

Education

Teaching four-year olds to read

Your child is three years old. Do you feel that he or she is ready to learn? You are right! The report of the Royal Commission on Learning says that children as young as three are ready to start formal education. In today's competitive environment, can you afford to wait?

Oxford Learning Centres, a London, Ontario-based specialist in supplemental education programs in reading, writing, math and study skills for students from pre-school to university, offers a solution.

We, at Oxford, successfully teach three to six year olds to read. Our program, based on more than seventeen years of educational research, underscores the fact that young children love to learn. Our Little Readers program uses the child's natural curiosity by offering a unique approach to learning to read that integrates rhymes, songs, drills and games. Young children learn the sounds of the language easily at three to four years. You will find it truly amazing how much youngsters love to read when it is fun and exciting.

An earlier start means better school readiness for children at age six. It removes barriers to learning at the earliest possible stage. Our early reading program is based on extensive research into the way children learn. All recent research indicates that children benefit from high quality early schooling, and Ontario's Royal Commission on Learning has gone so far as to conclude that early education can actually reduce the number of remedial and Special Education students. This great body of early childhood education research shows that the learning process develops early.

Children must learn how to learn if they are to do it well. Our approach at Oxford is developmental. It not only teaches children to read, it teaches them to learn.

Adapted from an article by
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Take note!

His Worship, Mayor Don Cousens has proclaimed the week of Feb. 24-28 as Montessori Education Week in Markham. One of the elements of this important week is to educate the general public about the Montessori learning ideology and one of the fundamental principles of that ideology is an early start to education.



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