



HATCH EARLY LEARNING

10 TIPS FOR IMPLEMENTING IGNITE BY HATCH™

1. Make Ignite a Part of Your Classroom and Routine

- Find a stable day and time when children can get excited to log in and have playtime. Embedding time in the schedule guarantees regular access and consistency within the classroom.
- Look for opportunities of time, like early arrivals, late pickups, or when they finish early, to give children a few bonus moments to log in and engage with Ignite.
- Having a visual reminder of Hatch® in the classroom will prompt usage and discussion with your children. Feel free to put up our Star Chart for children to track their star collection throughout the week and to have them create their avatars in real life. Don't forget to hang up our fun Hatch characters as well!

2. Get Creative With Playtime

- Classrooms get busy quickly! If you're worried about forgetting to reserve time to play, set a reminder on your calendar or make a daily schedule so your children can help you remember.
- Children love playing with someone. Tune in and watch children play Ignite. Let them take the lead, but talk to them about what is happening and what they are working on.
- If possible, look for a quiet place for children to play. Having a space where they can focus without distractions will help them learn.
- Once a child has finished a game in Ignite, ask them how they could play that game in real life! For example, if a child has finished an activity asking them to identify people's emotions, play emotion charades, where you act out an emotion and they must guess what it is.

- If you have a busy day, plan on using Ignite as a way for some children to reset and have some quiet time. Remember that you don't need to have a large chunk of time set aside for learning. It's okay for learning to be sprinkled in throughout the day at times that fit best with your classroom schedule.

3. Become an Ignite Expert

- The best way to understand what a technology tool can do is by figuring it out for yourself. Block some time to dig into Ignite and figure out all the bells and whistles.
- The best way you can support children's learning is to understand what they are learning. Explore Ignite's content so you have a context and an understanding of the learning environment and activities and can help children work through problems.

4. Practice Joyful Implementation

- Infuse excitement into your lessons by framing the use of Ignite as an adventure or a quest. Create a sense of curiosity and discovery around the tool to engage children.
- Collaborate with other teachers to share ideas for integrating Ignite into the classroom and discuss successes and challenges.
- Celebrate Ignite successes and achievements in your classroom! Show children that you see and value what they are learning while they use Ignite.

Playful Learning.
Actionable Data.





5. Try Targeted Modeling

- Start by personally demonstrating how to use Ignite, highlighting its key features and functionalities. This will provide children with a clear model for usage.
- Encourage children to observe your interactions with Ignite, explaining your thought process aloud. This modeling helps them understand how to navigate and utilize Ignite effectively.

6. Co-Engage With Children

- Foster a collaborative learning environment by promoting peer-to-peer engagement. Encourage children to work together on Ignite-related activities, fostering teamwork and shared learning experiences.
- Facilitate discussions around Ignite's content and encourage children to share their insights and discoveries. This not only enhances understanding but also builds a sense of community within the classroom.

7. Differentiate Instruction

- Recognize and embrace the diversity in your classroom by utilizing the app for differentiated instruction. Tailor activities to various learning styles and abilities, ensuring that every child can benefit from the app.
- Use the app to provide additional challenges for advanced learners and extra support for those who may need it, promoting personalized learning experiences.

8. Integrate Ignite With Your Curriculum

- Integrate Ignite into your existing curriculum to reinforce concepts learned in class. Align Ignite activities with your lesson plans to enhance and extend the learning experience.
- Explore cross-curricular connections by incorporating Ignite learning into various subjects, making it a versatile tool that enhances learning across disciplines.

9. Engage in Regular Reflection

- Schedule regular reflection sessions with children to discuss their experiences with Ignite. This provides valuable feedback for both you and the children, allowing for continuous improvement and optimization.
- Encourage children to express their opinions about Ignite, which fosters a sense of ownership and involvement in the learning process.

10. Continue Learning

- Stay curious and seek ongoing education through workshops, online courses, and conferences to stay current with the latest research and teaching methodologies.
- Regularly reflect on your teaching methods, identifying strengths and areas for improvement. Seek feedback from peers and supervisors to refine your approach.
- Build a professional network with other educators to share ideas, resources, and best practices. Attend conferences and engage in online communities to broaden your connections.
- Embrace technology and explore how it can enhance learning experiences. Stay informed about best practices for integrating technology into your classroom.
- Establish clear, achievable professional development goals. Break them into manageable steps and track your progress to ensure continuous improvement.
- Prioritize cultural competence by seeking training on diversity and inclusion. Ensure that your teaching practices are inclusive and respectful of diverse backgrounds and experiences.