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THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PARENT INVOLVEMENT AND CHILDREN'S MOTIVATION TO READ

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ABSTRACT

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The purpose of this research is to identify effective strategies of instruction within family literacy program. There is an increasing focus on family literacy; however there is little research available on which instructional methods are most effective for such programs. ... (About 200 words)

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INTRODUCTION

Statement of the problem

In households where parents have low literacy levels, the children often struggle with literacy. As a result, over the past twenty years, family literacy programs ...

Purpose of the study

The purpose of this research is to examine different projects of the Even Start Program and determine the effectiveness of the instructional tools that these programs use. The information here will be of value to ... It will provide.... Furthermore, it will be valuable to the professionals that ... It will provide these professionals with the ... This information will be helpful when these professionals are making changes within their program, and when....

Research questions

The primary purpose of the study is to identify the successful elements of family literacy programs within the four main content area... The major research question(s) and the sub-research questions are as follows:

- Which instructional strategies are effective in ...
 - o Sub-question 1
 - o Sub-question 2
 - o ...

LITERATURE REVIEW

Previous research suggests that literacy activities completed in the home environment are very beneficial for young children (Trelease, 2001; Bennett, Weigel, & Martin, 2002). ... In this review, the following three themes will be discussed: frequency of home literacy activities; parent modeling of reading; and family intervention.

Frequency of Home Literacy Activities

Trelease (2001) makes it clear that it is never too early to begin reading to your child... He emphasized that ...

Parent Modeling of Reading

Adults must first model their love for reading before children can being to enjoy and find pleasure in reading (Xxx, 2005). Xxx (2005) states, "it's not the toys in the house that make the difference in children's lives; it's the words in their ears" (p.15). ...

Family Intervention

Many programs have been created to increase the amount of reading done at home because previous research has shown that reading to children at an early age...

Summary

None of the research found thus far has examined how factors in the home are related to a child's motivation to read. It is evident that family intervention are positively related to ... However, this is not the focus of the present study. The present study will examine how ...

METHODOLOGY

Much has been found regarding the importance of parents reading to their children at an early age to assist them in developing... This present study will focus on how ... In the following the research will discuss various aspects of the research methods: research site, participants, research design, procedures, data sources, data analysis, researcher's role, and validity of the data.

Research Site

This study will take place in ...

Participants

The participants of the study will be ...

Research Design

Data Sources

Data Analysis

Researcher's Role

Validity, Reliability and Credibility

SIGNIFICANCE

The purpose of the study is to determine if frequency of home literacy activities,

parental modeling, and resources available in the home are related to a child's motivation

to read and to learn to read. These questions are of importance because ...

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Appendix A

Appendix B

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