

HOW TO DEVELOP CHILDREN'S LOVE OF READING

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The cornerstone of learning in all academic areas, including language arts and math, is reading. Since it's necessary to read things like prescription drugs and traffic signs, it's obvious that reading is a vital life skill. But it's crucial for kids to develop a passion for reading.

Although reading is a skill that must be learned, some students find it pleasurable and simple, while others find it annoying and challenging. Some people will utilize reading as a learning opportunity, while others may shun it because they find it challenging and complex (Wallace, 2007). This could be the reason for the claimed lack of interest in reading or love of reading among today's youth.

There are many ways you can help a child in your life develop a love of reading, but here are just a few from Mercy Home's list of 10 ways to help children develop a fondness for reading:

1. Pay attention to your child's interests and encourage them to read books about those topics.
2. Set aside time to read with your child each day. Spend time reading together before going to bed. Consider rotating readers when reading aloud to younger kids.

3. Every other week, set aside time for a family reading night.
4. Develop a reading habit by reading aloud recipes, directions, and traffic signs.
5. Encourage your children to discuss the books they are reading to make reading more interesting.
6. Define your goals. For instance, set a goal for your child to read three books over the break.
7. Request that older children teach reading to younger ones. This activity will boost older children's confidence while also providing younger kids with essential practice.
8. If you are unable to attend the library, they frequently offer access to eBooks and audiobooks on their website. These are great when you can't leave your house!
9. Prompt them to read and acknowledge them when they do.
10. Set an example by reading, and your child will be motivated to follow suit.

Children who receive early reading education have a good start on building their vocabulary, independence, and self-assurance. In addition to encouraging the growth of social-emotional abilities and creativity, it also aids children's learning to make connections with both the physical environment and other people.

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