

Dear Parents,

I'm excited to introduce you to a new resource we're using in our classroom this year - Pinna!

Pinna is an audio streaming service made just for kids. It offers screen-free audio content via a kidSAFE certified platform that can be used both at school and at home to keep kids engaged!

With kids spending so much time on screens, both for learning and recreational purposes, it's important that we offer them opportunities to disengage and give their eyes a break - while stimulating their brains in new and different ways. Pinna sparks the imagination and is both entertaining and educational.

Pinna offers podcasts, audiobooks, and even music. The content provided on the platform serves a wide range of ages (3-12) and covers many subject areas, making it ideal for both family and classroom use.

Listening to audio is beneficial to students and families for so many reasons. Here are a few that particularly stand out.

- Strengthens reading comprehension and introduces kids to material above their current reading level
- Teaches critical listening and improves listening stamina over time
- Provides kids access to a wide variety of narrative styles and viewpoints
- Can be used to teach or supplement almost any subject
- Supports kids with learning challenges who need something beyond textbooks and worksheets
- Introduces an alternative means of receiving information to those who are visually impaired or have a diagnosis that makes reading difficult
- Offers a bridge to important discussion topics like current events or challenges kids may be facing

While there are certainly many more benefits I could share, I'm sure you can see why Pinna is a resource we're choosing for our classroom this year.

Keep an ear out for further information on how you can access our classroom account for use at home. If you'd prefer to purchase your own subscription, visit Pinna.fm for more information.

Here's to a great year!