as well as which color they would like to write with.



Paint sparkles

- Step 2: the child can use either their finger or a stylus to form letters on the blank page.
- As letters are formed sparkles appear on the page accompanied by enthusiastic sound effects to encourage the child.



iWriteWords

- This app teaches children to form letters as well as create simple words.
- The letter formation is reinforced by auditory feedback stating the letter that was created.



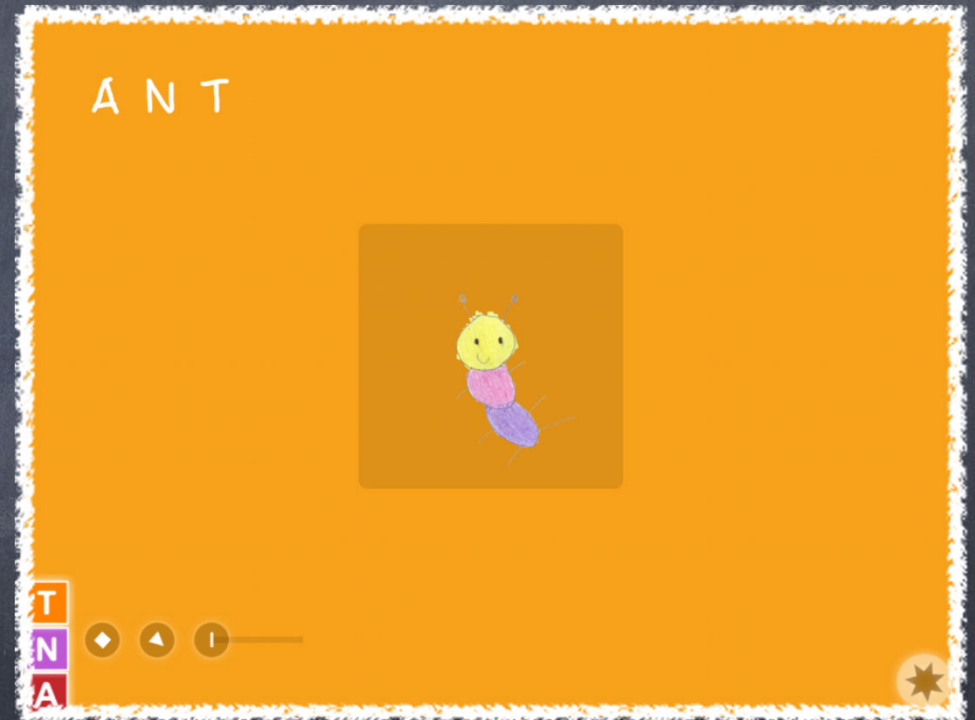
iWriteWords

- Step 1: the child begins to form the first letter by helping mr. Crab collect the numbers in order.
- Once the first line needed to create a letter is complete a new set of numbers appears to create the next line.
- This method simulates a dot-to-dot format of letter formation.



