



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

We invite you to participate in this literacy program which encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before they start kindergarten.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The concept is simple and the reward is priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn and/or toddler. The goal is to read 1,000 books (yes, you can repeat books) before your little one enters kindergarten. Does it sound hard? Not really if you think about it. If you read 1 book a night you will have read 365 books in a year. That is 730 in 2 years, and 1,095 in 3 years. If you consider that most children begin kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think (so get started!).

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Read with your child. Studies have shown that reading with your child provides a great opportunity for bonding. Reading together is fun and will create life long memories for both of you.
- Mark your chart for each book you read with your child. You can also make a record of what you read in a note book, online or whatever works for you. The journal itself will make a great keepsake for your child.
- Each time you finish 100 books, bring your Chart to the library and your child will receive a sticker to mark their accomplishment. Finish all 1,000 books and your child will get a certificate of achievement and a gift from the library! Hooray!
- Be make sure to keep a record of 'any' book that is being read to your child. This includes books read by you, siblings, teachers, anyone. You can count each time you repeat a book too!

FREQUENTLY-ASKED-QUESTIONS

- Who can participate in the program? Any child from birth until they enter kindergarten can participate in our "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program.
- How long will the program take? The program can take anywhere from a few months to a few years. The program is self-paced and will depend on how often you read together.
- How many children can participate? All of them (provided they have not yet started kindergarten).