# 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Each big circle has 20 small circles around it. Color in one small circle each time you read a book. When you complete one circle, write the name of one of your favorite books in the middle of the circle. Email: D.O.B. Parents Name: \_ Name: Before Kindergarten **600** 1000

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book, and your next reading log. Logs can be turned Before Kindergarten site to receive your sticker, a Bring your completed log to your 1000 Books



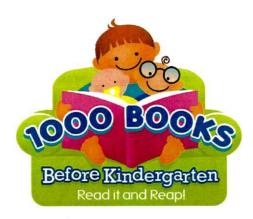












# How Does the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program Work?

### **Getting Started**

Print a 1000 Books Before Kindergarten reading log or download the free reading log app on your smartphone and start reading.

### **Track Your Reading**

Each time you read a book with your child, record it in your reading log or on the app.

### **Show Us Your Reading Log**

Each time you and your child reach a reading milestone (each 100 books) bring in your reading log and get your sticker and book.

### 1000 Books Celebration

Each year, we are planning a countywide 1000 Books Celebration for all the children and families that are involved in the program. Watch for more details to come in the Spring.

# Why 1000 books?

The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a 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.

Reading to preschool-age children builds vocabulary, language, and helps prepare them with the skills they need for Kindergarten. In as little as 15-20 minutes a day, families can prepare their little ones for future school and life success!

- If a child reads for 20 minutes every day, they are exposed to about 1.8 million words of text every year. That is 137 words per minute!
- If families read together for 20 minutes a day, 7 days a week, they get more than 121 hours of bonding time every year!
- For every year you read with your child, average lifetime earnings increase by \$50,000. You make a \$250,000 gift to your child from birth to age 5 by reading aloud, just 20 minutes a day!
- Children who have not developed some basic literacy skills by the time they enter school are 3–4 times more likely to drop out in later years.

