DEVELOPING LOVE FOR READING

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Reading is one basic skill that is very useful even after schooling. This may lead to an educated and learnt man who may be more confident to face life and its challenges. Reading is an essential educational need that will help one deal with the complexities of advanced learning.

Descartes once said that “The reading of all good books is like conversation with the finest (people) of the past centuries.” This should be noted by every learner in the school and be emphasized by the teacher.

With this comes the passion and love for reading. The teacher has to inculcate to each pupil the importance of reading to one individual. To develop the love for reading among the learners, the teacher may follow the following:

Creating a good reading environment is one effective way to develop the love for reading. Have a reading corner in the classroom where interesting story books are placed. In this way the books may become appealing to each child.

Allotting ample time for reading is advisable. Let the child spend enough time to read. This is one good practice to develop the habit of the child for reading thus the love for this activity may be attained.

Carrying a book with you may be inspiring on the part of the learners. If they see that teachers are fond of books then the same regard for books may also be seen from each child. Setting a good example is worthy.
Having a list of reading materials to be shown to the pupils may entice their interests for reading. This may catch their willingness to spend more time in reading varied materials that they may find educational and entertaining.

Discussing the life of the book authors is inspirational. Having tackled how these people became successful in life despite of the life challenges may convey lessons to the pupils.

Visiting the school or local library within the community is contributory in developing the love for reading. It would be exciting on the part of each child to visit places filled with voluminous books.

Reading makes a child wise, knowledgeable and updated with the things about the world. Education is then achieved through reading.

Notably, Victor Hugo intelligently uttered that “To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark.”

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