

THIRTEEN WAYS TO MAKE CHILDREN WANT TO READ

1. **Make reading accessible.** Keep books and other reading material where students can easily get to them.
2. **Make reading a priority.** Set aside a special time every day for group or silent reading time.
3. **Model a love of reading.** Share stories and articles you read. Join students when they read.
4. **Read what students read.** This way you can talk about it.
5. **Set aside time in class to discuss** what students are reading.
6. **Include parents.** Encourage them to set aside family reading time and go to the library.
7. **Turn students into teachers.** Have them read to younger students, younger brothers and sisters and neighbors.
8. **Have students apply what they read.** Let them write about it, interpret it through drawings and act it out in a reader's theater.
9. **Introduce students to** favorite authors through videos, books, magazine and newspaper articles.
10. **Allow students to decide** how they will report on the books they have read. While some may want to do traditional written reports, others might develop skits, puppet shows or even songs about their books.
11. **Create a classroom recommended reading list.** Students might add short "reviews" of books they think other students might like to read.
12. **Start a classroom book club.** Students choose the books they will read from a short list. At the end of the month they discuss what they have read and vote to decide the "book of the month."
13. **Have an occasional read-a-thon.** Invite parents to join your class for one or two hours occasionally to just sit and read with or to your students.

