

WELCOME TO THE 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM!

Reading to your child is one of the most powerful ways to boost their 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 larger vocabulary, and building background knowledge—all important skills that help prepare your child for entering kindergarten and learning to read.

Did you know?

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is fun, exciting, and a free way to start your child on the path to success. Any child, ages birth to six years, can participate. Just follow these steps:

- 1. Register:** Sign up at your favorite library. Pick up program material or print them from our website.
- 2. Track your reading:** Fill in a circle or write down each book you read with your child on your caterpillar reading log.
- 3. Every book counts:** 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, at daycare or preschool, or with a friend or family member.
- 4. 100-book milestones:** Each time you read 100 books, bring your reading record to the library to receive a special reward. All the reading logs you will need to complete this program are included in your packet.
- 5. 1,000 books:** You did it! Come into your branch to receive your grand prizes and turn your caterpillar into a butterfly.
- 6. Keep reading:** Don't stop at 1,000! Keep reading together; there's more learning ahead.

1,000 books may seem like a lot, but if you read just one book a night, you'll meet your goal in less than three years. If you read three books a night, you could reach your goal in just one year!

HAPPY READING!



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