

Pointers for the Charlotte Mason Method

ESTABLISHING THE HABIT OF ATTENTION DURING A SINGLE, CAREFUL READING SO THAT YOUR CHILD CAN HAVE BETTER NARRATIONS

TIP #1: Work on the Habit of Attention at Other Times

· Remember Charlotte's story about little Margaret and the daisy

TIP #2: PREP THE LESSON

- Watch the video about Prepping the Lesson for more details
- People Places Vocabulary

TIP #3: KEEP LESSONS SHORT AND VARIED

- Engage different parts of the brain for each lesson
- Lessons should be the appropriate length for the student's Form (grade level) or developmental level
- The <u>CM Your Way Curriculum Forms Guides</u> have specific details about length of lessons as well as Right Brain vs. Left Brain categories for each subject type to help you vary the lessons

TIP #4: Offer a Natural Reward

- Always encourage! Your praise is the best reward!
- If you need help with narration, please see this video: <u>Plenary Pointer: Beginning</u> Narration

TIP #5: EMPLOY THE "I'M SO SORRY YOU MISSED OUT ON THAT GREAT STORY!" TECHNIQUE

Remember that the habit of attention "is dissipated by the re-reading of passages."