Lesson Blueprints: Apps in the Classroom
Lesson Title: Overview
Grade Level: Elementary School

Incorporate technology into your SEL studies by using developmentally appropriate apps with your students. Preview and experiment with the app beforehand, and then try one of the activities, lessons, or project ideas.

1. **Tellegami**

   This app allows students to create a "Gami" which lets them share an audio clip (30 seconds for free version, 90 seconds for paid) while a customizable character animates against a chosen background.

   Students customize their character or "Gami" to match themselves, a famous person, or whoever they desire. They can add emotions as well. They design the background or choose from the pre-made options and then doodle on top to add details.

   Students record audio, customize their voices, and add text to their projects.

2. **YaKit Kids**

   This app can bring any picture/artwork to life. Students take a picture and highlight the mouth and record their own voices to create a talking character. Students can change voice pitch, add special effects such as wild eyes, or change the mouth shape.

3. **Blabberize**

   Blabberize allows you to quickly create talking photos. Students upload a picture, select the mouth or jaw, record a voice over, and then the app creates a video of a talking photo. Students can add multiple photos to each video.

4. **Word Clouds**

   Word clouds apps use text you provide to give prominence to words that appear most frequently in the source text in different forms, layouts, and color schemes. Students can work individually or in small groups to create a digital word cloud about a key idea being discussed in class. You can print these word clouds out and display them around the room or share them digitally.

5. **Skitch**

   This app allows students to take a photograph or screenshot and write directly on it. They can use shapes, arrows, sketches and text annotations.

   This app then allows creators to share their drawings or print them out.

6. **30Hands**

   This storytelling app allows students and teachers to create narrated stories or presentations from photos, images, drawings, or video clips. Students can drag images or video clips around the desktop into the order of the story. Next, students can add audio over each image or clip.

7. **Powtoon**

   This app allows students to create digital cartoon stories, like a comic book. Students can start from one of the many templates or start from scratch and add cartoon characters, effects, speech bubbles, and audio clips to enhance their comic book.

8. **Sock Puppets**

   This app allows students to create their own digital sock puppet shows. Students choose a sock puppet that they want to use as characters within their story, add audio clips, and other special effects to create their video.

9. **LEGO Movie Maker**

   Students can bring their LEGO characters to life by creating a custom stop-motion movie. Simple tools and guidelines help students shoot, edit, and create their own video. To use this app, students will need LEGO characters. They set up scenes, take pictures, stream together their images, add audio clips, and present their video.

Notes

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____