

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEGINNING READING

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Learning to read is a basic ability that leads to countless opportunities. An important part of a child's educational journey is beginning reading.

According to St. George (2019), instilling a love of reading at a young age is the key to unlocking the door to lifelong learning because reading is essential for learning. Children are exposed to books as sources of enjoyable, engaging, and thrilling formative experiences when they are read aloud.

Children who appreciate books are more inclined to read independently and more likely to maintain that appreciation throughout their lives. A child who develops a love of reading early on has an advantage when it comes to vocabulary growth, independence, and self-assurance. It fosters social-emotional skills, inventiveness, and the ability to make sense of both the outside world and other people.

The foundation for future academic achievement is laid by mastering fundamental reading abilities. It also makes it possible for people to obtain information, improves language, memory, and critical thinking. Children who read early also develop confidence and a love of learning.

To encourage beginning reading at home, parents may create a reading-rich environment, read aloud, engage in phonics and word games, and make reading fun and interactive. For teachers, there should be a systematic phonics instruction particularly in the early grades. Reading aloud and discussions are also encouraged. Apart from these, teachers should meet individual needs.

Beginning reading sets the groundwork for a lifetime of learning, growth, and opportunities. By prioritizing early reading skills and supporting young readers, we can empower future generations, foster a culture of literacy, and unlock individual potentials.

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