WHY READING ALOUD IS IMPORTANT TO YOUR CHILD

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With the generation of our children today, they really love to watch television, play video games, surf on the internet and listen to music. Actually, there is nothing wrong doing those activities but they have to do them in moderation. A lot of parents would agree to me that they wish that their children would do a more productive, such as reading children’s books activities, but the real struggle is how would we make them sit down and start reading books even for a few times a week?

They say that it all starts with you, more so, with us. The children would imitate the adults’ ways. First, we must sit down with them and read to them aloud. By doing so, you show them that you yourself is enjoying reading books, as much as possible it should be in English language. Hence, you are teaching them to love reading and making reading a habit. Majority of the kids associate books with the works in school and assignments, so you need to show them that there are more children’s books which have stories of adventures, fantasy and imagination that will take them to the places they have never been and meet people they have never known.

Based on studies, reading to children gives a very positive effect on children’s literacy development. With the children’s experiences with books, they are having an essential exposure to written language. They now understand the connection between the spoken words and printed words. Experts reiterate the importance of reading to our children.

With the trend nowadays where children are very much exposed with gadgets, technology and on-line games, it is a challenge to make our children, most especially the
males, to find reading books enjoyable. We can try interactive reading, where we will read books with them using a gadget or maybe as a game. We can hit two birds with one stone with this technique. We can make them enjoy reading and we can also spend quality time with them, which they would really love.

Our main goal is to make our children to read books, on their own, without you and the teachers in school forcing them to do it.

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