

Remaining diligent to the call, finding outside help when needed and realizing that the goal should be to instill a love of learning, will help when the daily grind gets rough.

Whether one chooses Private, Charter, Public or Home Schooling for their children, ultimately the training of the child rests solely on the parents and their involvement in the process.



One can not enter a parent teacher conference and place all the blame on the teacher, as the closest teacher a child will ever have is the parent.

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The flip Side of the Coin

Lets flip a coin,
Heads we will Home School,
Tails we'll flip again!



From Reluctant to Ready Reader

The Magic of MP3 Stories

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When one of our darling daughters had trouble enjoying reading and was most reluctant to do so, despite being read to since birth and having a house full of books we were at our end as to how we could encourage her to love literature.

Nothing seemed to work, until one day, while perusing the internet, we came across a series of fantastic mp3 stories for teenage readers. From that moment everything changed.

We started off with Ann of Green Gables. With book in hand, and the mp3 story playing in the background, it wasn't long before she was chewing through these books day after day. This also drew in the other family members who also found these stories most captivating. It became common for the whole family to be doing their own works, while listening to the recordings. From Ann of Green Gables we moved on to the L.M Montgomery series.

Other mp3s available in these series include The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, Robin Hood, Shakespeare, Five little Peppers, Uncle Remus and Brer Rabbit, and G.K Chesterton.

A great source of free recordings to download or listen to online is <http://librivox.org/>. LibriVox has volunteers worldwide who record chapters of books in the public domain and release the audio files back onto the net. It is full of tens of thousands of titles and is a fantastic resource to start your listening journey on!

If you have an reluctant reader, young or old, boy or girl, then try this out. You may just be surprised as to what might come of it!

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