



1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Congratulations on signing up for our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program! The simple and enjoyable act of sharing books helps your child learn pre-reading skills such as understanding the sounds letters make, developing a bigger vocabulary, and building background knowledge—all important skills that help prepare your child for learning to read and entering kindergarten. The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a fun, exciting, and free way to start your young child on the path to success.

Now that you've signed up, here is how to participate:

- **Read, read, read!** Read together with your child. Even if your child wants to hear the same book again and again, you can count it each time. You can also count the books your child hears in storytime, in daycare or preschool, or with a friend or family member.
- **Complete your reading logs!** Make time to read together and fill in one bubble for every book you read. Throughout this program, you will receive ten different reading logs. When they are ready to, your child can help you mark each bubble.
- **Visit the Library!** Your child will receive special prizes at the library for reaching milestones as well as a registration prize:
 - **100-Book Welcome Prize**
 - **200-Book Milestone Prize**
 - **300-Book Milestone Prize**
 - **400-Book Milestone Prize**
 - **500-Book Halfway There Prize**
 - **600-Book Milestone Prize**
 - **700-Book Milestone Prize**
 - **800-Book Milestone Prize**
 - **900-Book Milestone Prize**
 - **1000-Book Finishing Prize**



Singing songs, saying rhymes, telling stories, and playing with your child are all great ways to build their literacy skills. Visit the Finkelstein Memorial Library and other local libraries for free literacy programs like storytime and great books to share with your child.

One thousand books may seem like a lot, but if you read just one book a night, you'll meet your goal in less than 3 years. If you read three books a night, you could reach your goal in just one year! Ask our friendly staff for suggestions—we're here to help you on your journey to 1000 Books Before Kindergarten!

Happy Reading!