

# Talking to families about FASTalk

Here are some suggestions on how to respond to families' questions when they ask about FASTalk!

## What is FASTalk?

"Our classroom is participating in a text message program called FASTalk. Each week you'll receive simple activities, by text, for you to support your child's reading and writing at home. The activities are fun and will give your child a big boost in school because they directly support what your child is learning in class."

## Can I text back?

"Yes! Each Friday you'll get a question about the activity. Your feedback helps me understand how to best support your child in class. When you respond to the poll, you will receive an automatic message that your response has been received. I can't receive calls at this number, but you can text me at anytime in your preferred language and the message will come to me and not the entire class. I will receive your text responses by email the following morning."

## Why should I do the activities?

"Your help at home is so important and valuable! The text messages are a great way for you to know what's going on in the classroom with ideas on how you can help at home. The activities and conversations you have with your child will enhance your child's learning! You know your child best and you are his/her strongest supporter, so feel free to tweak the activities to tailor to your child's needs and have fun!"

## I work night shift. Can I do the activities on the weekend?

"Absolutely! I understand parents are busy and may have various types of work schedules. You can do the activities with your child anytime, anywhere! You can also add other caregivers to receive the FASTalk messages."