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## TOP PICKS | 19 TOOLS

### Social Skills Apps for Kids with Special Needs



#### Avokiddo Emotions

Hilarious animals help kids identify emotions

**Bottom line:** This silly animal app is a fun way to teach kids about emotions and creativity.

Grades: Pre-K-K      Price: \$2.99



#### Daniel Tiger's Grr-ific Feelings

Songs and activities help kids express, recognize, understand emotions

**Bottom line:** Daniel Tiger and his friends present excellent examples for kids who are just learning healthy emotional expression.

Grades: Pre-K-K      Price: \$2.99



#### Peek-a-Zoo - by Duck Duck Moose

Cute, vibrant app helps kids learn social-emotional cues and vocab

**Bottom line:** Cute and funny animals ask kids clear questions to help them think about emotions, social communications, and actions.

Grades: Pre-K-K      Price: Free



#### Breathe, Think, Do with Sesame

Sesame Street winner teaches kids how to keep calm and carry on

**Bottom line:** Highly effective tool for whole-class instruction or one-on-one intervention.

Grades: Pre-K-1      Price: Free



#### Four little corners

Simple story about shapes showcases problem-solving and inclusion

**Bottom line:** This cute little story could be a nice launching pad for big discussions about friendship, tolerance, and acceptance.

Grades: Pre-K-1      Price: Paid



#### Kid in Story Book Maker

Easy-to-make personalized stories can help boost social skills

**Bottom line:** A must-have story creation tool for teachers in special-needs settings.

Grades: Pre-K-1      Price: \$6.99



### Toca Tea Party

Pretend play meets social skills at this cute interactive gathering

**Bottom line:** Beautiful, imagination-provoking app is so easy to use, kids will likely want to return for many more parties.

Grades: Pre-K-1      Price: Paid

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### Model Me Going Places 2

Fantastic yet limited resource for modeling social interactions

**Bottom line:** Six story choices useful to traveling teachers/therapists.

Grades: Pre-K-3      Price: Free

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### Autism Core Skills School Edition: Academic, Communication, and Social Skills Plus Data

Robust app combines high-quality lessons with handy quantitative data

**Bottom line:** Academic and social lessons are worth the purchase price for the amount of depth and data produced.

Grades: Pre-K-10      Price: \$9.99

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### Social Story Creator Educators

Create multimedia stories that help with social skills

**Bottom line:** Solid and very simple app for kids with social challenges.

Grades: Pre-K-12      Price: Free to try, Paid

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### Touch and Learn - Emotions

Free app helps kids identify emotions, recognize body language

**Bottom line:** Bridges the gap between feeling or witnessing emotions and using words to describe them.

Grades: K-2      Price: \$1.99

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### Social Adventures

Expert-approved activities nurture students' social skills

**Bottom line:** A treasure chest of social-skills-building activities created by speech and language pros that are worth the high price and need for facilitation.

Grades: K-3      Price: \$7.99

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### ConversationBuilder

Themed scripts help kids practice successful social exchanges

**Bottom line:** For speech-language pathologists, this is a must-have tool for helping kids learn conversation skills.

Grades: K-6      Price: \$19.99

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### Prism

Experiential game teaches empathy toward those with autism

**Bottom line:** Lessons on inclusion and community in the classroom require post-game facilitated discussion for deep learning.

Grades: 2–6      Price: Free

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### Stories in Motion

Comic-style course on social nuances aims to help kids with ASD

**Bottom line:** Sufficient tool to supplement social and emotional learning for students with autism.

Grades: 3–8      Price: Free to try, Paid

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### Stop, Breathe & Think

Appealing app guides meditation, promotes compassion

**Bottom line:** An accessible, well-designed tool for making meditation a daily practice for both students and teachers.

Grades: 3–12      Price: Free, Paid

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### Hall of Heroes

Responsive game helps students prepare for transition to middle school

**Bottom line:** Wonderful and fun social-interaction game designed to teach cooperation and friendship skills needed for middle school and beyond.

Grades: 5–8      Price: Free to try, Paid

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### The Mood Meter

Well-designed tool encourages kids to reflect on and manage emotions

**Bottom line:** Appealing, thought-provoking tool builds emotional intelligence.

Grades: 6–12      Price: \$0.99

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### ConversationBuilderTeen

Customizable tool provides valuable practice with social interactions

**Bottom line:** Engaging way to practice peer conversations on tricky topics.

Grades: 8–12      Price: \$19.99

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