

Dear Parents,

 “Breaker, breaker…what’s your 10-20?” Do you remember ‘Walkie-Talkies’? They were the coolest toys on the block when I was nine years old. The old school toy that we played with has undergone an overhaul and is so much fun to use.

 I would like to use this new ‘Walkie-Talkie’ with your child to get him/her excited about reading. I have shown the children how the app works and we played with it in class a little bit. The app we used is called ‘Voxer’ and it is available for both android and iOS devices. This is a free app and is set up similar to a walkie-talkie. You can download it from your app store.

 The way this works is, you let me know when you have installed the app on your device. The students will have a book that they are going to be reading and talking about. I will then create a “Chat” that is for your child, and me. You can listen to our conversation about the book we are reading, but we respectfully ask you not to participate. The children and I will ‘vox’ each other our thoughts about the book as we are reading. This information cannot be shared with anyone else; no one else can join the conversation.

 My hope is that these conversations will motivate your child to want to read more. I mean, who doesn’t want to get in-touch with their inner trucker?

The children were so excited when I showed it to them in class!

 I am available to meet with you to help you get going with Voxer before school, 7:45-8:10am, Monday-Thursday. It will only take a few minutes to set you up. I ask that you download the app at home. The rest we can do together.

 Catch you on the flip-flop!

 Debbie Olsen

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