#### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** is a self-paced early literacy program that encourages families to read at least 1,000 books to their children before they start kindergarten.

Learning to read begins long before a child reaches kindergarten.

Reading builds vocabulary and language skills, and helps equip children with the skills they need to be ready for primary education.

Reading together is a great way to develop a love of reading as well as spend quality time with your child.

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#### **Program Guidelines**

- Preschool children (0-5 years old) work on this challenge with family members, caregivers, teachers, and librarians.
- It can be done! If you read 3 books to your child each day, you will read 1,095 books in one year. If you read one book a day, you can reach the goal in less than 3 years!
- Record a favorite book as many times as it is read. Repetition is key to learning.
- Count books read to your child by anyone, including grandparents, siblings, caregivers, and librarians. Did you attend a storytime at the library? Count the books read at storytime as well!
- Sharing a book can include talking about the pictures, reading from cover to cover, or any other way of interacting with the book that works for you and your child.

Upon reading 1,000 books, your child will receive a special badge to commemorate their accomplishment!

### **Books 1-100**

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#### READING TIP:

Read together every day. Make this a warm and loving time when the two of you can cuddle close.



Record each book read by filling in a circle.

#### Congratulations! You finished 100 books!

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Visit the library to pick up your 100 books badge and your next reading log.

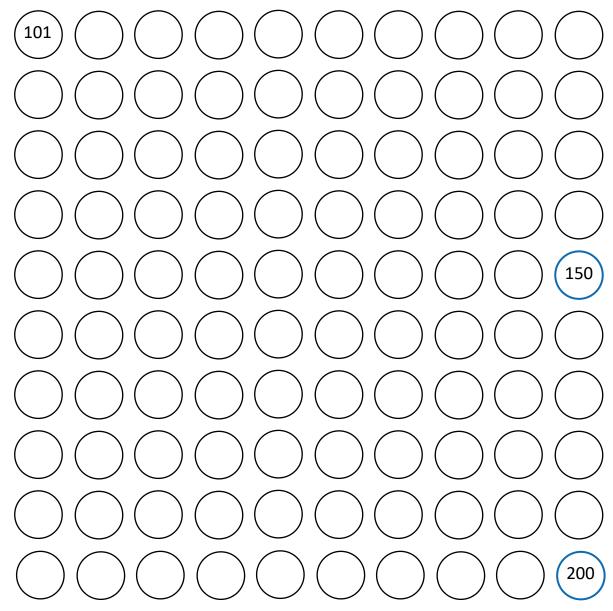
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Our top 10 favorite books:					

READING TIP: Sing a song! Singing slows down your natural speech patterns, allowing your child to hear the sounds within each word.

### **Books 101-200**

Record each book read by filling in a circle.





Congratulations! You finished 200 books!
Visit the library to pick up your 200 books badge

and your next reading log.



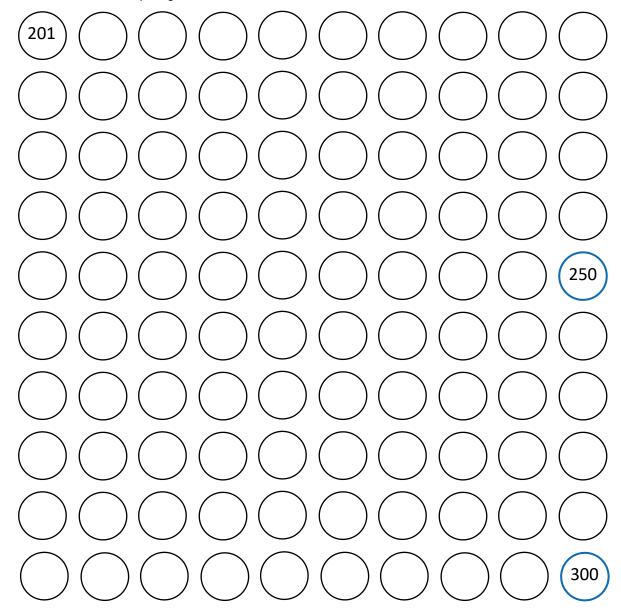
Our top 10 favorite books:

READING TIP: Children like to hear their favorite stories over and over again. Repetition is an important part of learning, so read it again!

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### **Books 201-300**

Record each book read by filling in a circle.





Congratulations! You finished 300 books!
Visit the library to pick up your 300 books badge

and your next reading log.

