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Have you made an impact on your child(s) literacy life

Have you ever wondered what affects you are and aren't making in your child's literacy life? If so, keep reading to find ways to improve.

When it comes to your children, I am sure one of your main concerns is being a major impact in their life. As parents we all want our child(s) to be successful throughout school and their adult life. So the first step in making your child successful starts within their education. After going through the struggle of finding the right school district for your kid, next is being helpful within the education. Previously before making this newspaper article for parents I was in a research group with three other researchers. We researched the question "How have our early literacy sponsors, such as parents and teachers, affected our later literacy skills." Throughout this research we found many answers on how you being apart of your child literacy life is important.

Now I want to take some information from our research project and make this newspaper article for parents to get a better understanding on how their involvement affects their children. I started by doing some more research of my own outside of my group. After going around and talking with other parents I asked them this question "When your child started school, what was your biggest fear?" Some answered with not fitting in, not seeing them as much, and many other answers. However, most of them answered they were scared their child being behind in their education compared to other kids.

With that being said that leads me to the conversation about how you can make an impact early in your child(s) literacy life. Before even starting a child in school you want to be an impact on their learning. You can do this just by reading to your child at home for fun. You're probably thinking that I am just saying this and that this will not have any effect on them being successful. You may even think your child reading on their own makes an impact, which it does just not as much as you doing it. The Department of Education has confirmed reading with or to your child for fun or on their own highers their reading scores. In addition, according to the organization Save the Children "When children are read to at home, they are able to count to 20 or higher, write their own names, and over 1 out of 4 of those children are able to recognize all members of the alphabet. Children who read at home also score higher in math."

There are tons of other ways to be a part of your child's literacy experiences. Most parents do not choose to not be a part of the experience they just do not realize that they should be. We all heard about the games to help your child learn young, and the learning shows on the kid's channel. However, until you really think about it, it does not seem like you helping a child learn the sound of a letter would make any impact in the later years as much as it does. After collecting my own data over this topic and spending a couple of days in different locations, I have learned 11 out

of 50 parents I talked to have continually made efforts on helping their child with their literacy skills. Many of them said that is what their school is for and why preschool is a thing. Before finding out all the statistics and creating a research paper within a group about this topic I use to believe the same thing.

After learning this information you might be wondering how to get your child to enjoy reading and want to learn writing. We both know most of the time they won't willingly do it, they would rather be playing with friends or just being a typical kid. Small rewards could help, like every time they do it they get a quarter to put in their bank and at the end of the month they can take it and get a new toy. Start by helping your child pronounce the letters, writing them, and recognizing them. When I was a child, my aunt had the alphabet on this poster and when I was able to recognize them. I would get a sticker to add to my sticker collection on my door. There are tons of ideas on how to help be apart of your child's literacy life.

I am hoping by now you do see the importance of being impactful within your child's literacy life. There may be some parents still who may not think them being involved with that even makes an impact. If you are one of them, I want you to go up to a child and ask them if they think their parents helped with their literacy skills. If they so not then ask if they wished their parents would have. My reason for writing this is not to make any parent feel any less of their self but to help encourage parents to begin making a lifetime impact on their child.

