7 STRATEGIES TO BOOST EARLY LITERACY

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Some parents were knowledgeable that reading to your child for ten to fifteen minutes every day is one of the most important activities you can do with your newbie children to help them learn to read. But certain things you may not know are some of the behind the scene teachers use during story time to teach important early literacy skills to their preschoolers. Well, we've got a list of secret teacher tips to share with you to be used for you to make your child read. Try these simple ideas as you read books for the beginners (hundredth or thousandth time!) to help exercise and to promote early literacy skills with your little bookworm.

Left to Right

This may sound cliché but going through the words using your fingers under the words as you read has many significant lessons for young readers. The left to right and top to bottom orientation in the English language is not natural to young children since writing as you notice from them starts from right to left. As an added reward, she may also begin to familiarize the words you are reading, and perhaps even start to recognize words used often in books.

Working with Words

Seeing your child as over-curious, he or she may commonly ask the definition of words he or she doesn't know. Reading is a marvelous moment to widen your child’s vocabulary skills as most pictorial books contain some words that your child may not recognize. When done in reading the book at least once all the way through (to make it more fun), start to analyze some of the words your mind your child may not know. As
she starts to read, it will much easier to hear out a popular word than one she has never heard or seen before (this is a fact for adults as well!).

Point Out Punctuation

As beginners, it is not necessary for her to know what an exclamation point, question mark, or period is before she begins to read, being familiar with these common punctuation marks will help her feel easier in the world of print. Have a game out of it by presenting her (in an aggrandized way) what an exclamation point does to the sentence as you read it. For extra practice, you try reading a similar sentence with different inflections based on the type of punctuation used.

Letter Hunt

Here is a fun replacement to just reading a book, practice your child a specific letter to hunt for on each word on the page. Begin with the letters in his name to catch her interest in the activity. See how many upper cases “M’s” are in the book, and then convey her what the lower case “m” looks like. This is a fun way to practice letter recognition and you can find most of the letter alphabet in every word in the book! Make it a routine to your newbie reader.

Sight Word Search

If your child is in the grade level perhaps Grade 1 or 2, you can begin to help him perceive some basic sight words found in books. The ten most commonly used words in the English language (ranked by frequency) are the, of, and, a, to, in, is, you, that, it. Give your newbie a head start at reading by helping him recognize these words in print. Write one word on several small stick notes and have him paste one on each page where he finds the word. You must read first in each sentence containing the word so he can hear and see the word in print then let him do the reading after you. Don’t force this unless he thinks it's fun or it may have a different effect as what you intended!
Make a Prediction

It is a must to look for the cover, drawing before you read a new book and quite effective in catching his interest. What gives that idea? Go read over the title and queries him if he still remembers his prediction is correct or if he wants to revise it. So, when your done reading the book, evaluate his prediction to see how accurate he was. He may also want to do predictions about what will happen next as he ended up reading books with you. This is also a great exercise for simple storytelling, which is a skill he will know in the coming years as he makes his own.

Check for Comprehension

If you are done in reading a story for the first time, ask a few queries to find how much he stayed in his mind and comprehended. If you ask a question and he can't answer, you can paraphrase your wordings used, help him locate the answer in the book, and then read again the page where the answer is located. Good reading comprehension skills are necessary for him as she starts to read.

It is more important for children to create a love for reading to achieve literacy skills to him. Avoid focusing too much on the skill and leaving the enjoyment in reading books together. Enjoyment is the key to making great books worth reading and when it feels right and because of your encouragement as a parent, it is for sure a reading success!

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