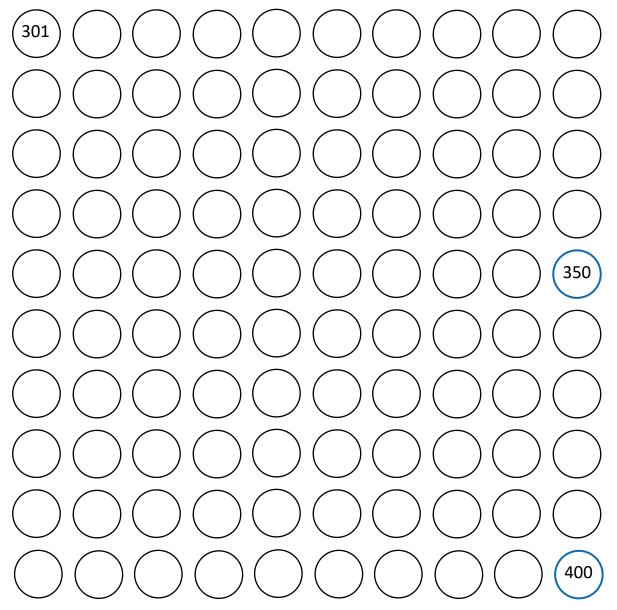
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#### READING TIP:

Make books a part of your life! Keep books in the car, the stroller, the diaper bag, and all over the house.

### **Books 301-400**

Record each book read by filling in a circle.





Congratulations! You finished 400 books!

Visit the library to pick up your 400 books badge and your next reading log.

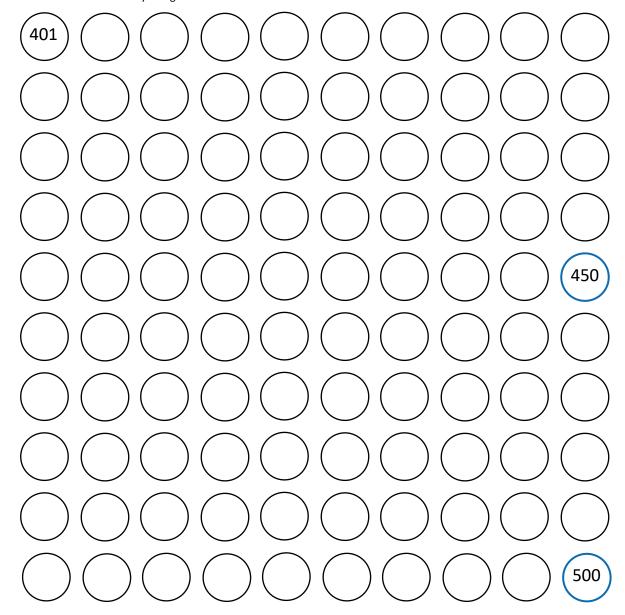


#### READING TIP:

Children love turning the pages and exploring how books work. Use board books with thick, sturdy pages.

## **Books 401-500**

Record each book read by filling in a circle.





Congratulations! You finished 500 books!

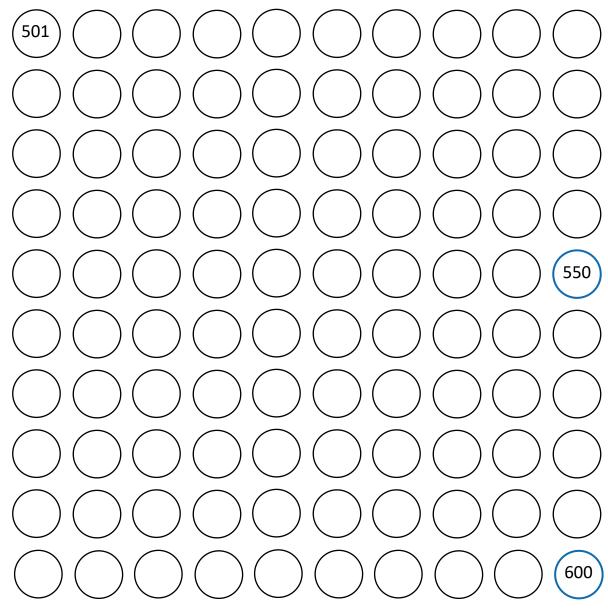
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READING TIP: Talk about your day! When getting ready for bed, tell your child the story of the day. Going over the day's events helps children learn how stories work.

### **Books 501-600**

Record each book read by filling in a circle.





Congratulations! You finished 600 books!

