**How to Raise a Reader!**

**Did you know?**

**A parent is a child’s most powerful role model in building a desire to read, and developing a love of reading.**

**“Reading aloud is the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading.” *(Becoming a Nation of Readers, Anderson,et. Al)***

**Tips for parents!**

**Create a daily routine**: Reading to you child daily gives you a time together full of warmth and safety. Those childhood memories and feelings become associated with books and stories, and the benefits last a lifetime (increasing reading ability *and* self-esteem).

**Enjoy those favourites**. Parents may tire from reading the same book to their child. Take heart! Your child is learning valuable skills from your efforts. Children enjoy the predictability of knowing what comes next (increasing awareness of sequencing and patterning). Plus, they are building vocabulary as they hear the same words over and over again.

**Talk about your book.** “What do you think will happen next?” “I am so surprised it ended that way!” Model reading for meaning… “I wonder why that happened?”

**De-emphasize word accuracy with young children**. Reading with a parent should be an enjoyable event. Don’t discourage a child from pretend reading. Pre-reading skills are being practiced here, such as; recall and sequencing of events, and using illustrations as clues to story meaning.

**Let your child see you reading throughout the day.**

If you have books, magazines and other reading materials in your house, and you read everyday, chances are your children will too.

**Visit your library**. Get your child a library card and take them to the library often. Libraries have recommended lists for different ages, and librarians will be happy to set you up with an ebook app on your mobile device.

**Continue reading aloud even as children get older**. Choose books that are of a slightly higher reading ability than that of your child. This will help increase vocabulary development, maintain interest, and stretch imaginations!

Wishing your child the best success in reading!

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