WAYS IN PROMOTING STRONG READING FOUNDATION

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Margaret Fuller said “Today a reader, tomorrow a leader”. A quote which implies the importance of reading and its implications in the lives of the pupils.

Reading is one of the skills everyone should learn. It is one of the best exercise of mind to make things that will be used in the future. Teachers play a vital role in promoting reading skills in every learner.

There are many ways teachers can help students develop their reading skills. Here are some of the ways teachers can develop a strong reading foundation.

1. BE CREATIVE

Teachers should not contain themselves in the traditional ways. They should be more creative to ensure the teaching of reading skills will be more enjoyable for the pupils.

Although textbooks are helpful, they can use the technologies our modern society is offering to us. The use of CDs or tapes and other text-to-speech software are good materials to utilize.

2. PLAY WITH WORDS

Children love playing and let us admit that they also learn while playing. Use playing of words as your strategy in developing their skills. Ask them to list down words they find difficult for them. Write them in flashcards and use them in your everyday drill before they start reading. Teachers can help children unlock the meaning of those words through the use of pictures and by means of using those words in sentences or phrases.

3. KEEP A RECORD OF PROGRESS

It is a must for teachers to create and keep a record of every pupil’s reading progress. In this way, they can monitor their reading progress and will help teachers apply necessary techniques to uplift and improve their skills.
4. CONNECT READING TO REAL - LIFE SITUATIONS

Associating reading to pupils’ life situations is a good strategy. They will understand what they have read once it is connected to their lives. Building the connection would help pupils choose better reading materials easily.

5. MAKE READING A TOOL OF COMMUNICATION

The use of words in real-life examples help students realize the importance of reading. Thus, teachers should be more careful in preparing the materials the children will read.

Your role as a teacher is really significant. It is in your hands to build a strong reading foundation for the children and make them readers today, good leaders tomorrow.