

CREATING LIFE-LONG READERS

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“The more you read, the more things you know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

This famous quote by Dr. Suess is one of the statements we can use to give whenever we want to encourage or motivate children to read.

Inspiring children to read and at least realize what they have read all about are indeed huge, complicated tasks. Specially nowadays, that this world is flooded with so many distractions such as improper use or too much exposure in social media, distracting environment, and the like.

But how can we really make or even inspire others to be a lifelong reader? What kind of reading materials and experiences we need to offer or provide them to make sure that they can read well in time?

According to Hayes and Ahrens in 1988, reading makes kids smarter. And since reading build vocabulary, it also increases our capacity to learn other subjects.

Reading your start even at a very young age so, it must start at home. Thus, as parent, how can we ignite the spark in reading among our children?

Let us help one another in creating life- long readers with these useful and easy tips from <https://orisonorchards.com/>.

1. Constantly Expose Your Baby to Books and Words. – Let your baby have soft books in his cribs or with the toys until he learns that books are fun toys. The more that

books are woven into children's everyday lives, the more likely they will be to see reading as delightful and desirable.

2. Sing and Dance the Words of Books with Your Baby- Babies love to sing and dance and most toddler books are rhymes with fun meters words that can be sung and danced. This could be of great help for them to talk and later on read.

3. Let Your Baby Participate in The Reading Process- Involve the children in reading like, let them turn the pages of the books. Let him choose what to read.

4. Show Your Baby Words and Letters- As we read with them, point the individual letter to them until they recognize the letters.

5. Personalize the Story- use variety of voice in reading the stories with funny actions and facial expressions to get their interests.

6. Ask Each Other Questions About What You Read- have a back- to back conversation with the child about the story read. Conversation is a critical component of the foundation of literacy.

7. Establish Reading Rituals Within Your Family- Bedtime stories make a great anchor for a soothing nightly routine for babies and toddlers, who are prone to fussiness in the evenings. It is fun to reserve a couple of special books specifically for your nightly ritual. Your baby will learn to anticipate them.

With the kind of children, we have today, teachers and parents must work hand in hand to think outside the box. Children find reading as boring. Thus, we must encourage them more to read by teaching them by examples. We should be a model to them to make them fall in love also with the essentials of reading.

I believe that the first and foremost step with need to take is inspire them with various activities related to reading based on their individual differences and personalities. Once the motivation has been set, everything comes next easily.

The more children are interested or become inspired to read, the more they will love and learn it. Reading may certainly be boring and dull, but if we will let them, with proper guidance, what they want to read that might be the start that we can make them to be better readers. We can provide them the needed materials to be read in our lessons, but during their free time or in our independent cooperative learning periods, we can provide them with books or stories that interest them most. And this is being done by many at present, in many classrooms in public or even private schools, there is what you call reading corner, wherein there are different materials that students can read during their free time in school. We just need to create the spark within them to enjoy and eventually love to read and soon after learning follows.

Remember that as a mom and ma'am, one of the very best gifts you can give your children is the gift of love-of-reading.

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