

Homeschool Tips and Tools:

READING FOR Kinesthetic Learners



Learning to read is one of the most important milestones in a child's young life and education. Reading opens the doors to learning and sets the stage for a lifetime of imagination, understanding and accomplishment. Teaching reading to homeschoolers doesn't have to be an uphill battle. By keeping learning style and the stages of reading in mind, you can encourage your bookworms to have fun while learning to read.

THE 4 STAGES OF READING DEVELOPMENT

STAGE 1

Emergent readers are just beginning to understand the concept of print and letter-sound relationships. They know that words have meanings and letters make sounds, but are not yet connecting the sounds to form words.

STAGE 2

Early readers know the alphabet and letter sounds, are beginning to read one-syllable words, use strategies to predict words, and use picture clues to confirm predictions as they read.

STAGE 3

Transitional readers can identify story elements, read at a good pace, and utilize many strategies to decode unknown words. They also are able to read for meaning and answer reading comprehension questions based around who, what, when, where, why, and how.

STAGE 4

Fluent readers are confident in their understanding of text, have a better grasp of what they are reading, and are able to analyze details and understand themes and other literary elements. Fluent readers are able to read a variety of genres and understand, interpret, and evaluate the text.

Reading Strategies for Kinesthetic Learners

Early and Emergent Readers:

- ★ Move body into the shape of the letter to spell words.
- ★ Draw letter shapes while listening to a letter-based story.
- ★ Use shaving cream, sand, etc. to practice letters and site words.
- ★ Act out stories after reading them.
- ★ Use books with lift-the-flap and touch-and-feel areas.
- ★ Walk, run, ride bikes, etc. while hunting for site words and letters.

Transitional and Fluent Readers:

- ★ Read long passages only after physical movement.
- ★ Read and then create dramatic or comedic sketches to act out.
- ★ Debate and discuss in a book group.
- ★ Use hands-on, project-based assignments as assessments and to better understand and analyze texts.

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