10 helpful ways to instill reading habits in children

Model Reading Behavior

Children learn by observing, if they see parents interest in reading they naturally tend to develop the habit of reading

Create a reading space or corner

Maintain a book shelf and reading area in a corner that is placed at the child's height so that they can reach the books themselves as well as sit there as long as they want to read.

Choosing the books as per age

Start with a book full of pictures and less text and later you can increase the level. Do not rush. Let them take time

Take them to a book tour or store or a library

Do not choose books for children. Take them to a book shop or parlor and ask them to pick that interest them the most. There are lot of reading zones opened in various malls and shopping complex to increase the love for reading.

Explore Going Out

- Heading to planetarium after reading about stars
- Going to see the real pigs after reading Three Little Pigs

Read a loud

Reading a loud helps children to develop listening and concentration skills. Show them various pictures or give an explanation in Hindi or any other native language.

Make learning fun

Boring topics can be more fun through songs, games, activities. Incorporate art, creative writing, or music in any subject

Find your child's learning style

Every child has their unique style that is most effective to them. Identify and convert it into the opportunity.

Have discussions not lectures

When children have the curiosity to ask something, answer it. If they want you to repeat the topic, repeat it as many times as they want. Don't lecture them. If a child is not responding ask open ended questions why, how, what would happen.

Be supportive and encouraging

Have reasonable supportive and encourage your child's little achievements even if they fail. Help them learn through experience. Have patience, create a reading schedule; don't worry, they will develop the reading habits.