

Electronics Take Over the Classroom

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Electronics are taking over the world. Schools are getting iPads. The Jackson Avenue School located in Mineola, New York is giving them to fifth graders as part of a technology plan. Some kids think this is unfair. They are using them instead of textbooks. We realized that we each have a different opinion on this matter. Here is what we think:

Justine Maffei thinks that iPads are a great way for children to express themselves. They are easy to put into your backpack and much lighter. Justine said, "I think soon all schools will have iPads. I hope the children in the Jackson Avenue School appreciated them and they learn how to open up their minds."

Luciana Arteaga believes we should stick with textbooks. She doesn't think the iPads are comfortable to read from and certainly not worth the money. Luciana pointed out, "If your school gets iPads and you break yours, your parents will have to replace it at \$400. A textbook would only cost you \$20."

Finally, Erica Marill can see Luciana's point but also can agree with Justine. Erica shared, "Textbooks are retro, the good ol' days. They provide useful information. iPads are the new shiny wave of the future with the pizzazz kids like. I don't think they will replace a great teacher."

We hope we gave you a little something to think about!