



# 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

**What is it?** 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is an all-year-round reading incentive program for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. Any child who has not yet started kindergarten can participate. It involves tracking books read to your child on a reading log. Families receive a new reading log for every 100 books read. Prizes are given out for different reading milestones.

**What do I have to do?** After registering online, a staff member will give you an introduction letter and your first reading log. Every time you and your child read a book together, color in a bubble on your reading log. Once 100 books have been read and your reading log is complete, return it to the library and revisit the desk. The staff member will provide you with a small prize and a new reading log. Your child will receive special prizes for reaching reading milestones!

**How long will it take?** You can count any book that your child experiences, whether it be read aloud at home or at daycare towards your count! You can even count a book that your child simply flips through the pages of or looks at the pictures. If you read only one bedtime story every night for three years you will have read 1,095 books! If you read three books a day to your child, in just one year you will have read 1,095 books! Read at your own pace. The most important thing is to remember the main goal of the program is to expose children to positive reading experiences.

Child's Age when 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Starts	Number of Books to Read Per Day to Complete 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Number of Books to Read Per Week to Complete 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
0 Years Old	1	4
1 Year Old	1	5
2 Years Old	1	7
3 Years Old	2	10
4 Years Old	3	20

**Why should I participate?** It is important to get your child excited about reading from an early age! When you read aloud to your child, sing songs, or rhyme words, you are helping them develop a deeper understanding of language. Reading to your child before they begin kindergarten will help them develop the pre-reading skills they need in order to be successful.