



Keeping up with this call-center fiasco



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Saturday's Letters to the Editor



Reading to kids

EDITOR: It was exciting to read that digital technology is successfully overcoming the “word gap” in Napa Valley schools (“Digital learning for preschoolers,” Sunday). Low-income children enter kindergarten exposed to 30,000 fewer words than children from high-income families. Using a computer program called Footsteps2Brilliance, Napa schools are expanding word exposure for nursery school children. Hopefully, all Napa parents have access to this technology.

In June, the American Academy of Pediatrics issued a policy statement prescribing reading aloud to infants and young children. Yes, good old-fashioned reading aloud. Here in Fort Bragg, census data tells us that we have 535 children 5 or younger. Fort Bragg Rotary President Craig Woods set a goal of reaching all 535 children. He called his project “Read Aloud Lights Up Lives.”

Exploring how to promote reading aloud, Fort Bragg Rotary Club members found a website called readaloud.org that urges parents to read aloud to their children for 15 minutes every day.

Let's all utilize the wonders of technology, but please read aloud for 15 minutes every day to every young child. You give a gift of words, bonding, brain development and curiosity.

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