

# Appy Hour

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## **Description of our class:**

Our program is called the "Transitional Learning Program", formerly Functional Life Skills. Our students have a variety of disabilities. Most of them have multiple disabilities which include: intellectual disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder, physical disabilities, visual impairment, ADHD, anxiety, oppositional defiant disorder, traumatic brain injury, seizure disorder, speech language impairment, and Down's syndrome.

## **Why this class was created:**

All of our students love to use the ipads and other computers. This is an area of strength for all of them. Most of them are visual learners. Even the students who are nonreaders are successful because they can use Siri and other accessibility features. Because of this "Appy Hour" began. The class is taught by the Assistive Technology Specialist. The special education teacher learns and takes part in the class with the students. (She is technologically challenged.) The students have the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned earlier in the day and during long term units of study.

## **Outline of the class:**

Introduction to parts of the ipad

Apps and ipad functions

Apps native to the ipad

Google images

Keynote

Pages

iMovie

Fun app Friday (Free apps students can download each Friday)

## **Topics**

All About Me

Seasons

Various holidays throughout the year

Nouns, verbs, adjectives

Presidents

Helen Keller

Martin Luther King, Jr.

History of the telephone

**Presentation of student work**

**Questions**