THE IMPORTANCE OF READING PROGRAM IN EVERY SCHOOL

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A Core Reading Program (CRP) is a reading program that used to help guide both initial and differential instruction in the regular classroom. It supports instruction in the broad range of reading skills required to become a skilled reader. It contains teacher’s manual with explicit lesson plans and provides reading and practice materials for students. (Arndt 2007)

The child reading performance can be categorized as fast, average, slow, syllabic and non-reader, which is the level of oral reading test conducted. Study found out that secondary students some still categorically levelled as slow reader and worst even a syllabic reader that is why, reading program is very important in every school especially in elementary grade.

Every school must have a reading program that focus on phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension administered by well trained teachers in reading. Aside from the reading time during class hour, schools must allocate an extra 30 minutes of reading time if not every day at least every other day. If the school religiously conducts the reading program 90 minutes a week or 4,500 minutes a year, surely there are no pupils or students that can be marked neither syllabic nor non-reader but an average and mostly a fast reader and therefore, this will support and strengthen the goals and objectives in Every Child A Reader Program (ECARP) of the Department of Education.
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