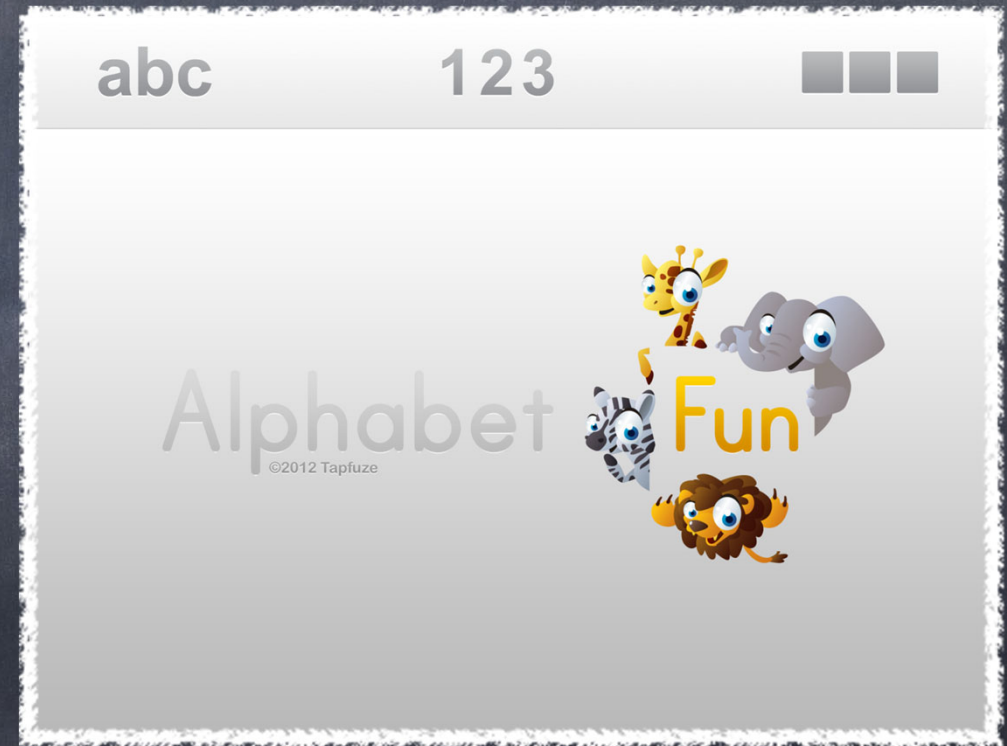
iWriteWords

- Step 2: the child will continue forming letters in this fashion until the word is complete
- When the child has successfully formed all of the letters in a word a drawing of the word will appear on the screen.
- At this point you can select next and begin working on another word.



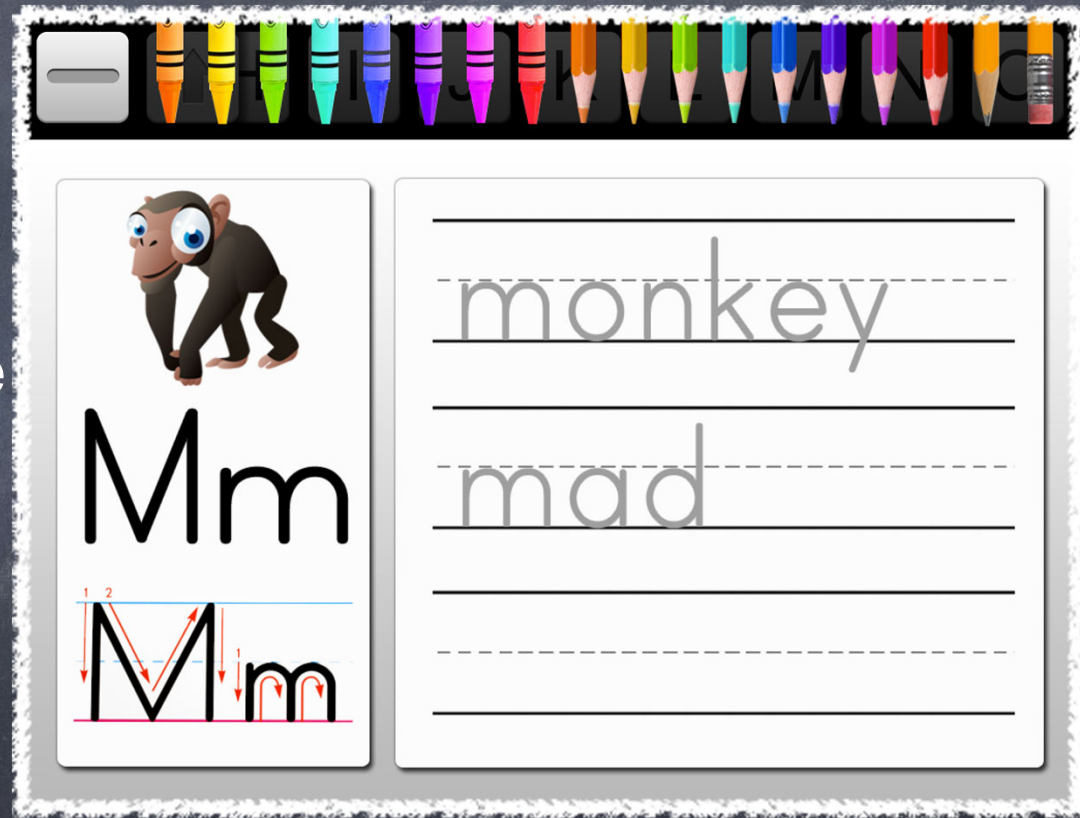
Alphabet Fun

- Alphabet fun is the next best thing to writing with paper and pencil.
- Children can use a stylus to create letters and words on the lined paper.
- This app also offers practice pages for letter formation if the child needs reinforcement and repetition.



