

Hi Hillcrest Parents!

I wanted to let you all know about a great new app that we have just begun using in the classrooms to raise reading engagement. The app is called FarFaria, and best of all, it's free! In FarFaria, there are hundreds of high-interest illustrated books that are leveled from kindergarten through 6th grade, which the students really seem to enjoy reading. There is much research in the realm of using student choice to increase learning outcomes and this app allows for that self-directed learning. The stories are highly engaging and come with a feature where it can be read to the child. This is a great way to help children to learn words above their reading level. We have these installed on all of our iPads here at school. It is available for both the iPad and Android systems if you'd like to install on one of your mobile devices at home.

If you have any questions about the program, reach out to me! Keep 'em reading!

Yours in Education,

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