

Let's Help our Kids to Read in French!

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the frequent absence of children from school has had **an impact on their reading skills.**

Reading Challenges in Times of Pandemic

Evidence suggests that the pandemic has increased reading challenges **for children who were already experiencing learning difficulties.**

Yet, children **who continue to read every day make better progress in reading.**

"When a child knows how to read and understands what they are reading, it promotes success in all academic subjects." — Julie Philippon

Since reading is an essential activity, some children **need additional resources and support.**

Reading is important for everyone!

How can you help your child be a better reader?

It is important to get the child excited about reading.

As the primary educator of their child, the parent influences their learning, development and academic performance.

Reading, writing and communication are the foundation of everything a student learns and are essential to educational success!

It is an ongoing process and **there is no age limit to improving our reading skills.**

With only **20 minutes** of daily reading time in French...



A child is exposed to **1.8 million words** a year!

No matter what age your child is, every day, enjoy...



READING

- Like sports, reading should be practiced frequently. Your child develops stamina and becomes more and more skilled. **It's a sport for the brain!**
- Leaf through books regularly with your child to learn more about his/her reading preferences.
- Make reading a priority in your daily activities. **Encourage your child to set reading goals** and reward them when they reach them!



PLAYING

- For younger children, reading is an opportunity **to play with words, letters and sounds**. Through stories, children discover new words and expand their vocabulary!
- Through books, take your child on a journey to other worlds to **feed their imagination** and **give them a thirst for learning**.



TALKING

- Talking to your child about what you are reading helps them learn to react and **express their opinions**.
- Play with words! Language plays an important role in reading development.



SINGING

- Singing songs (listening to and reading song lyrics) **increases vocabulary** and reading skills.



WRITING

- **Write with your child!** Children who write recognize words more easily and better understand the connection between letters and sounds.
- Encouraging writing through fun activities helps your child to enjoy reading and writing.

Some resources to help your child progress in reading

- jemeduque.ca is the perfect place to continue learning. In the *parent* section of the site, you'll find information and suggested activities for your child's grade level.



- **Practice reading together or in turns.**

- **Listen to stories online with your child.**

- **Set up a daily reading time.**

Change your reading spot and get creative!

Create a fun reading corner in the house or outside.

- **Tell stories to each other and make some up together.**

- **Practice many activities in French!**

Choose French radio, television programs and podcasts and play family games in French.



- **Play on the student zone of the Abacadabra site.** A parent zone offering tips, advice and ideas for activities to do at home. (French only)

- **Discover the Boîte de Mme Martine,** a Youtube channel produced by a local teacher!

- **Invent games** with letters, sounds, syllables, rhymes, etc.



- **Do crossword puzzles, play with letters and sounds, play the Hangman game, etc.**

- **Play the Karaoke game, to read and listen to song lyrics.**

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Reading helps children develop their listening and concentration skills. It promotes language development and the skills he or she will need in order to learn in the following years. - *Naitre et grandir*, 2019



Find out about activities near you

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Toll free: 1 866-473-4404

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NB Public Libraries

- Contact your local public library to discover activities and to help find books in French.



Elementary Literacy

CLEF Program

If your child needs reading support, register him/her in this program:

[Registration - Elementary Literacy New Brunswick](#)

The CLEF program helps children in grades 1, 2 and 3 improve their reading skills order to become better readers. Over the course of the school year, the child will receive 20 virtual 45-minute sessions with a volunteer who will guide them through fun reading activities.

If you need help, call 2-1-1

If you need help finding a service in your area, you can access the hotline at any time by calling 2-1-1. They will be able to refer you to an agency or connect you with a specific group based on your needs.

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