

# App of the Month - October 2014



**Name:** PBS Parents Play & Learn

**Age Category:** Early Literacy Apps

**Cost:** FREE

**Store Options:** iTunes, Barnes & Noble, Amazon App Store, Google Play, Samsung App Store

## Key Features:

- 13 interactive games
- Parents notes with each game
- 52 easy hands-on activities
- Free-play sticker area
- Weekly push notifications with more ideas for parents
- Bilingual (English/Spanish)

*PBS Parents Play & Learn provides more than a dozen games parents can play with their kids, each themed around a familiar location – including at the grocery store, in a car, in the kitchen, and many more.*

*This app makes it easy for parents to seize upon daily “teachable moments” through theme-based interactive games & simple hands-on-activities that connect math & literacy skills to everyday experiences.*

*Each game comes with a parent note that provides information about the literacy skills woven into the game & suggestions for effective ways to interact with a child while playing the game to maximize the learning experience.*



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# App of the Month - November 2014



**Name:** Color Uncovered

**Age Category:** Apps for Older Kids

**Cost:** FREE

**Store Options:** iTunes

## Key Features:

- Wide spectrum of color-related topics to explore
- Try experiments on the iPad using simple items found at home: CD case, drop of water & piece of paper
- Discover how the iPad & other devices create color
- Find out what causes afterimages & more.

*Explore the surprising side of color with Color Uncovered, an interactive book that features fascinating illusions, articles and videos developed by the Exploratorium.*

*How is Monet like a honeybee? What color is a whisper? Why is it so hard to find your car in a lamp-lit parking lot?*

*Color Uncovered was created at the Exploratorium, the mothership for people with major cases of curiosity. Visit us online at <http://www.exploratorium.edu/>.*



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# App of the Month - December 2014



**Name:** My A - Z

**Age Category:** Early Literacy Apps

**Cost:** FREE

**Store Options:** iTunes

## Key Features:

- Basic set of words & pictures that many early learners use in beginning vocabulary
- Add your own new cards from your photo library or take a new one
- Use the microphone to record voice, or sounds from your environment.
- Email the card or change the color scheme to customize your card collection.

*My A-Z is more than alphabet flashcards for your preschooler: It's an exploratory learning project for everyone to do together! My A-Z provides a fun way to personalize the process of learning letters for your child.*

*Let your kid create his or her own, individual alphabet cards. Take a photo of your dog—and record its bark—for the letter D. Photograph and record Grandma saying “I love you!” during her visit for the letter G. Empower your child to explore and document their world, then review and talk about their selections. Find more ideas for using this app when you download it to your device.*



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