1,000 Books before Kindergarten

Register - Read - Track - Celebrate

Did you know that reading to your child is one of the most powerful ways to boost his or her brain power? The simple and enjoyable act of sharing books helps your child learn pre-reading skills such as understanding the sounds letters make, developing a richer vocabulary, and building background knowledge – all important skills that help prepare your child for learning to read and entering kindergarten. 1,000 Books before Kindergarten is a fun, exciting, and free way to start your child on the path to success!

The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes you can repeat books) before your precious one starts kindergarten. Does it sound hard? It doesn't have to be.

If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think.

- Begin any time, birth until kindergarten
- Introductory packet is available to print from the website or ask us for a copy.
- Register your lil' reader with the Children's Department
- Read Together & Track Titles
- Pick up a 100-Book milestones reward sticker after each 100 books read
- After reading 1,000 Books, your reader will receive: Certificate with optional online recognition; 1,000 Book Leaf for the Library Reading Tree; Bookworm medal; Free Book; and Photo with Librarian.

Program instructions in English

Program instructions en Español

Reading Logs

