

Footsteps 2 Brilliance: Free Online Reading tool for Parents, Caregivers and CASAs of TK-3rd Grade students in the Pajaro Valley School District



PVUSD is spearheading a Literacy Collaborative that recently introduced a program called *Footsteps2Brilliance*. Designed to provide ongoing support for children in the preschool age and beyond, *Footsteps2Brilliance* offers an evidence-based, accessible, bilingual app that can be downloaded and accessed by on smartphones, tablets and computers. Skill building has been demonstrated by children who interact with the app only 15 minutes/3x a week. It not only helps young children learn literacy and number concepts, it serves as a platform that anyone seeking a fun way to learn English or Spanish can engage in. Reading, singing, counting and other games can be switched from English to Spanish or Spanish to English in the click of a button, helping you to see if you are interpreting/translating correctly and effectively serving to build bilingualism no matter how old you are, or how new you are to the language. This aspect of it is pretty profound and makes *Footsteps2Brilliance* an app for the whole family and new English or Spanish speakers community-wide.

At this time, *Footsteps2Brilliance* is available only for zip codes that PVSUD serves, namely, Las Lomas (Hall District) to Aptos (Mar Vista) communities. Families who have kids Pre-K through 3rd grade in PVUSD would register as PVUSD families. Families whose children attend other schools or are older, can definitely access the app – they would just download as community members and all they need is an email address.

PVUSD students and families can get an access code from their PreK, TK-3rd grade school and community members in the district can register for an account at www.myf2b.com/register/pvUSD. To get your own account, as an Advocate, wherever you live, send your name and email address to jude@casaofsantacruz.org and we will set up you up as a Literacy Ambassador!