A WAY TO CHANGE STUDENTS FUTURE

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Literacy or the ability to read and write is one of the foundations of education and an important key to a person's development. For students, having a high level of literacy not only means that they know how to read and write, but also they possess the ability to understand and use information in their daily lives. Through various literacy programs, students have greater opportunities to succeed in school and achieve a bright future.

Literacy programs provide a solid foundation for students' education. At an early age, when they are given adequate support in reading and writing, they are better prepared for higher levels of learning. Students with good literacy skills develop higher abilities in critical thinking, problem-solving, and analyzing information, which are important skills in their studies. The ability to read and comprehend deeply also helps them to better grasp the essence of various learning areas.

In addition, literacy programs help to give students the opportunity to have equal opportunities in education. Through programs dedicated to expanding literacy, children from marginalized communities, or those who do not immediately have access to quality education, are given enough knowledge so that they are not left behind. Literacy programs launched in schools and communities provide additional support to students who struggle with reading or writing, and help them keep up with their classmates. In this way, educational inequality is reduced, and more students have a chance to succeed.

Literacy programs also give students a better chance of getting good jobs and becoming productive members of society in the future. In a world where technology and globalization continue to develop, companies and industries need people who have adequate skills in reading and writing, as well as understanding technical information. Students who grow up with deep literacy skills are more likely to earn higher wages, have more career opportunities, and be more successful in their chosen professions. In other words, literacy is an important step towards economic prosperity and a better future.

Aside from the academic and professional aspects, literacy programs also enable students to become more responsible citizens. Through reading and writing, students learn important information about their rights, responsibilities, and roles in society. This skill is important so that they can be critical of social issues and actively participate in building a more just and humane community.

In sum, literacy programs play a very important role in preparing students for a brighter future. By providing adequate knowledge and skills in reading and writing, students are helped to reach their full potential, have more opportunities, and become an important part of society. An education based on a high level of literacy not only teaches skills, but also provides a deeper understanding and readiness for a better future.

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