



# 1000 Books Before Kindergarten!

## What is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

It is a FREE program designed to encourage parents to read with their children on a regular basis to help them prepare their children for one of life's big milestones: kindergarten.

## How does it work?

Register your child at the library or on the library's website. Get a binder at the library or download a log from the library's website .

Begin reading to your child. Any time your child listens to a whole book, it counts! It can be a library book, one from home, one read at storytime, an audio book or an e-book. Multiple readings of the same book count, too. Repetition helps children learn!

**Record the number of books you read on a simple log.**

**Bring in the log at 100 book intervals for prizes.**

**Take as long as you need. Your only goal is to reach 1000 before your child enters kindergarten.**

Age when starting the program	# of books you will need to read each day	# of books you will need to read each week
0 years old	1	4
1 year old	1	5
2 years old	1	7
3 years old	2	10
4 years old	3	20

## What are the benefits?

**Your child will be better prepared academically for school. Reading**

- Stimulates brain growth and development.
- Develops background knowledge about a variety of topics.
- Increases vocabulary.
- Develops familiarity with story structure.
- Develops listening skills.
- Develops comprehension skills.
- Encourages creativity and imagination.

**You and your child will create special bonds.**

Children gain a strong feeling of security and love. Those who have that strong bond have a more optimistic attitude toward life and a greater ability to withstand stress and trauma.