DIFFERENT WAYS TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO LOVE READING

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Reading is one of the most significant skills that students must possess. Students learn through reading; knowledge can be perceived through text. It is the greatest challenge for the teachers to encourage students to love reading, especially in this modern era where the internet is accessible to all. Students tend to listen to movies rather than reading, therefore their reading skill and habits are at stake. Based on researches and studies, the success of the students in the field of reading depends on their reading practice. According to Harmer (2007), reading is beneficial for the students to learn another language and they have a higher percentage to get better if they always read. Reading helps the students in increasing the range of their vocabulary, learn the correct spelling of the words and improve their writing ability. In connection with this, teachers must find ways to motivate the students to enhance their reading habit. It is the language teachers’ accountability to promote reading principles among students. Give the students the reason to read.

Based on studies conducted by researchers, there are different ways to encourage students to love reading, these include the following below;

1. Lead the students in reading.

   Teachers may read with their students. In encouraging them, they have to see the teachers read as well.

2. Give the students enough time to read the story before discussing its details
Giving enough time for the students to read the story will help them analyze the contents. Then, the teacher may discuss paragraph by paragraph.

3. Conduct a research about local authors and invite them to your class

One of the best ways to motivate the students to read is to summon an author to converse their book to the class. Students may be inspired to read or to become an author as well.

4. Provide the students with different reading strategies.

Reading strategies will help the students to be motivated in reading. Boredom will strike the students as they meet difficulties in reading.

5. Build your own reading club

Reading in a group is also a best way to encourage students to love reading, they have someone to ask if they find difficult words or phrases as they read. Some students love to do things when in a company of others.

6. Let the students decide for the materials they want to read.

Give the students an independence to choose what they want to read and let them discuss it to the class.

7. Let the students realize the significance of reading.

Let the students see the importance of reading, give its relevance to their everyday lives. Through reading they can go to different places without leaving their home. They will meet different people and witness various life experience as they read stories from another country.
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