

# **Webinar Learning Series: How to select appropriate technology for young children during the COVID-19 Outbreak**

**Starting at 3:00 pm CST**

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Presented by TEC Center and Common Sense



# Webinar Logistics & Details

- Please use the chat and Q&A functions
- 30-40 minutes of presentation
- Opportunity for Q&A with TEC Center team and Common Sense at the end
- Recording and will share it with everyone who registered

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- MSECE STEM Concentration Degree and Certificate programs
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# POLL 1

# Webinar Agenda

- Overall Tips for Selecting Tech tools
- Child
- Content
- Context
- Resources from Common Sense
- Q&A

# Choose Technology Tools Intentionally



# Overall Tips for Selecting Tech Tools

- Ask colleagues, friends, etc.
- Refer to evaluation resources which we will provide at the end!
- Try it out! Play and intentionally make mistakes
- Does it support and extend learning?
- Consider the child, content, and context

# 3 C's Matter (Guernsey, 2009)

## Child

## Content



## Context



# Child Considerations

# Student Considerations

- Age
- Cognitive abilities
- Sensory sensitivities
- Physical abilities
- Language
- Experience with technology
- Individual interests



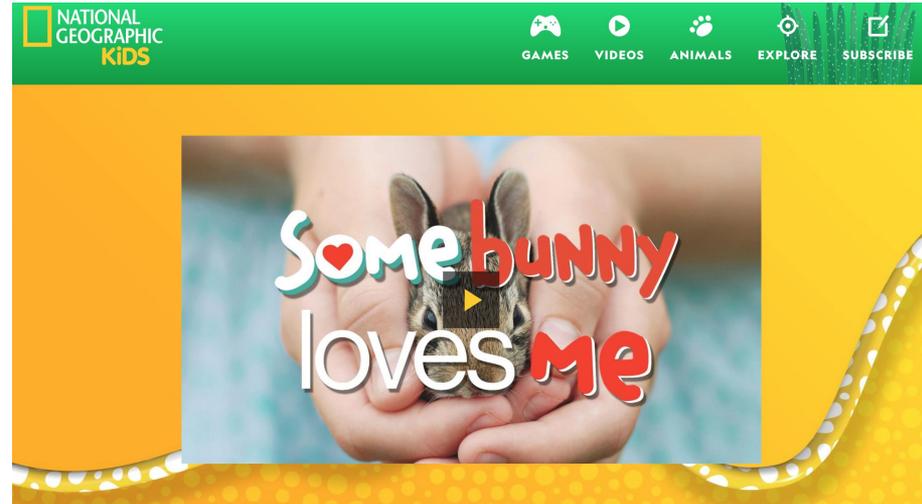
Screenshot from PBS Play & Learn Science

# Content Considerations

# Content



**Math app: Gracie and Friends Lemonade**



**National Geographic Kids Website**

# Content Features to Keep in Mind

- Sound effects
- Distractions
- Length of time & easy stopping points
- Representation and accuracy



Screenshots from Crazy Gears and PBS

# Context Considerations

# Context

- Be aware of choosing content that requires caregiver involvement/engagement
- Encourage students to use headphones to minimize background noise



# POLL 2



# Common Sense Education

## Overview

A photograph of a classroom. In the background, a male teacher with glasses and a light blue shirt is smiling and pointing towards the students. In the foreground, a young boy with blonde hair and glasses is seen from behind, with his right hand raised high. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting an active learning environment.

