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Importance of Reading to Children

Reading is a very essential part of a learning process to children. Very often, children face some problems when learning to read. However, there is no difficulty when they are guided well. They possess curiosity which makes them perfect learners, so parents or teachers just have to use the right methods and it will all pan out in a favorable way.

The following medical and educational facts emphasize the importance of recognizing and addressing a reading problem early on, when a child still has the opportunity to maximize the development of fundamental skills like decoding, and further underscore the importance of early intervention:

- Roughly 85% of children diagnosed with learning difficulties have a primary problem with reading and related language skills.
- Most reading disabilities are neurodevelopmental in nature.
- Neurodevelopmental problems don't go away, but they can be managed.
- Most children with reading disabilities can become proficient readers and can learn strategies for success in school.
- When a child's reading disability is identified early, that child is more likely to learn strategies that will raise his or her reading to grade level (PBS Parents, 2015).

It is important to bear the fact that children learn to read by learning basic skills first. That means that they first have to comprehend what each letter stands for, then try to read a word as a whole, after that read and understand the whole sentence, and only then they have an ability to read and comprehend the whole text. It means that you should not move on to the next stage of learning to

read without mastering the previous one properly.

There are also some tips on how exactly a book should be read to a child:

- Make reading together a close cuddly time. Reading before bed may be the perfect time to hold your baby on your lap and cuddle together while you read.
- Don't worry about reading a book start to finish. It is great if you can, but if your child wants to stop and hold or chew on the book, that is okay. That is another way infants take in information about their world.
- Point out and name pictures. Later ask your baby to find the "cow", "horse", etc., when you point to it.
- Increase the length and complexity of books as your child shows interest. By about one year of age, some babies will enjoy hearing a short book with a storyline (Bright Horizons, 2015).

Only by following all the principles described here you can teach a child to read, which consequently give a child a great opportunity to continue learning new facts. That way a child can develop his or her imagination, broaden an outlook, develop all the necessary skills to become a good student and acquire knowledge to become a well-versed specialist in future.

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