

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD FALL IN LOVE WITH READING!

PARENTS ARE CRUCIAL WHEN IT COMES TO TEACHING CHILDREN TO READ!

IN 2015, 65% OF FOURTH GRADES WERE READING BELOW A PROFICIENT LEVEL!

HOWEVER, WHEN PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IS HIGH, FOURTH-GRADE CLASSES SCORE 28 POINTS ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE!

+28 POINTS

AS PARENTS, WE NEED TO...

READ TO OUR KIDS FROM AN EARLY AGE
THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS' REPORTS THAT YOUNG CHILDREN WHO ARE READ TO FREQUENTLY ARE ALSO MORE LIKELY TO LEARN TO...

- RECOGNIZE LETTERS
- WRITE THEIR OWN NAMES
- COUNT TO 20

SET UP A DAILY READING TIME.

DON'T STOP READING TO THEM ONCE THEY'VE LEARNED TO READ! FOR MANY EARLY READERS, READING CAN BE FRUSTRATING AND SEEM LIKE A CHORE.

BY READING ALOUD TO YOUR CHILD, YOU CAN...

- REMINDE THEM THAT READING CAN BE FUN!
- LET THEM ENGAGE WITH MORE COMPLICATED STORIES
- EXPOSE THEM TO A WIDER VOCABULARY

TIP:

READ A BOOK SERIES WITH YOUR CHILD! THIS WILL MAKE THEM WANT TO KEEP READING BOOK AFTER BOOK.

CREATE A READING ENVIRONMENT

EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICES SHOW THAT CHILDREN EXPOSED TO MORE TYPES OF READING MATERIALS WILL HAVE A GREATER READING PROFICIENCY. THIS INCLUDES...

- COMICS
- KID'S MAGAZINES
- FUN RHYMING POEMS
- NEWSPAPERS

DON'T JUST LIMIT IT TO READING TIME! HAVE YOUR CHILD READ TO YOU DURING DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES...

- RECIPES WHENEVER YOU COOK.
- ROAD SIGNS WHILE YOU DRIVE.
- ATLASES OR TRAVEL BROCHURES DURING PLAYTIME (TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR IMAGINARY DESTINATIONS)
- MANUALS WHILE YOU INSTALL OR FIX ITEMS AROUND THE HOUSE.
- SPORTS TRIVIA DURING GAME TIME.
- CATALOGS WHEN YOU SHOP (OR WRITE A LIST FOR SANTA...!)

FOR PRIMARY GRADES (K-3)...

MAKE IT INTERACTIVE!

HELP CHILDREN FOCUS AND ENGAGE WITH WHAT THEY READ, AND THEY'LL BE MORE LIKELY TO SEEK OUT A BOOK ON THEIR OWN!

- HAVE THEM DRAW WHAT THEY HEAR AS YOU READ TO THEM.
- GIVE THEM A SPECIAL STUFFED ANIMAL AS A READING BUDDY!
- GET YOUR CHILD TO USE FUN CHARACTER VOICES WHEN READING.

FOR UPPER GRADES (4-6)...

READ BY EXAMPLE!

FOR OLDER CHILDREN WHO ARE READY TO BRANCH OUT AND READ MORE ADVANCED BOOKS ON THEIR OWN...

- TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU LOVE TO READ!
- LET THEM KNOW WHAT YOU ARE READING OR WANT TO READ NEXT.
- ASK THEM TO RECOMMEND BOOKS FOR YOU TO READ.
- EXPLORE NEW GENRES TOGETHER!

LAST (BUT DEFINITELY NOT LEAST)... DON'T LET SCREENS REPLACE BOOKS!

SCREEN ADDICTION IS A MAJOR PROBLEM AMONG ADULTS AND CHILDREN.

- RESEARCH SHOWS THAT THE MORE TV KIDS WATCH BEFORE AGE 8, THE LESS THEY READ AFTER THAT AGE.²
- CHILDREN WHO SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON SCREENS ARE ALSO LESS LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE EMOTION.³

EDUTECH DEVICES, READING SOFTWARE, AND APPS CAN SUPPLEMENT YOUR CHILD'S LITERACY DEVELOPMENT, BUT THEY SHOULDN'T BE YOUR CHILD'S ONLY READING MATERIAL!

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