

Welcome to the 1000 Books before Kindergarten Program! We are excited to partner with you and help your child get ready to read. Sharing books with your child is the best way to get them ready to read! Read a book to your child and color in a leaf on the reading log. For every 100 books read, your child will receive a prize, but the real reward is time spent with loving adults reading good books!

Books can be read:

- Anytime, by anyone!
- Over and over again! (Kids love familiar stories!)

1000 books sounds like a lot, but it can be done! If you read just 1 book a night, your child will enjoy 1,095 books in 3 years. Think about all the opportunities for reading: at the doctor's office, before bed, in school, in story time programs, at the babysitter's. The key is perseverance. Make it exciting! When you complete 100 books, come to the library to receive your prize and a new reading log. Join us for the 1000 books celebration in the Spring.

5 Key Areas for Language Development

Singing

Singing and rhyming are silly and fun; they give us permission to play with the sounds within words. Singing and rhyming help your child hear the different sounds in each word. Keeping a beat also breaks down words into bite-size sound chunks, preparing them to break down words in print and sound them out.

Talking

Talking with children helps them learn oral language—one of the most critical early literacy skills. Children learn about language by listening to people talk and joining in the conversation. Oral self-expression and acquiring vocabulary also stimulates brain development, which is the basis for all learning.

Playing

Play is one of the best ways for children to acquire language. Through conversations and explanations about what they are doing, children gain vocabulary and real world experience they will need later on to understand and give meaning to what they are reading.

Reading

Reading together develops vocabulary and comprehension, nurtures a love for reading, and motivates children to want to learn to read. Reading together remains one of the most effective ways to help children become proficient readers.

Writing

Writing and reading go hand in hand. Writing helps children learn that letters and words represent sounds and that print has meaning. When you point to words as you read them, your child will learn that printed letters become spoken words.