

READING - A MUST IN LEARNING

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Reading is an essential key to learning. Without the skill in reading, it will be difficult to learn lessons, especially in school. A child who is not yet reading will not be able to readily know lessons being presented. Thus, reading is one crucial ingredient of the traditional 3Rs (Reading, wRiting, and aRithmetic),

Unlike skills that can be taught through demonstration, there are lessons and concepts that require reading to be learned. Identifying letters, knowing the sound of the letters, putting letters together to form a word, grasping meaning, and comprehending, are all essential fragments of reading. With the importance of reading being known and understood, the next best thing to ask, as a teacher, is how to effectively teach reading to a student.

There are various ways to teach reading. However, the core is to promote understanding and appreciation of reading skills among learners. When a student understands and appreciates the reason and need for learning to read, including its perks and benefits, the interest of the student increases and his motivation is properly and positively reinforced. On the other hand, when a student is instructed to read for the sake of just reading or because reading is required, the essence and value of reading are disregarded and might be put to waste.

To instill the importance and to encourage love for reading among students, here are some quick suggestions:

Make every reading session fun. Especially for young learners, reading animated literature surely entertains them. Involve the pupils in putting labels in the things they see inside the classroom. Make the labels colorful. This can help the pupils recognize letters and familiarize themselves with the appearance of letters and words.

Allot a time for reading. Put a reading corner and put interesting books and magazines there.

Create a book club especially for older students. Involve the students in choosing books and make sure that there are lots of interesting choices of literatures available. Guide them during the books clubs meeting where they can share their thoughts and learnings from the featured book. Allow room for creativity particularly in how they will conduct their meetings.

With appreciation of reading and making it a fun process, in spite of the fact that reading is a prerequisite to learning, it can be transformed and seen as enjoyable requirement to learning.

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