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Spy Tools for Kids is a tool for creative, pretend play. We've brought together several exciting completely functional tools for budding spies to use: a disguise kit, identification kit, fingerprint scanner, voice changer, and night vision goggles.

Story Spark is a creativity tool to generate ideas for plot, character, and setting. With a simple tap on the screen, get a fresh new spark of inspiration instantly!
- ✔ 25+ Scenarios, with unlimited word combinations
- ✔ 37 Beautiful background images
- ✔ Navigate back through your history of prompts
- ✔ Mark prompts as favorites
- ✔ Regular content updates

With **Story Creator**, you can create, save, and share your favorite moments.
- • Supports gorgeous photos and videos
- • Add Photos from device, Dropbox, Flickr, Picasa, or Facebook
- • Can add text and audio recordings with every page
- • Supports text highlights - which makes is it easy for kids to learn how to read
- • It's super easy to share stories with others and copy stories across devices
- • Share stories via email with one click

Create an electronic storybook with **StoryKit**. To create your story:
- * Write some text and sounds can be recorded for telling your story or as sound effects.
- * Illustrate by drawing on the screen, taking a photograph of something you see, or drawing on paper and then photographing the paper, or attaching photos from your album.
- * Add, reorder, or delete pages from your book.
- * Your story is always saved in your iPhone. Carry it with you and work on it anytime.
- * Upload your story to the StoryKit web server and email a link to the story from within the app. No account is necessary. Stories are private.

Bookabi Features:
- - 2D and 3D characters that you can pose, rotate and move
- - Easy-to-add text, speech bubbles, new pages and more
- - Pre-loaded backgrounds, objects and stickers
- - In-App store with additional content
- - Use your own photos to become part of the story!
- - Save and share your story with the whole family
- - Record and listen to audio on each page

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- Beautiful art inspires students and jumpstarts their writing.
- Students "unlock" the stories found within the art, teasing out themes &
- ideas.
- Easy-to-use features guide the creation process, helping students stay
- focused.
- Embed stories in blogs, email to parents, download, order print versions.
- Upload class lists, auto-generate accounts, invite existing students.
- Keep your class activity private, share only the work you want to share.

ReadWriteThink's **Trading Cards** app allows kids and teens a unique way to share their understanding of various topics, to build study aids for school, or to create their own fictional world of characters. Each category has specific guiding questions for creating a dynamic, information-rich trading card. Summarizing skills are critical as they drill down to the most important information to fit on the card. In addition, they become aware of writing for an audience because they can share their cards with others.

Story Dice is a creative tool to prompt ideas for plot, character, and setting. This idea generator can be used effectively for both written and oral storytelling. This app can be used with a wide variety of age groups ranging from preschoolers to teenagers. If cost is an issue, consider using on teacher device and placing on a projector. 1-10 dice are chosen to be rolled at a time.

Kids' **Things to Think About** provides 100 prompts to spark thinking for written responses and encourage conversations about ideas and issues for kids. Created by students and teachers in Michigan, it can be used in classrooms or with families by allowing children to explore the prompts and by using them to guide a discussion or lesson.

- 12 categories of questions including Friends, Family, School, Fun and Feelings.
- Challenges kids to dream about the future, think through "what would you do.." scenarios and make decisions about interesting topics.
- Voice narration of prompts and original illustrations by local elementary students
- Coding and graphics by Jackson Area Career Center students

Toontastic is a creative learning tool that empowers kids to draw, animate, and share their own stories through imaginative play. Toontastic teaches key storytelling principles. Children are walked through creating the story arc: setup, conflict, challenge, climax, or resolution. Creating a story is as easy as putting on a puppet show — children simply press the record button, move the characters onscreen, and tell their stories. Once they're're done, Toontastic will play back their animation and voice as a cartoon for them to share with friends and family.