Resource List Project
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Entering-Emerging
WIDA Standards
Grade Span K-3


Aesop's Quest is a learning game based on Aesop's fables, which incorporates reading comprehension. This is a great game for students to practice reading for detail. The player must remember elements of a story in order to complete each level. A puzzle piece is given after completing each level; once the puzzle is solved the story is complete and the player can continue onto the next story. The content of the stories and the questions asked about them are appropriate for ELL students.

WIDA Proficiency Levels-Emerging/Developing
Cost-$9.99
Grades-2-6


In Complete the Words, learners match missing letters, words, and shapes in words spoken to them. The graphics are particularly beneficial to ELL students. This app has successfully showed to improve spelling and writing for young learners. Adults just learning to speak the English language could also use this app because of its interface suited for all ages.

WIDA Proficiency Level-Emerging/Developing
Cost-Free
Age-All ages
This website connects millions of students and teachers from countries all over the world and allows them to work together on interactive projects. There are different projects for all age levels and all subjects. Students can find ePals to correspond with and practice writing skills in English or another language. They can work on a geography project with students in Africa or collaborate with students in India to save the endangered species. There are endless possibilities, with thousands of different projects. Teachers can also start their own projects at any time and find others to work on it with them.

Incorporating technology into the curriculum is becoming more prominent. This website allows classes to collaborate by video chatting, e-mailing, and more. This would be a great experience for students to find a partner classroom and collaborate them on projects while forming international friendships. Navigating the site is simple and there are many safety features that have been put into place. When I get my own classroom I will include this as part of my class routine. I would love to join other classrooms as part of a lesson on endangered species. There are classes in California and India working on this type of project right now. All teachers should be aware of this website and its benefits for the classroom.

WIDA Proficiency Level-all levels
Cost-Free
Grades-PreK-12


PlayTales is an award winning bookstore app that offers hundreds of interactive books for children. The stories are designed to educate, entertain, and inspire young readers. Its library contains classic children's tales along with new favorites. New books are added every week. There are different reading modes including read to me, read by myself, and autoplay. Autoplay allows children to enjoy stories that are too difficult for them to read on their own. This is great for ELLs because there are so many different levels of books that the teacher can choose books specific to that child's level. It will keep them interested with the interactive features on every page. Also, the stories are available in 8 different languages.

WIDA Proficiency Level-Emerging and up
Cost-Free
Grades-K-5

This app is designed to help students improve their ability to construct grammatically correct sentences. The who, what, where, and why parts of sentences are color coded to help students understand how combinations of these parts create basic sentence structure. It will aid in recognition of the parts of sentences such as nouns, verbs, and prepositions. Also, students have the opportunity to record their sentences in their own voice to improve expressive language skills. This is useful for ELL’s because they will be able to distinguish the different parts of the sentence easily, as well as use pictures to help comprehend the text. The teacher could then apply this to writing, using the same color-coding idea. The students will be familiar with the parts of the sentences so this will enhance their writing.

WIDA Proficiency Level-Emerging/Developing
Cost-$7.99
Grades-PreK-10

For teachers:
http://teacherswithapps.com/rainbow-sentences/


Going from reading words to reading books is a big gap. This app provides the missing link: reading sentences. Short (2 and 3 word) sentences help children gain confidence in reading. The first mode is sentence building; the children move the words into their correct position. The second mode is the reading mode; children read the words of the phrase or sentence and then check their work by touching the hidden picture. The picture is hidden so the player will read the words first and then use the picture to check their work. ELLs will benefit from gaining confidence through practice with short sentences and corresponding pictures.

WIDA Proficiency Level-Entering/Emerging
Cost-Free
Grades-K-2

For teachers:
(Packet designed to go along with the app; great opportunities for practice!)
Shake-N-Tell, (2012). Your Name in Cows (Version 1.1.1) [Mobile application software].

Shake-N-Tell is an interactive storytelling app that encourages children to be the storytellers. Basic story structures (characters, plot, actions) are given to the user. The storyteller reads prompts that guide them through adventures with new twists and turns at every shake of the iPad. Then they tell the story out loud by adding description, expression, and dialogue. This is good for ELLs because it is teaching writing skills such as adding details, dialogue, and creativity while practicing reading. Doing this orally helps children understand the concept before applying it to their writing. Teachers could use this to show the power of details and dialogue to children who do not have strong writing skills yet. There are 8 stories in every story pack with thousands of different endings for each.
WIDA Proficiency Level-Developing and up
Cost-Free/In-app packs can be purchased-they range for .99-1.99
Grades-K-3

For parents:
http://blog.koksradio.com/radio-show/shake-n-tell-app-turns-everyone-into-a-storyteller-even-you/
http://shake-n-tell.com/The_Art_of_Storytelling.html


Speech with Milo is a sequencing and storytelling game. Three picture cards are given, along with a specific topic. Basic sequencing skills are belt by ordering the three cards to show Milo and his sidekick Melvin performing a task. The player puts the picture cards into the correct order and then watches the story come to life. The app also provides options to view hints and hear the sentence read aloud. This app will allow students to organize time, sentence, and storytelling concepts using familiar themes. ELLs often have trouble sequencing; by using this app to practice simple sequencing activities it will aid in their comprehension of stories.
WIDA Proficiency Level-Emerging and up
Cost-$2.99
Grade-PreK-4

For Teachers:
http://www.khancommunicationservices.com/ipad_apps (Other parts of speech

Story Patch allows children to create their own stories; it is fun and easy to use. There are story themes to help the user build the story or they can create their own from scratch. The child gets to choose the characters, objects, and setting for the story from a wide range of clipart or photos from their own library. After creating the picture, they enter text on a virtual keyboard before viewing the story they created. The app will even help the child write a story, which differs depending on how they answer questions. This is great for ELLs because they won’t have writers block and they’ll begin to feel more confident with writing stories. This app allows them to practice writing, if they choose to write their own stories, and reading. Creating their own story will make them excited to read it and will build their enjoyment of reading.

WIDA Proficiency-Emerging and up
Cost-$2.99
Grade-K-2
*Story Patch participates in Apple’s volume pricing system for schools and non-profit organizations. Qualifying schools can purchase Story Patch at a 50% discount.


This app offers writing practice for beginning readers to build skills with vowels, blends, and digraphs. Each skill starts with a teaching sequence and is followed with opportunities for practice. The target word is displayed with optional tracing guidelines in which players can use their finger to trace each letter. After tracing, the app gives the sound of the letter, blend, or digraph and repeats the word. This app keeps records of the child’s efforts. This is great for ELLs because parents and teachers can even assign practice on troublesome letter sounds and create individualized or thematic words lists from built-in words.

WIDA Proficiency Level-Entering/Emerging
Cost-$2.99
Grade-1

For Teachers:
http://www.dreamenglish.com/phonics (phonics extensions)