

IDENTIFYING AND SUPPORTING STRUGGLING READERS

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"Every child is a reader, some just need a little more help to find their way."

Recognizing early readers who are struggling at an initial stage is vital for assisting them necessary for their success. Indications of potential issues can involve challenges in identifying letters, pronouncing words, or grasping the meaning of basic sentences. Educators and guardians ought to focus on concerns like sluggish reading fluency, restricted vocabulary, and disinterest in literature. Initial screening evaluations, including phonemic awareness and decoding assessments, are effective instruments for recognizing children who might encounter reading difficulties. Once these challenges are identified, prompt action is crucial to stop them from developing into enduring literacy obstacles.

Assisting early readers who are facing challenges necessitates a diverse strategy customized to their specific requirements. Phonics teaching is a crucial method, as it aids children in grasping the connection between letters and sounds. Programs that focus on multisensory education – incorporating visual, auditory, and kinesthetic experiences – can improve involvement and memory retention. For instance, engaging tasks such as tracing characters, clapping syllables, and merging sounds can enhance the accessibility and enjoyment of learning to read. Alongside phonics, enhancing vocabulary and comprehension skills through storytelling, guided reading, and organized questioning contributes to improving their overall reading proficiency.

Parental engagement is another essential element in assisting struggling readers. Parents can create a supportive reading atmosphere by allocating time for joint reading sessions, selecting books that match their child's reading abilities, and recognizing minor

successes. Support and patience significantly contribute to developing a child's self-esteem, which is crucial for tackling reading difficulties. Additionally, parents can work together with teachers and literacy experts to apply uniform strategies both at home and in school. This collaboration guarantees a unified and nurturing educational experience for the child.

Technology can significantly assist readers who are having difficulty. Apps and online tools designed for early literacy development provide captivating and individualized learning experiences. Resources such as interactive eBooks and phonics games offer kids extra practice beyond conventional teaching methods. Nonetheless, it is essential to balance digital resources with practical experiences and face-to-face communications. Through the integration of focused strategies, parental involvement, and suitable technology, both educators and families can help struggling readers acquire the skills and confidence essential for becoming successful, lifelong learners.

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