TEACHER’S QUEST: HELPING STRUGGLING READER

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Being a teacher is a tough job. When our pupils are sent to us by their parents, we are not merely tasked to share to them thoughts that need to be learned. Instead, we are to deal with different ability levels and backgrounds.

In reality, most pupils are not bookworms, whereby they failed to see the magic that reading works. Moreover, there may be some who, out of curiosity, wish to read but unfortunately turned it down. However there are still ways on how to get over with it.

All you have to do is to know everything about your pupil. By being familiar with your pupil’s background, it would be easier for you to arrive at the best remedy to his problem. You have to know what his interests are. If your pupil, for an instance, is a nature lover, then it is best to offer him books about notable mountains, rainforests, and anything that has to do with nature. Providing them books in line with their interests will trigger their concern towards reading.

Helping a child to read requires community effort, wherein, the family plays a vital role in building a pupil’s power to read. On the other hand, not all parents may accommodate their child to read at all times. Most of them may find it hard to deal with their busy schedules. Hence, they can consider attending to this need even at various times—for example, after their work every afternoon.

It is also best to let your pupil establish good literacy habits at home. It is possible to lend him some books to be sent home. He needs to recognize that reading is an
important part of his daily life. With it, you allow him to include reading as a part of his routine.

As a teacher, it is also important that you are updated with the current methods in teaching reading so as to provide your pupils new experiences.

And most importantly, you need to develop within him the love of reading that would motivate him to embrace reading as a part of his life forever.

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