Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment everyday not only perform better in reading tests than those don’t, but also develop their vocabulary, increase their knowledge and have better understanding of others cultures. It shows that reading is important, but the question is “How do we encourage our pupils to read books? How can we lead them to read books?”

Teacher are delighted when they know their students read books. Likewise, students are also inspired when they see their teachers bring a book and borrow a book from the library. These acts are more than enough to encourage students to love books and adore reading.

**Tips to Help You Learn How to Motivate Students to Love Reading**

1. **Be a Role Model.** If you are going to encourage your students to read, then set as a good example. Read books with them and talk about the story you have read.

2. **Let the students finish reading the whole book before discussing it.** Give students the opportunity to read the book before you pull it apart and talk about literary devices. Avoid talking about the plot, setting, or genre, you are talking all the fun and pleasure out of the story. Give the students the chance to read it once through, then you can go chapter by chapter and dissect.

3. **Invite an author to read and discuss its book in the class.** A great way to promote a love of reading is to invite an author to your classroom to discuss their book and read it in the class. This maybe just the thing to inspire your students to read or even be an author themselves someday.

4. **Educate the students about the different reading strategies.** Many students don’t like to read because it’s hard for them. Teach reading strategies (i.e. repeat reading) to help them feel confident and read fluently.

5. **Create a reading buddies.** It is a great way for students to communicate and share their thoughts. The way they interact with each other makes reading so much more enjoyable, and it enhances their comprehension skills.

6. **Allow the students to choose their own book.** Studies have shown that when students choose their own books it will boost their reading ability. Make sure you have an abundance of different genres and themes in your classroom library from which students may choose.
7. **Encourage the students to create an e-book.** Children love telling their own stories. Use it as a motivating tool to instruct your students to create their own book. Use modern technology as your medium of instruction. Download an app like *Book Creator* or *e-book Magic* and have students create their own woks. Kids will love sharing their books with their peers and they can even submit their stories to iBook.

8. **Present different kinds of book.** Students now a day are into adventures or fantasy novels, introduce them to new books like a book series that is in line with their age. All you have to do is find out what your students love and get them to read the first selection. Once they started to get a taste of the set, they will definitely want to keep on reading to find out what will happen next.

9. **Allow the students to give comments about the book.** Think of it like Facebook-students can give a “thumbs up” if they like it, or a “thumbs down” if they don’t. Through this you can create a conversation that will be fruitful to your students.

10. **Helps students realize the value of reading.** Sometimes just knowing the facts can encourage someone to see their world differently. For example, knowing that through reading you can travel in different places without spending much money and efforts, the same as maintaining a healthy lifestyle may help us live a longer life can motivate us to make better life choices. Laying out the benefits of reading may be the best way to develop appreciation and encourage them to choose a book on their own.

   “It is not enough to simply teach children to read; we have to give them something worth reading. Something that will stretch their imaginations - - something that will help them make sense of their own lives and encourage them to reach out toward people whose lives are quite different from their own.” ~Katherine Patterson

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