



Welcome to

**1000 Books Before
Kindergarten**

We are so excited you have joined our exciting new program. This free program encourages you to read 1000 books with your child before he or she enters school. Studies have shown that being read to early and often has a lifelong impact on a child's educational success.

One of the best ways to encourage learning is to spend time sharing books every day. Shared reading develops important pre-reading skills that provide a solid foundation for learning. As a bonus, reading together is fun!

Here is everything you need to know about participating in this program.

- **Read together often.**
- **Color in a circle** for every book you read together. If you read a book more than once, you can color in a circle each time. Books read at library programs, at daycare, preschool, or by others to your child also count.
- **When you finish 100 books**, bring your log to the library or bookmobile and
 - Receive a sticker
 - Move your woodland animal marker along the wall
 - Enter into the bi-monthly drawing for a backpack of school supplies and
 - Pick up your next log
- **Keep reading**, receive a sticker, and move your animal with each 100 books you read together.
- **Earn special awards** along the way including chalk, a finger puppet, a maraca and more.
- **After finishing 1000 books**, your child will receive a certificate, a book, a special photo magnet to celebrate their accomplishment, and a JUMPSTART ON SCHOOL SUCCESS.

This program has no end date except your child's first day of kindergarten, so take your time and enjoy the experience together. Take every chance you have to read with your child, tell stories, sing songs, and visit the library.

HAPPY READING!

