
Teachers Talk Reading

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Recently, I had the opportunity to ask several highly experienced* teachers to tell me one thing about how to teach reading. Enjoy their list.

Frontload Vocabulary

Always be sure to do pre-reading vocabulary activities before teaching content.

Exit Paper

Keep blank paper on students' desk at all times. When class is dismissed, students hand you the paper, as they exit the room. Respond and return papers to students the next day.

EnJoy.

Teach students to enjoy reading.

Lots and Lots

Read lots and lots of stories to students/with student. Make time for students to talk about the stories.

Color. Color. Color.

Read books with beautiful illustrations and share with students why you like it.

Read-in

Bring in flashlights, pillows, and treats and host a read-in.

Time and Variety

Allow time for reading: partner reading, coral reading, silent reading, oral reading.

Hug a Book

Hug a book in front of the students. Give the students a little background, and then ask, "Would you like to hear more tomorrow?"

Comics

Read the comics from the newspaper.

Books. Books. Books.

Have an extensive collection of books in class. A minimum of 1,000.

*Dare I say, "highly qualified?"