

The evidence on reading for pleasure



Reading for pleasure is the single most important indicator of a child's future success.

OECD 2002

Benefits of reading for pleasure:

- Increased attainment in literacy and numeracy (e.g. Anderson et al., 1988; OECD, 2010; Sullivan & Brown, 2013)
- Improved general knowledge (e.g. Clark and Rumbold, 2006)
- Richer vocabulary (e.g. Sullivan & Brown, 2013)
- Supports identity explorations (e.g. Rothbauer, 2004)
- Encourages imagination, empathy and mindfulness of others (e.g. Kidd & Costano, 2013)

The will influences the skill
and vice versa
(OECD, 2004)