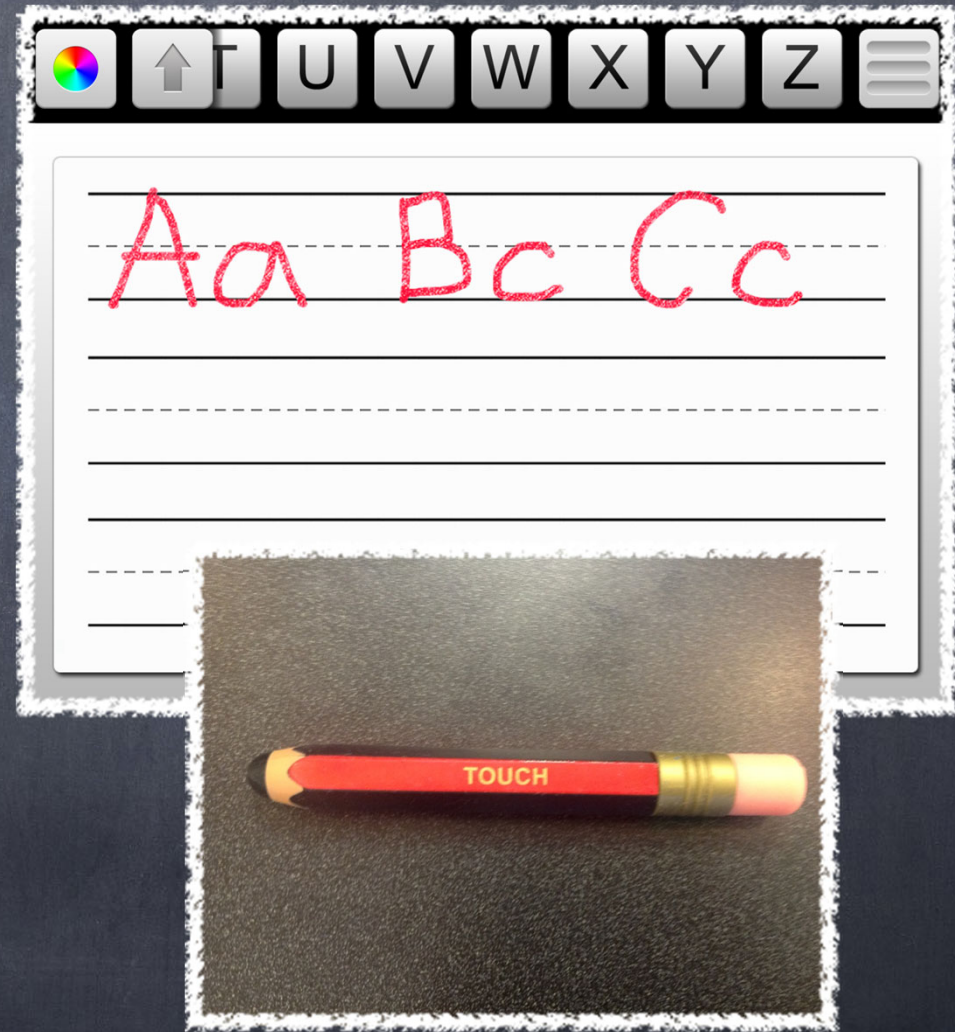
Alphabet fun

- Step 1: practicing letter formation
- On the left hand side of the page arrows indicate how to correctly form the letter.
- The child has the opportunity to practice forming the letter by tracing the word on the dotted lines to the right.



Alphabet fun

- Step 2: practicing letter and word formation lined paper.
- If this option is selected, blank lined paper appears on the screen and the child can choose what color and/or tool they would like to write with.
- Using a stylus such as the one pictured here helps to simulate writing with a pencil and paper.



Typing Jr.

- This app is great for working on keyboarding with children.
- Uses only 5 letter words so children are able to be successful with finding the keys in the given amount of time.



Typing Jr.

- To use this app:
- A word will begin to scroll across the screen.
- The child will need to locate the letter keys shown on the screen before the shark eats them.
- Once a word has been keyed correctly a new word will begin to scroll across the screen.



Why use a stylus?

