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We sometimes forget to celebrate the importance of reading as a pleasurable activity in its own right, not just as a means to learning. We should aim to make reading fun, by inspiring children to read and read and read.....

10 ways to become a better reader...



Further Reading:

Below is a link to a useful webpage with more ideas on reading with your child (Tips for Reading With Children)

www.welovetoread.co.uk/parents-tips-for-reading.asp

Reading Matters

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Reading For Enjoyment



Switch the next generation on to reading

The active encouragement of reading for pleasure should be a core part of every child's education. Reading opens doors to our inner and outer worlds, which can provide us with a lifetime of enjoyment. Research evidence demonstrates that reading for enjoyment is important for educational, social and personal development. It can have a major impact on children and adults achieving their life goals and raising their self-esteem.

Reading for enjoyment can be done anywhere! It doesn't have to be at a table or a desk. Take your book into the garden or relax on the lounge while you read with your child. You could also read your own book while your child reads. Talk about the book afterwards to find out what they thought of it..... Build on your child's reading journey gradually and watch them take flight.

What Can We Read?

Any reading is worthwhile. There are so many types of texts you can use to foster a love of reading. Finding an author or type of story genre (mystery, adventure, humour), that your child relates to and enjoys, is the most effective way to build a love of reading. To begin with you may have to take the lead and read to your child to create the excitement and engagement with the story.

Reading of a variety of texts will also give your child exposure to new vocabulary, topics and ideas about the world. The following are all good examples of providing a wide variety of texts for your child.

- ◆ stories and narrative accounts, eg fairy tales, folk tales, and biographies
- ◆ picture books with thought-provoking images and examples of artistic talent;
- ◆ information books—gardening, cooking, history, science
- ◆ computers with bookmarked web pages, including major reference sources
- ◆ miscellaneous reading materials, such as popular magazines, newspapers, catalogues, recipe books, encyclopaedias, maps, reports, poetry
- ◆ captioned photographs, posters, diaries and letters, television guides
- ◆ joke books, comic books

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