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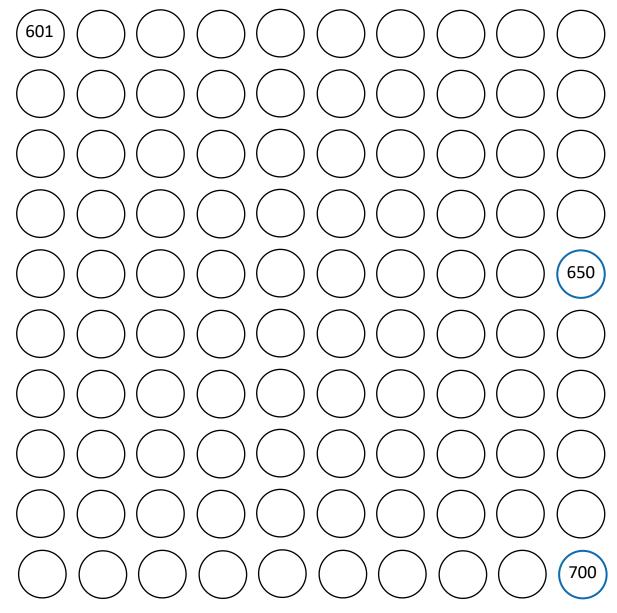
READING TIP: Ask your child to look at the pictures and guess what's going to happen next in the story.

Reading visual clues is an important skill.

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## **Books 601-700**

Record each book read by filling in a circle.





Congratulations! You finished 700 books!

Visit the library to pick up your 700 books badge and your next reading log.

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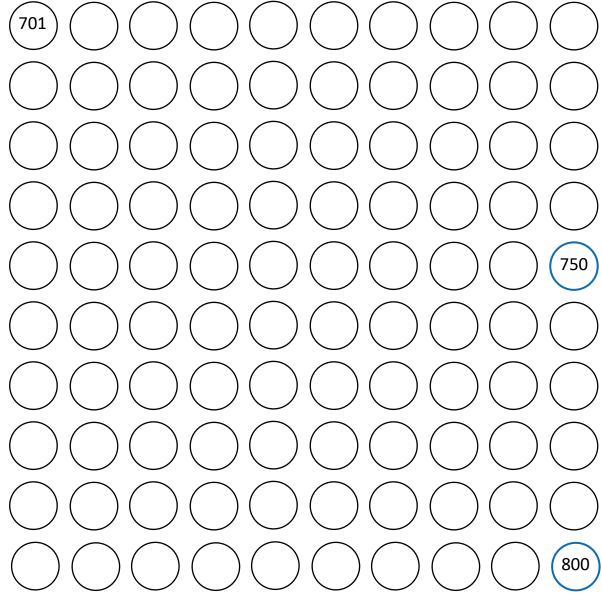
Our top 10 favorite books:

READING TIP: Point out letters and words in the world around you! Teach your child about letters and words.

The letters in your child's name will be favorites.

### **Books 701-800**

Record each book read by filling in a circle.





Congratulations! You finished 800 books!
Visit the library to pick up your 800 books badge

and your next reading log.

# Record each book read by filling in a circle.

### **Books 801-900**



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READING TIP: Talk about the pictures, and also talk about things that your child can't see. A apple might lead to talking about apple blossoms turning into fruit.

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Congratulations! You finished 900 books! Visit the library to pick up your 900 books badge and your next reading log.



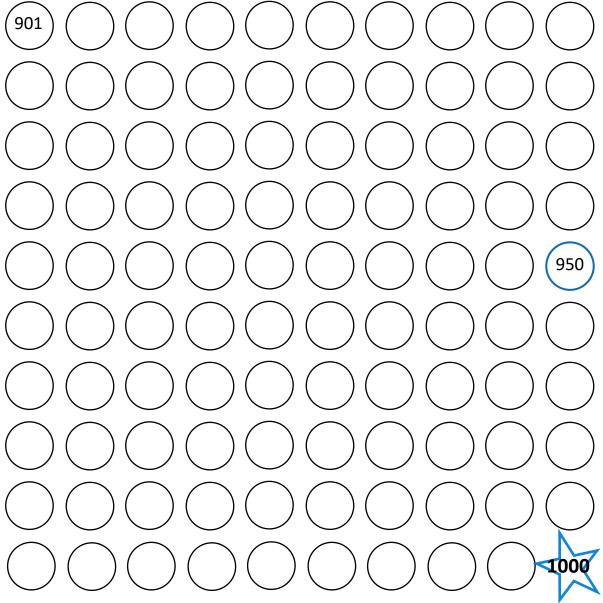
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#### READING TIP:

Write with your child! Random marks are your child's first attempts at writing letters and words.

## **Books 901-1000**

Record each book read by filling in a circle.





#### Congratulations!

You completed 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten! Visit the library to collect your special 1,000 books badge.