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Fun and Learning

Get children excited about learning! Check out these super fun educational products for great ways to inspire children to engage in the learning process.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE DESK PRO

This computer engages kids in arcade-style games that teach English, Spanish, math, science, geography, history, and logic skills. It tracks a child's performance, adjusting subjects and skill levels to meet the child's needs. \$70. 7+ yrs. VTech, 800-521-2010.

PALOMA FIREFLY MOUSE

This brightly colored optical mouse lights up like a firefly, enticing kids to use the computer. Not only is it the perfect size for young hands, it also allows kids to squeeze it rather than tapping buttons. Compatible with PC (Windows 98SE–Windows XP) and Mac (OS9.1–OSX). \$30. 2 yrs.–twens. Kidzmouse, 888-503-5439.

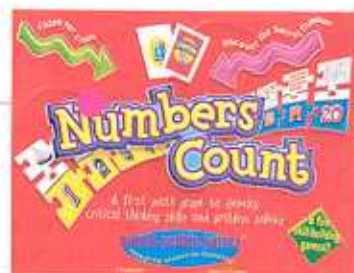


CHILDREN'S TALKING DICTIONARY WITH SPELL CORRECTOR

It speaks 44,000 words and definitions! Input weekly spelling words for fun practice exercises. It has phonetic spelling correction (luv/love) and a "Confusables" feature (hear/here). Works with headphones. \$50. 6 yrs.+ Franklin Electronic Publishers, 800-266-5626

NUMBERS COUNT

Children learn number recognition, counting, sequencing, and one-to-one correspondence in 6 fun skill-building games with engaging visuals and multiple levels of play. 1–4 players. \$16. 3–7 yrs. Purple Pebble Games, 761-631-9900.



TOUCH & TEACH TABLET

Build language and discovery skills using this colorful town environment that responds to touch. Little ones get a 50-word vocabulary lesson and then get to test their knowledge, interacting with questions and responding to phrases. \$15. 3+ yrs. VTech, 800-521-2010.

HUGGY BUGGY ALPHABET SET

Made from natural flocked-foam rubber with a textured surface offers young children a sensory experience as they explore these large, magnetized letters while they identify the bright colors and learn the alphabet. \$50. 2 yrs.+ Hooray, 866-278-7785.



WRITE & LEARN SMARTBOARD

This board rewards little writers for their efforts. It recognizes the marks a child makes—coaching them through writing letters, numbers, drawing, and music. 26 alphabet buttons respond and teach step-by-step stroke order, while the LCD screen shows them what they've written. \$30. 4+ yrs. VTech, 800-521-2010.

MERRIAM-WEBSTER DICTIONARY & THESAURUS

Turn "nolige" into "knowledge" with phonetic spell corrections; 80,000 words and definitions; 4,600 SAT words for practice; 3 learning exercises; databank with password protection; calculator & metric/currency converter. \$60. 10 yrs.+ Franklin Electronic Publishers, 800-266-5626

