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October is National
Book Month

Reading Into Ways To Help Children Learn

The latest word from educators is that reading aloud to kids may help them in school and later in life. That's because children who are read aloud to often become readers themselves.

Experts say reading aloud makes reading more fun for kids and, therefore, something they're more likely to do on their own.

Studies show the more a person reads, the better he or she becomes at it—and students who read the most tend to stay in school longer and achieve more.

Try these tips for reading aloud to your children. They come from the Kumon Math and Reading Center:

1. Begin reading aloud to your child as soon as possible. The younger, the better. Reading to infants helps them develop a sense for the rhythm and pattern of language.
2. Read as often as you and your child can and prepare for reading aloud by previewing the book you intend to read to your child.
3. Remember, the art of listening is acquired. It must be taught and cultivated gradually—it doesn't happen over night. Read slowly enough for your child to build mental pictures of what he or she has just heard. Foster the child's curiosity with patient answers to questions he or she may have while you are reading aloud.
4. Vary the subject matter and length of the reading. Also, read above your child's reading level on occasion. This can stimulate reading motivation.
5. If chapters are too long for one reading session, find a suspenseful stopping point.
6. Remember, even older children love books with good pictures.
7. Remember, reading aloud comes naturally to very few people. To do it with ease, you'll probably have to practice. Use plenty of expression when reading. If possible, change the tone of your voice to fit the dialogue and adjust the pace of your voice to fit the story.
8. Avoid long descriptive passages until the child's imagination, vocabulary and attention span are capable of handling them.
9. Unusually active children may find it difficult to sit and listen. Paper, crayons and pencils allow them to keep their hands busy while listening.
10. Encourage conversation about what is being read. Also, remember to set aside regular reading times each day for your child to read on his or her own.

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