**Blended learning: So what are the children actually doing?**

Managing 20 plus Kindergarteners who seek individual attention is not an easy task. Blended learning can have a huge impact in a Kindergarten classroom. By adding iPads or computers to a station where children rotate through during literacy centers is a step in the right direction. Instead of children being at an independent center playing games with no feedback and a chance to be off task they can be highly engaged using drill and practice software to practice phonics, math and handwriting. The teacher can then use reports generated to identify students’ weaknesses and strengths to provide even more individualized instruction. This allows for students to move at their own pace and at their own level of instruction.

This sounds great but what programs are the children actually using? While researching about blended learning I read about different models and how it is used in various classroom settings. The studies I read showed how computers impacted learning and test scores were rising. The articles did not however go into specifics about what programs the children were accessing when rotating to iPads or laptops. So my quest this week was to find some great apps I will eventually use in my Kindergarten class as part of my blended learning model. The following is a list of exception apps:

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| Literacy Apps | Math Apps | Core Apps | Creation/Story Apps | Handwriting Apps |
| Pocket Phonics | Park Math | Scoot Pad | Doodle buddy | Wet Dry Try |
| Montessori Crossword | Smarty School | Winter Animals | Doodlecast for kids | iWriteWords |
| Make a Word | Numbers | Baby Animals | Draw | School Writing |
| Starfall ABC | 100s Board | BBC Wonders | ArtRage |  |
| Chickionary | Monster Squeeze  | Popplet | Glow Draw |  |
| ABC Reading | Math Series | National Geographic | iMovie |  |
| My ABC | Geometry4Kids |  | Stick Pick |  |
| Learning a-z | CookieDoodle |  | Little Bird Tales |  |
| Sound Sorting | Mathomatrix |  | Book Creator |  |
| Word Magic | Rocket Math |  | Collins Big Cat  |  |
| Blends | Missing Numbers |  | Story Wheel |  |
| ABC Magic | ilearnnumbers |  | Little Story Maker |  |
| Magic Penny 2 |  |  | Puppet Pals |  |
| Word Family |  |  | Storyrobe |  |
| Spelling Bug |  |  | Do ink |  |
| Licking Letters |  |  |  |  |
| Spell Blocks |  |  |  |  |
| Word Wizard |  |  |  |  |
| Magnets |  |  |  |  |
| Starfall Reading |  |  |  |  |
| Sight Words |  |  |  |  |
| trainPhonics |  |  |  |  |