

“BAWAT BATA, BUMABASA AT BUMIBILANG”

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In the Philippines, "Bawat Bata Bumabasa at Bumibilang" is a well-known saying that means "Every child reads and counts." This straightforward but impactful statement highlights the significance of education and numeracy abilities for learners.

The Department of Education (DepEd) will prioritize improving literacy and numeracy programs as well as integrating "peace competencies" into the K-12 curriculum to create citizens who are responsible, engaged, and job-ready. As an endeavor to fully achieved the objective, the department created different programs on this matter.

Early Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program or ELLNA. Through the School-Based Learning Action Cell, in accordance with DepEd Order No. 12, s., teachers and instructional leaders in Kindergarten through Grade 3 will be trained in the fundamentals of literacy and numeracy as well as pedagogical skills. Additionally, a school-based mentoring and learning partnership program will be established and managed, providing a means of ongoing professional development for teachers, mentees, school managers, and instructional leaders. 2015.

National Reading Program: This curriculum will consist of two tiers: a core reading program and a supplemental reading program. Its stated goal is to "promote literacy development from Key Stages 1 to 3." It is ongoing during the regular school year and will take place at the conclusion of the academic year.

National Mathematics Program: The goal of this program is to raise learners' proficiency in maths and numeracy at every grade level. It aims to "increase the

availability of broad and reliable data on numeracy and mathematics progress and achievement" in addition to focusing on learners' "shared understanding of numeracy and its important links to both the real world and mathematics."

Brigada Pagbasa: An after-school reading program called Brigada Pagbasa (BP), a version of Brigada Eskwela, was created in response to the DepEd 3B Initiative, also known as Hamon: Bawat Bata Bumabasa, which was issued under DM 173, s. In 2019. It is recommended that all BE implementers carry out this reading partnership program, which provides a means of coordinating efforts linked to education and quickly closes learning gaps in reading and numeracy.

The secret to releasing a child's potential and giving them chances for a better future is education. Reading develops empathy, inventiveness, and critical thinking in addition to language proficiency. It provides access to other realms, cultures, and concepts. We give learners the tools they need to become lifelong learners by encouraging them to read.

Numeracy abilities are similarly necessary for daily living. Numeracy is important in many areas of our lives, from comprehending measurements to solving complicated mathematical problems to counting money. By teaching children how to count and understand numbers from an early age, we equip them with valuable tools that will benefit them throughout their lives.

Moreover, "Bawat Bata Bumabasa at Bumibilang" stresses inclusivity by emphasizing that every child has the right to access education regardless of their background or circumstances. Education should be accessible and equitable for all children.

In conclusion, "Bawat Bata Bumabasa at Bumibilang" serves as a reminder of the significance of education and numeracy skills in shaping a child's future. It calls upon parents, educators, and society as a whole to prioritize literacy and numeracy

development for every child. By investing in their education today, we pave the way for a brighter tomorrow filled with endless possibilities.

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