



ENCOURAGE READING WITH YOUR CHILDREN

A report published Monday Dec. 12, 2011, finds that fewer Ontario children are reading for pleasure. The report, published by research group People for Education, shows the number of Ontario Grade 3 students who say they like to read dropped from 75 per cent in 1998-99 to 50 per cent in 2010-11.

Want to encourage your child to read on a regular basis? Beginning readers and reluctant readers alike will benefit from these strategies!

Try some of these ideas and see what happens.

1. Make a habit of reading to your child every day, whether she or he is a one-year-old or a 10-year-old.
2. When your child is able to, have him or her read to you. You can take turns reading chapters in a simple chapter book, for example.
3. Get a library card for your child, go to the library every week and take out several books. Gallanough has a family membership for a yearly fee of \$12.00, which allows you to take out 40 books and 4 DVDs at one time.
4. Be aware of your child's interests and direct your child to related books. Ask a librarian for ideas.
5. A librarian can help you find a series that your child really likes and will want to continue reading.
6. Provide a comfortable reading area, with good lighting, in your home. Gallanough has a comfortable, quiet area where you can read to your child.
7. Gallanough offers two Storytimes, which are free for members. Go to our website for more information at www.gallanough.com
8. Discuss books with your child.