- A stylus offers increased control over drawing and writing on the iPad
- Most stylus' have omni-directional tips so they work with a variety of writing styles
- Using a stylus rather than the child's finger better simulates writing on paper which is the ultimate goal.
- Using a stylus allows the child to work on pencil grasp patterns while still using the reinforcing electronic medium.

Stylus suggestions



Stylus touch pen

Giant pencil
touchscreen Stylus



Touchpad stylus
Pen for iPad



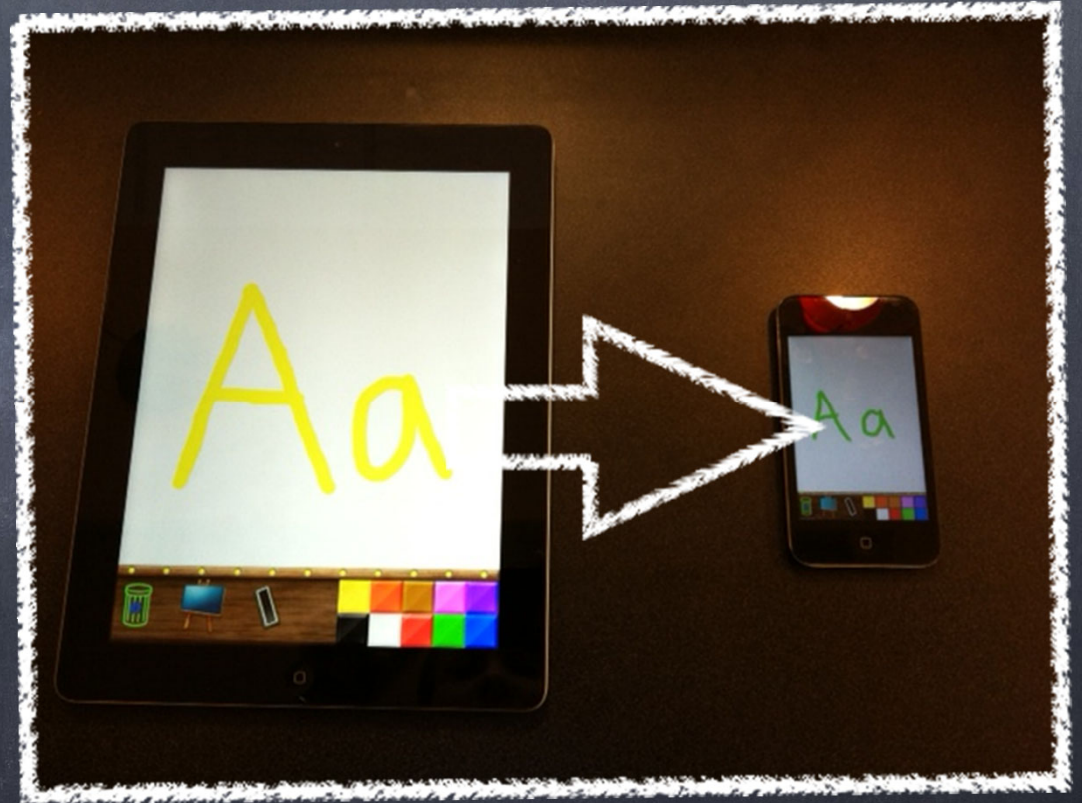
Mini writing
stylus

Mini lightweight
Stylus

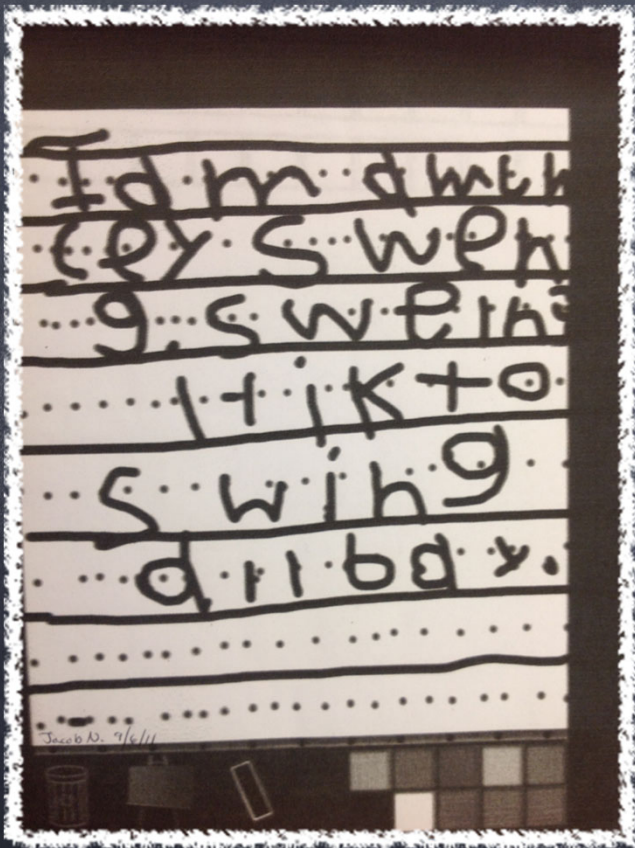


Transitioning from iPad to itouch

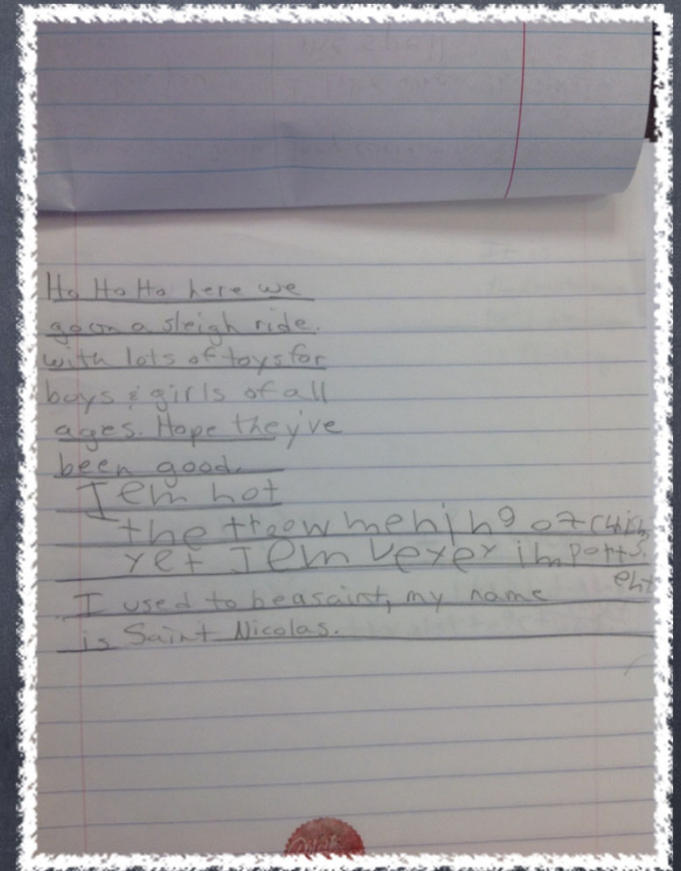
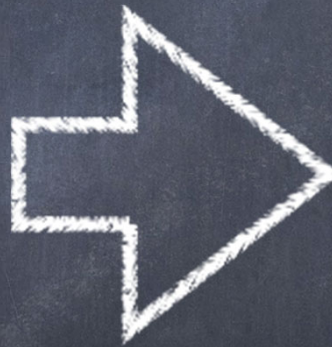
- Transitioning to an itouch allows children to practice letter formation and writing on a smaller scale that will make the transition to writing on paper easier.



Transitioning to paper and pencil



September



December

Apps for social skill development

Vola friends

- This app is great for teaching kids how to interpret facial expressions
- Uses pictures of each expression and verbally states the emotion that matches up with the expression.



Vola friends

- Step 1: selecting an expression.
- The child can choose from a page of 9 different facial expressions.



Vola friends

- Step 2: Identifying the facial expression
- Once the child has selected a facial expression the picture will enlarge on the screen and show an animation of how a persons face looks when they are happy/sad/angry/scared/ etc.
- The app will also voice the name of the emotion such as "sad"



SocialHD

- This app shows video explanations of how a person should act in certain social situations.
- The visual model as well as verbal explanation is helpful to reinforce the social skills to the child.



SocialHD

- Step 1: choose a skill to work on
- The app offers a variety of videos for learning social skills such as meeting new people, being polite, accepting criticism, and apologizing.



SocialHD

- Step 2: watch the video and explanation of the social skill you are working on.
- The video will show individuals performing the social skill and provide verbal explanation of what is occurring.



Any Questions?