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Learn by Video

YouTube can be very entertaining and great fun, but it can also be an educational tool to learn how to use all kinds of technology tools and websites. One website that has been around for awhile but can be extremely useful as a classroom tool is [Padlet](#). This can be used in a variety of ways by students and teachers alike. Padlet is an online bulletin board/workspace. It can be used to share video and web links, photos, student comments and questions about an assigned topic, brainstorm a new project, check for understanding, or collaboration of any kind. Check out these YouTube videos to learn how to get set up with Padlet in your classroom. <http://youtu.be/Ne9lX1suh8M> or <http://youtu.be/5c9vWCPn8ys>

iPad Apps/News

[Keeble](#) and [Keedogo](#)--These new keyboards have word prediction features built-in and kid friendly layouts to make typing on the iPad easier for your students. Keeble has features in the settings to help students with fine motor difficulties.

From the folks who brought you [Monkey Preschool Lunchbox](#), there is a new app called [Zuzu's Bananas](#). There are more than 50 mini-games that work on early educational concepts such as such as pattern recognition, time management, and object permanence. The games adjust in difficulty as your student/child gets better and faster. Games can be played timed or untimed which is a great option for students with special needs.

For students ages 10 and up there is an app called [Equate Formula Solver](#) for helping with those math, chemistry, and physics formulas. This is a great homework tool that boasts over 200 formulas and has practice problems with answers to help students study for tests. Best of all it's **free!**

New Favorite Chrome Browser Tool--Recently Discovered!

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