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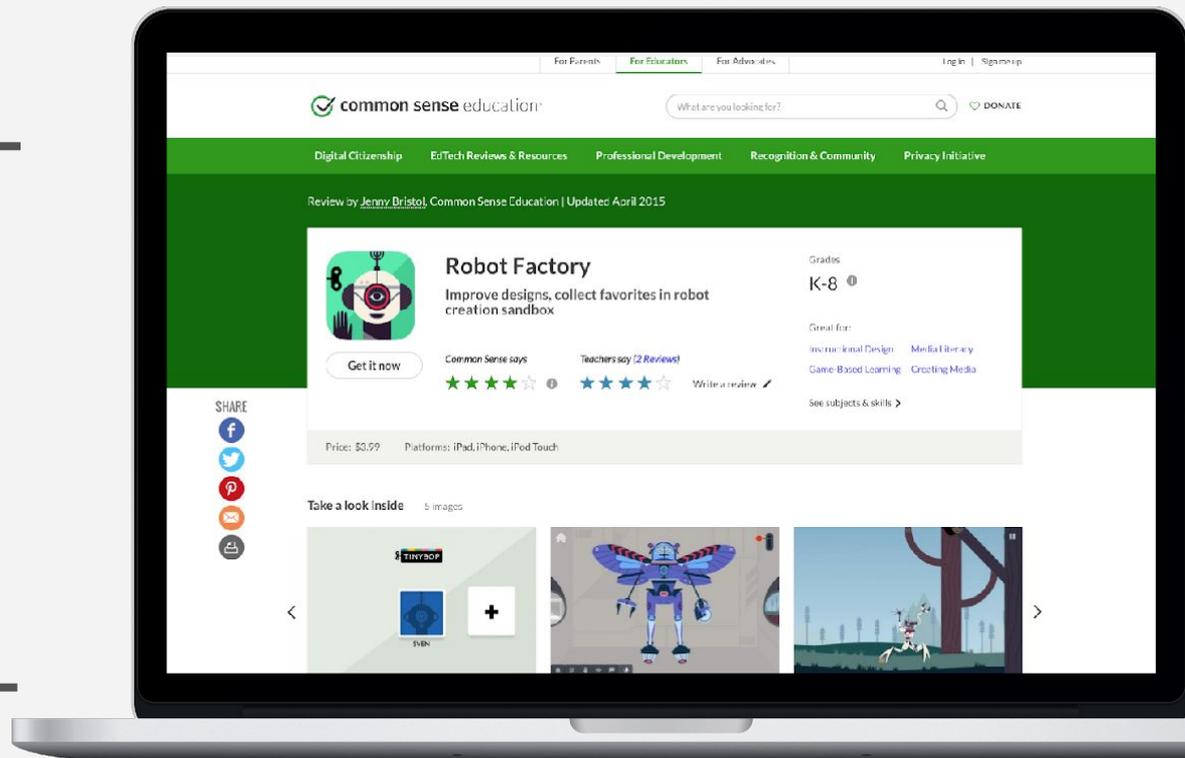
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to harness the power  
of technology for  
learning and life

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# EdTech Reviews, Resources, and Privacy

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# Learning Apps for Kindergarten

## English/Language Arts

- Khan Academy Kids
- Epic!
- Poio
- Lexi's World

## Math

- Khan Academy Kids
- Zearn
- Gracie & Friends  
Lemonade Stand

## Exploration & Creativity

- PBS Kids
- NatGeo Kids
- Toontastic 3D
- Picture Dots

Epic!



# Khan Academy Kids



# Toontastic 3D





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# Specific Recommendations and Resources

[Wide Open School](#)

[Top Tools by Grade and Subject](#)

[Free Distance Learning Plans for K–2 Students and Their Families](#)

[Tech Balance Texting Program for Parents](#)

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# Relevant content during the coronavirus

## Getting kids ready for online classes

Learn how to mute and unmute

Plug in power cord and close other tabs

Set expectations for good behavior

Many kids are using platforms, like Zoom, to have virtual classes with their teachers. Check out this short video for more information about Zoom!



Review with your child the same values of respect and preparedness for their online classes. And click on the link to learn about Zoom! 🤖



## Apps de relajación para niños

- Breathe, Think, Do with Sesame 4+
  - Smiling Mind 5+
  - Stop, Breathe & Think Kids:
  - Focus, Calm & Sleep 6+
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## 9 fun activities for kids

<b>Build a fort</b> 	<b>Karaoke</b> 	<b>Soccer with balloons</b> 
<b>Scavenger hunt</b> 	<b>Board games</b> 	<b>Write a comic</b> 
<b>Photo collage</b> 	<b>Make a mini movie</b> 	<b>Dance choreography</b> 



¡Feliz Día del Niño! Even though we're at home, we can still celebrate with a fun activity that's also great for children's development. Here are some ideas! 🎈



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## 6 Things Parents Should Know About Google Classroom

Click on link to play video



While kids are at home, many teachers are using online platforms to have virtual classes with their students! Here's the 411 on Google Classroom. 🖥️ 🧐

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# Q&A

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