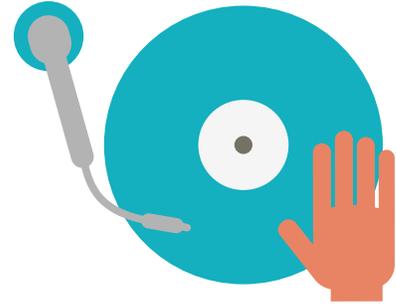


Homeschool Tips and Tools:

READING FOR Auditory 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 Auditory Learners

Early and Emergent Readers:

- ★ Read aloud often!
- ★ Listen to books on tape with a colorful accompanying book.
- ★ Use rhyming literature with repetitive patterns.
- ★ Act it out!
- ★ Use different voices and inflection while reading.
- ★ Record your voice or have your child record their voice while reading, and then play it back.

Transitional and Fluent Readers:

- ★ Listen to verbal instructions and copy them down.
- ★ Listen to longer audiobooks without pictures.
- ★ Participate in discussion groups.
- ★ Read and write poems, plays, etc. that involve presentation.
- ★ Read literature and compare to the movie version.

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