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Great Tips For Getting Your Kids To Read

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No one ever became a worse reader by reading more. This is at least what my mom told me, and what I tell to my students. However, as any parent knows, it is often a struggle to get children to appreciate the joys of reading.

In today's fast paced information age, popular children's book often become blockbuster movies. Free time is often spent playing videogames, surfing the internet and watching television. Trying to convince youngsters to pick up a book can become quite a daunting task, but there are some tips parents can use to increase the odds of their children enjoying the pastime of reading.

Broaden Your Horizons

While books are of course the preferred format, parents must remember that there are many different kinds of things their children may enjoy reading. Comic books tend to have loyal fans with their serialized storylines. Magazines Subscriptions make a great gift for kids as there are many different subjects and categories to choose from, and youngsters will like receiving their very own mail every month. For the student who likes current events reading the newspaper regularly may pique their interest.

Read With Your Kids

Not everyone has the time to read a bed time story, and as children age this is less likely to occur. Bed time stories are a great way to spend quality time with children, and as they age they can begin to read to you.

For older children, periodically read the same books or magazines concurrently. It will create the opportunity to show that there is an interest in what it is that they are doing, and create opportunities for stimulating conversation.

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It is astounding at the sheer number of books in the library. Many book store chains have started to open up super sized stores. They are able to stock a wide variety of volumes for every interest imaginable. Spend a lazy afternoon perusing the aisles. Kids will enjoy the travel books, photography books featuring their favorite celebs or animals, and more. There is absolutely so much to see, you'll wonder why you didn't think of it sooner.

Though it is never too late to establish a love affair with the written word, the sooner you get your child reading the easier it will be. Don't expect Chaucer overnight but a more fluent and confident reader will likely seek out more challenging and lengthier tomes eventually. Remember to pay attention to your child's interest and your child will be imagining distant lands such as Narnia in no time at all.

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1. Place near the door a rack for outerwear and a shelf or mat for shoes. Have kids deposit their coats, hats, gloves, shoes upon entering. Each evening, they replace with tomorrow's shoes and jackets.
2. Have kids empty their backpacks when they arrive home. Provide a basket in which they can place anything for parents' review.
3. Make sure your kids have a well-lit place to do homework. Teach them to use in/out trays to ensure no homework is missed.
4. Give them chores. Teachers report that kids who regularly do chores at home are more responsible in the classroom.
5. Help kids manage their time. Teach them to list all their responsibilities (chores, homework, soccer practice) and how much time each will take.
6. Prepare each evening. Pick out clothes and shoes. Pack lunches. Set out breakfast. Place backpack by the door.

7. Make an out-the-door checklist. Note everything they need to take to school. Post it on the door.

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