

Textbooks or Tablets

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Should Medea creek have tablets instead of textbooks? Should parents have to fund for them? Does Medea have the money for tablets? Parents, staff and students of Medea creek answer all of these questions.

As people all over the world say that textbooks have a lot of information, but do they really? I have a social studies book that was made in 1987. I thought that this was all new information, but it wasn't. It turns out that textbooks have information that was new about 10 years ago. If we had tablets the information would be newer and newer every year. This is a reason to help rather you child, student, or yourself. Other people like the ideas of tablets too, like Savannah Lizakowsk, Daniel Lugo, and Garrett Holman.

Savannah says, "I would like tablets instead of textbooks because they're lighter." Daniel and Garrett gave me a great example why we would want tablets. They both exclaimed that, "It would be better for our planet because it would save trees and would be interesting and fun for us as students because we would actually be listening to the teacher/the tablet" Other people want tablets too, not just students. Parents also want tablets for their child/children as well. Michele Williams agrees with the students of Medea. Her answer to this situation was, "I would love a tablet for my children because they're lighter, everything is in one place in the end, and we won't have to renew 5 different books, just one." Keith said the same thing and agrees with Michele.

With our money cost, we should be also talking with staff at this school. Mrs. Bagheri was a big help finding the right answer to this task. She helps me think about the

question on why we have textbooks in the first place. She gave me a great example. She explained, "tablets are very new and the school's text books are online now, why should we have to get tablets if we already have the information digital?"

I thought about that question and found pros and cons to that. Some pros are that we would have all the information in one place, its portable, and also you wouldn't need your textbook online if you had it all on a tablet and you wouldn't need the online textbook if you didn't accidentally leave it at school, you would have it all on a tablet. A few cons would be the cost and the students will not focus or listen around them as well as to the teacher.

Other people as well think the same thing as Mrs. Bagheri. One teacher that does is Kelly Johnson, the 7th grade science teacher. She thinks, "why should we get new technology when we already have pretty new technology like mac computers." I thought about her response and she did to and said, "we would need a trial run in one class or maybe even just a class set. This will keep textbooks around for homework but still get new technology."

These are all very good answers to the problem and would take time to really answer. This is a debate between a lot of things. If you want a tablet instead of textbooks contact me Sara Williams and you can help me get them. ☺

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