

READING ALOUD, READING PROUD

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In this fast paced modern era where gadgets take much of our learners' time and attention, it is still important that we inculcate to them the power of reading aloud. Why is reading aloud important?

For the young learners, reading aloud is important because it helps them be acquainted with new words. They are beginning to know and learn more words and their meaning. It will eventually lead them to have a wide array of vocabulary. This also helps them have better skills in word recognition. Since they encounter more words, they can recognize them and use them properly. They can recognize and apply these words in their classes and even in their everyday life. They can even use these words for better understanding of their lessons.

Reading aloud also enhances their listening skills. According to researches and studies, children learn more when they hear what they can read. While learning to read silently is also important, it can be noted that pupils considerably learn easier if they hear and listen to these skills. Furthermore, this listening skills then lead to listening comprehension. They are not merely listening. They are learning.

It also enhances the children's syntactic skills. Learners are exposed to diverse sentences and grammar and syntax. By carefully listening, they are able to form sentences. At first, they may do it verbally then they can improve through writing.

Meanwhile, not only these skills and abilities are honed by applying the "reading aloud" method. Learners also develop social skills and emotional growth. Through the

power of reading aloud, the children learn to be attentive and pay close attention to the speaker. Another thing that is being developed is their ability to mingle and communicate with other learners. Through this activity they are able to socialize with other children. Furthermore, through reading aloud, they are able to express themselves when the story teller asks questions. They can also share ideas with other who are listening.

Reading aloud is such an interesting activity and we hope the children will develop for literature through this.

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