

## READING IS A GIFT

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One of the most significant responsibilities of the teaching profession is undoubtedly imparting reading skills to students. For pupils, learning to read and read for comprehension offers up a whole new universe of possibilities and chances to explore new ideas and worlds. Understanding the fundamentals of reading education is essential before you can instruct students in reading. Several teaching strategies can be implemented.

Get a baseline reading assessment of each student's current reading level before the school year begins. This will assist you in A) understanding the ability(s) of the kids you are dealing with and how to group them (another successful instructional method), and B) figuring out which reading tools and tactics are most appropriate for the specific needs of each student.

In choral reading, the teacher and students read aloud from a text in unison. This has been demonstrated to increase fluency and confidence while enabling struggling readers to continue practicing reading without feeling embarrassed. In partner reading, which is a condensed form of choral reading, students read aloud from a text aloud in pairs, switching between phrases or paragraphs.

Although comprehension is a crucial component of total reading proficiency, this using visual aids focuses more on developing pupils' reading comprehension than their actual reading ability. Many teachers have discovered that breaking down the content that pupils are reading into manageable chunks and making it easier for them to understand can be accomplished by employing visual aids like graphic organizers. These

can be finished alone or in a group brainstorming session, which broadens readers' horizons and improves comprehension.

Reading with buddies. Consider this as a kind of mentorship program in which more experienced students who can read well are partnered with less experienced students who are beginning readers in order to assist them get better. The older student models high-level reading for the younger readers, and the older pupils gain important life lessons in patience, mentoring, and giving guidance. Additionally, a reading buddy program would give older kids who are having difficulty reading at their grade level the opportunity to work with younger students on more approachable reading materials, which would only assist to boost their self-esteem and reading proficiency.

Being able to read can be regarded as both a gift and a privilege, regardless of how hard you had to work to learn it. We're willing to even wager that you read something every day, even if it's not a book – like this site, for example. It's difficult to avoid the need to read anything from emails to business documents, signs to texts, and everything in between.

Reading stimulates the imagination, opens doors to other worlds, and has good neurological and psychological effects. Now that you're knowledgeable about the topic, you may respond to questions about why reading is important in detail and explain your personal reading motivations if someone ever asks or you stop to think about it.

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