Resources for iPads, Autism Spectrum Disorders & Other Special Needs (August 2013)

Information about storage capacity

- http://www.imore.com/16gb-32gb-64gb-ipad-capacity
- http://ipad.about.com/od/iPad-Tutorials/a/How-Much-iPad-Memory-Do-You-Need.htm

Comparison of iPod features

- http://ipod.about.com/od/ipadcomparisons/a/ipad-iphone-3gs-ipod-touch.htm
- http://www.everymac.com/ultimate-mac-comparison-chart/?compare=all-ipod-iphoneipad-devices

Expense

- http://store.apple.com/us/browse/home/specialdeals/ipad
 - Refurbished iPods
- http://proactivespeech.wordpress.com/2012/08/26/how-to-get-an-ipad-for-your-child/
 - List of organizations to apply to for funding

Comparison of protective cases

- http://www.autismpluggedin.com/2012/03/6-great-ipad-cases-for-kids-with-autism.html
- http://proactivespeech.wordpress.com/2012/08/05/apps-for-autism-feature-matchingtable-for-ipad-cases/

iPad insurance information

http://www.iphonefaq.org/archives/97196

Accessibility features

- http://www.apple.com/accessibility/
- http://atclassroom.blogspot.com/2010/12/ipaditouchiphone-add-on-tools-to.html

Lists of apps and how to evaluate what will work for your goals

- http://proactivespeech.wordpress.com/2012/07/24/quick-feature-matching-checklist-for-ipad-apps/
- http://bridgingapps.org/screen/
- http://appsforaac.net/applistus
- http://momswithapps.com/2010/08/04/characteristics-of-great-apps-for-kidswith-autism/
- i.AM Search, a free App, is an adaptive search platform that allows users to customize autism app selections based on gender, age, interests and skills (use Advanced Search feature)

Internet safety

http://www.netbuddy.org.uk/static/cms_page_media/101/Learning_Disabilities_A
 utism_and_Internet_Safety_Parents_Guide.pdf

Lists of Apps

- Squidalicious.com: http://www.squidalicious.com/2011/01/ipad-apps-for-autism-spreadsheet-of.html
 - Apps of all kinds for all ages with detailed information about function and quality
- Smart Apps for Kids: http://www.smartappsforkids.com/top-10-free-apps-1.html
 - List of top 100 free apps for kids plus lists by topics (language, literacy, age group)
- Bridging Apps http://bridgingapps.org/screen/
 - Includes user reviews and the ability to filter results based on different features, including fine motor, language, visual and cognitive levels and skills
- Autism Speaks: http://www.autismspeaks.org/autism-apps
 - Apps of all kinds for all ages
- "App Wheel" http://apps4stages.wikispaces.com/AppWheels
 - List displayed in "wheel" format to help select Apps based on Communication, Social Skills, Needs for Sameness or Routine, Sensory Sensitivity, Difficulty with traditional learning methods, and Behavior
- Autism Apps, a free App for searching for Apps by category (e.g., speech/language, fine motor, cause-effect, etc), price, and rating

Informational Resources

- "Technology Central" from Autism Speaks includes several webinars related to the iPad and other devices: http://www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/technology
- ""All I Really Need is an iPad, right?" Myths & Realities of iPads for Families
 of Individuals with Special Needs"-- iPad webinar from 2012 sponsored by
 Simons-VIP Connect
 - http://www.simonsvipconnect.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=271&Itemid=330&Iang=en