

## HOW TO ENCOURAGE FIRST-GRADERS TO READ?

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Inspiring first-graders to read is an important undertaking that can lay the groundwork for their success and lifetime learning.

There are a number of methods we, as grade one teacher can employ to inspire our kids to grow fond of reading. First is, make reading an engaging pastime for our students to begin with. We can use reading materials that are interactive and entertaining, such as picture books, storybooks, and comics. To establish a joyful and engaging learning environment, we can use reading activities like reading aloud, partnered reading, and choral reading. Next, we can designate a welcoming and cozy reading area in our school. We can create a comfortable reading area with beanbags, pillows, and dim lighting. During free time, encourage our kids to read here.

Additionally, we may offer a range of reading resources according to our students' interests and reading abilities. Books with various subjects, genres, and reading levels are included. For our pupils, we can also establish reading objectives and offer rewards for attaining them. We could, for instance, design a reading chart where kids may monitor their development and earn incentives like stickers, bookmarks, or diplomas for achieving their objectives. Sending home reading materials and activities that students can complete with their parents or guardians is another way we can promote family reading time. This can be reading challenges for the family, reading logs, or book suggestions.

For students in grade one to succeed in the future, reading motivation is essential. We can assist our kids cultivate a lifelong love of reading by making reading enjoyable,

providing a relaxing reading environment, offering a range of reading resources, setting reading goals, promoting family engagement, reading aloud to our students, and celebrating reading.

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