WAYS TO IMPROVE TEACHING READING AND COMPREHENSION

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In the global community, focus on teaching reading comprehension has been given much attention. Reading is opening a new world to children. However, many teachers were at a loss due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, which means that there will be no more face to face classes and teaching will be done through various modalities.

Through an Order from the Department of Education Secretary Leonor M. Briones, which states that teaching-learning in the Philippines may be held through Blended Learning, which includes Modular Approach, Online Teaching, Radio and TV instruction or combination of online and modules. Some teachers think this new normal era will turn out lifeless, the teacher will be missing the face to face interaction.

But it was a big relief, on the other hand for elementary teachers when they realized that they need to think of various ways to teach children to read fluently and proficiently. One way that many teachers realized is to teach them to read through video lessons. It was realized by many teachers that they should give specific instruction in the major parts of reading, like phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. They may also use the Marungko Approach to Grade one pupils through video lessons. Marungko is an approach wherein it refers to “sounding out” or “deciphering” This is an approach wherein the alphabets are pronounced. For example: the letter “m” would be pronounced as “mmm” not the old style of reading it as “ma”. and this may be the best approach to teach more children to read. Giving instruction should also be systematic, planned well and shows consistency and clarity.
These findings on reading instruction are still pertinent today. Therefore, the teacher must greatly focus instruction in phonemic awareness, phonics instruction with system, think of methods to improve and develop fluency, and think of strategies to improve and enhance comprehension of children.

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Why Reading is Most Important During Distance Learning?