READING SUCCESS, A CHALLENGE TO PARENT DURING PANDEMIC

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This might help with how parents can make his or her child read at home during a pandemic. If the child has mastered the basic of reading, she’ll start developing fluency, or the ability to read easily, with expression and with comprehension. Fluency is not just reading the words this also involves knowing the word, its meaning, and understanding how to use the words in it for application. Sometimes reading fluently can be elusive for some young readers.

A second-grade child should be able to read with expression, pausing for periods, adding inflection in sentences that end in question marks or exclamation points, and reading voice and emotion into the characters in stories. Reaching his third grade and beyond, where at this time fluency is what helps children read and learn. Later in the fourth grade, reading begins to deteriorate because of so many hindrances like media, gadgets, environment, peers and etc.

Here are helpful strategies to develop his fluency during this pandemic:

1. Choose the Right Book

Children should be reading with 99 percent accuracy, they should only miss one word for every 100 they read. When you’re choosing a book with your child, have a book that interests him and to his reading level ability, it is a fact that when it is hard for him then he will not learn with it.

2. Shared Reading
Choose books with so many conversations among characters for him to read or take turns reading paragraphs or pages in books that are at your child’s reading level. During shared reading, this is reading together, you’re reading it first showing models to read and helping your child understand the story, giving him a chance to practice and recognize words and spelling patterns. Ensure you guide your child better while reading.

3. Let Them Be the Librarian

Any print, including words on a web site or words on a recipe card, activates the reading centers in the brain should be chosen by the child and boost her reading fluency. According to Adams, "If your child wants to read a book that’s outside her comfort level, read it together."

4. Practice “Deep Reading”

Make deep reading authentic by adding an audience. Dr. Timothy Rasinski said, "have a deep reading, or reading the same material over and over which can be effective on the reading capabilities of a child." Grandparents and family friends will have a great role in helping the child to read by asking them to be watchful and interested while reading their favorite poems or act out their favorite storybooks at home.

5. Put Words to Music

Copy song lyrics for your child to read along to their favorite songs even a verse from your religious organizations or encourage him to read or at least make music on the words that you have written to instill it better.

6. Add Audio

Sound is of great help in reading. He may read along with the audio recording until he can read the story independently. Or, may read it aloud to him, let him listen to a passage,
or if you may repeat it so many times giving him awareness and improvement to read faster and with more expression.

7. Come Back to Correct

Refrain from correcting while your child is reading. List down any words he mispronounces and return to them once he is done to the story. Make him realize if the word makes sense when he read it and, if he can read it again correctly, that is great. If not, help him figure it out.

8. Pick a Topic

Let him choose a topic he’s interested in, then locate books at different reading levels that are all about that topic.

Every time you read with your child together, it’s a great opportunity to develop reading fluency and to find success, thus instilling a love for reading.

Have a meaningful reading everyone!

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