

## READING: A MAJOR CHALLENGE TO THE CHILDREN OF TODAY

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After almost 3 years, the Philippines has somehow recovered from the threats of Covid-19 pandemic which is evident by simply looking at how people can go to work, businesses can operate, and of course for the schools to open again. A lot of setbacks happened during those years but Filipinos are indeed resilient enough to stand again. However, there are some issues concerning the performance of students who came from online class and are now attending the face-to-face classes. One of those is their difficulty in reading.

As we all know, reading is an important ingredient to mold the children. It plays a vital role on their growth because it helps them in understanding the language they are using, in communicating their emotions to other people, comprehending the ideas or lessons being given to them, and most importantly in completing their holistic development at the early age. Moreover, when it becomes a habit, the tendency of recognizing and appreciating the essence of life becomes much easier.

It is just alarming how the youth of today seems to appear behind the learning curve due to their poor performance in school because of their difficulty in reading. It may be tough for them, but even more for the teachers since there are adjustments needed to teach them all at once. Although it is a fact that it involves mastery to learn this, there is a specific grade level where students should know how to read.

This is proof that learning should not just happen in school, but also at home. It is a matter of practice and consistency to make reading a habit. It can start with the parents by simply reading them stories since it will benefit them in many ways such as in aiding

their cognitive development, having a better vocabulary, improving their concentration, and many more. To read means to understand the world. And to learn it is to become literate and be able to open the gateway to success.

A pandemic such as Covid-19 isn't something that can stop everyone from achieving their goals. Instead, it can be a motivation to continue just like for the educators in imparting their knowledge and skills to the students for a brighter future. It may have been hard at first, but at least we still chose to remain steadfast because education is still the only thing that cannot be taken away from us.

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