

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.

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.

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

Reading Log

Books 1-100



Record each book read by filling in a circle.

Our top 10 favorite books:

1									
									50
									100

Congratulations! You finished 100 books!

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

READING TIP:

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



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Reading Log

Books 101-200



Record each book read by filling in a circle.

Our top 10 favorite books:

101									
									150
									200

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



Congratulations! You finished 200 books!
Visit the library to pick up your 200 books badge and your next reading log.

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Reading Log



Record each book read by filling in a circle.

Books 201-300

Our top 10 favorite books:

201									
									250
									300



Congratulations! You finished 300 books!
Visit the library to pick up your 300 books badge
and your next reading log.

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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Reading Log

Books 301-400



Record each book read by filling in a circle.

Our top 10 favorite books:

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

301									
									350
									400



Congratulations! You finished 400 books!
Visit the library to pick up your 400 books badge and your next reading log.

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Reading Log



Our top 10 favorite books:

Record each book read by filling in a circle.

401									
									450
									500



Congratulations! You finished 500 books!

Visit the library to pick up your 500 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.

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Reading Log

Books 501-600



Record each book read by filling in a circle.

Our top 10 favorite books:

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.

501									
									550
									600



Congratulations! You finished 600 books!
Visit the library to pick up your 600 books badge and your next reading log.

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Reading Log



Our top 10 favorite books:

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.

Record each book read by filling in a circle.

601									
									650
									700



Congratulations! You finished 700 books!

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

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Reading Log

Books 701-800



Record each book read by filling in a circle.

Our top 10 favorite books:

701									
									750
									800

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.



Congratulations! You finished 800 books!
Visit the library to pick up your 800 books badge and your next reading log.

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Reading Log



Our top 10 favorite books:

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.

Record each book read by filling in a circle.

801									
									850
									900



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 Log Books 901-1000



Our top 10 favorite books:

Record each book read by filling in a circle.

A 10x10 grid of circles representing a number line from 900 to 1000. The first circle in the top row is labeled '901'. The ninth circle in the fifth row is labeled '950'. The bottom-right corner, representing 1000, is marked with a blue star and the label '1000'.



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

Congratulations!

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

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