TEACHING KIDS TO WRITE LEGIBLY

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One macro skill that a kid must acquire is the ability to write. It is essential that a schoolchild must produce better handwritings for generating much understandable written messages or ideas. The school learner then must learn to write legibly.

Teaching the basic strokes in writing is the initial step. The cursive and printed styles whether big or small must be taught very well. Train the child with the proper way of writing a particular letter is contributory to the mastery in writing.

From single letters, then the teacher should instruct the child to write words in cursive or in printed letter styles so as to develop legible handwritings. Getting along with writing words legibly is such a good practice.

Being exposed to writing short compositions is another practice to make. The child is being trained to write well in sentence form or in paragraph form. Have samples if possible. This is such a good way of teaching the child discipline and also skill.

There are times that the child is answering questions regarding a selection or a story and certainly writing is required in this process. Legible handwritings should take place in this activity.

Having a portfolio of all writing outputs is also effective in inspiring the child to write better. The cleanliness or neatness in work and in the organization of words and sentences on writing paper should be achieved.
Composition writing or theme writing also trains the ability of the children to write well. Aside from the experiences that the children share, the skill of writing legibly is also honed due to the mechanics that this activity provides.

Setting the distinction between cursive and printed styles should also be determined. Learners tend to mix them but the proper discipline is to make them distinct from one another. If cursive is required go for pure curve and vice versa.

Legible writing reflects one’s personality and character, and its acquisition is commendable. It is very necessary that we should set discipline in writing for it helps us to become more productive and more educated.

Let us teach our school kids to have a constant practice to write legibly. For sure this will give them benefit. Understandable handwriting is therefore achieved.

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