



# 1000 Books

before Kindergarten

## Why 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

Our hope with this program is to promote reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers; to encourage families to spend quality time together; and to promote pre-literacy and learning so children enter school ready to read, listen and learn.

Research shows that reading books and sharing stories with your child is one of the best ways to help them enter school with the language skills they need to be ready to learn and grow.

We've attached reading logs for your first 100 books to get you started. Simply color/check-off/cross-out the books as you read to your child. You can include stories that your child hears at library storytimes, in preschool and daycare— any and all books and stories count!

A list on the back offers some fun suggestions of books to read with your child, but you don't need to limit yourself to our list! Children often enjoy repeat visits with the same book or story, so feel free to include each additional reading as a book.

When you've logged 50 titles, bring the completed log back into the library, pick up your prize and get the next Reading Log. When you have reached 1000 books, your child will receive a certificate and can add their name to our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten display.

## 1000 Books Seems Like a Lot of Books!

Although 1,000 books sounds like a huge number, consider this:

- ✓ Read 4 books a week, and your child will have listened to 1,000 stories in five years.
- ✓ Read one book a day, and you could finish in less than three years.
- ✓ Read ten books per week, and you'll blow away this challenge in less than two years!

Remember, we'll give you tips and suggestions, too. Turn over this page for some titles to try!

## Books we think your child will love!

"Are You My Mother?" by P.D. Eastman  
"A Big Guy Took my Ball!" by Mo Willems  
"Blue Hat, Green Hat" by Sandra Boynton  
"Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" by Eric Carle  
"Can You Make a Scary Face?" by Jan Thomas  
"The Cat in the Hat" by Dr. Seuss  
"Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" by Bill Martin  
"Chugga Chugga Choo Choo" by Kevin Lewis  
"Click Clack Moo, Cows that Type" by Doreen Cronin  
"Curious George" by H.A. Rey  
"The Day the Crayons Quit" by Drew Daywalt  
"Dinosaur vs. the Library" by Bob Shea  
"Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!" by Mo Willems  
"Five Little Monkeys" by Eileen Christelow  
"Freight Train" by Donald Crews  
"Frog and Toad" by Arnold Lobel  
"Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site" by Sherri Duskey Rinker  
"Good Night, Gorilla" by Peggy Rathmann  
"Goodnight Moon" by Margaret Wise Brown  
"Harold and the Purple Crayon" by Crockett Johnson  
"How Do Dinosaurs say Goodnight?" by Jane Yolen  
"How the Grinch Stole Christmas!" by Dr. Seuss  
"I Stink!" by Kate McMullan  
"If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" by Laura Numeroff  
"It's a Tiger!" by David LaRochelle  
"Journey" by Aaron Becker  
"Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale" by Mo Willems  
"The Lion and the Mouse" by Jerry Pinkney  
"Little Blue Truck" by Alice Schertle  
"Llama Llama Red Pajama" by Anna Dewdney  
"The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss  
"Mister Seahorse" by Eric Carle  
"The Mitten" by Jan Brett  
"Monsters Love Colors" by Mike Austin  
"Moo Baa La La La" by Sandra Boynton  
"My Truck is Stuck" by Kevin Lewis  
"Oh, the Places you'll Go!" by Dr. Seuss  
"Olivia" by Ian Falconer  
"Peek-a-who?" by Nina Laden  
"Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes" by James Dean  
"Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg  
"The Pout-Pout Fish" by Deborah Diesen  
"Rhyming Dust Bunnies" by Jan Thomas  
"Sheep in a Jeep" by Nancy E. Shaw  
"The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats  
"Steam Train, Dream Train" by Tom Lichtenheld  
"The Story of Ferdinand" by Munro Leaf  
"There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly" by Simms Taback  
"This Is Not My Hat" by Jon Klassen  
"Thomas the Tank Engine" by various authors  
"The Three Billy Goats Gruff" by Maggie Moore  
"The Three Little Pigs" by Diane Namm  
"To Market, To Market" by Anne Miranda  
"The Ugly Duckling" by Hans Christian Andersen  
"The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle  
"We Are in a Book!" by Mo Willems  
"We're Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen  
"What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?" by Steve Jenkins  
"The Wheels on the Bus" by Paul O. Zelinsky  
"Where is the Green Sheep?" by Mem Fox  
"Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak  
"Where's Spot?" by Eric Hill

## ABCs

"Alphabet City" by Stephen T. Johnson  
"Alphabet Under Construction" by Denise Fleming  
"An ABC of Pirates" by Caroline Stills  
"Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" by Bill Martin  
"Click, Clack, Quackity, Quack" by Betsy Lewin  
"Dog's ABC" by Emma Dodd  
"Eating the Alphabet" by Lois Ehlert  
"LMNO Peas" by Keith Baker  
"Little Quack's ABCs" by Lauren Thompson  
"Max's ABC" by Rosemary Wells  
"Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten" by Ashley Wolff  
"Shiver Me Letters: A Pirate ABC" by June Sobel  
"Sleepy ABC" by Margaret Wise Brown  
"Sleepy Little Alphabet" by Judy Sierra  
"The ABC Bunny" by Wanda Gag  
"The Alphabet from A to Y" by Steve Martin and Roz Chast  
"Z is for Moose" by Kelly Bingham

## Numbers

"123 Peas" by Keith Baker  
"123 versus ABC" by Mike Boldt  
"Dog's Colorful Day" by Emma Dodd  
"Fish Eyes" by Lois Ehlert  
"Five Little Monkeys" by Eileen Christelow  
"Hootenanny!" by Kimberly Ainsworth  
"Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons" by Eric Litwin  
"Poor Puppy" by Nick Bruel  
"Ten Little Fish" by Audrey Wood

## Shapes

"Mouse Shapes" by Ellen Stoll Walsh  
"My First Book of Shapes" by Chuck Murphy  
"Not a Box" by Antoinette Portis  
"Round is a Pancake" by Joan Sullivan Baranski  
"Shapes Shapes Shapes" by Tana Hoban  
"Shapes in the Kitchen" by Tracey Steffora  
"Ship Shapes" by Stella Blackstone  
"When a Line Bends" by Rhonda Gowler Greene

## Opposites

"Hippopposites" by Janik Coat  
"Olivia's Opposites" by Ian Falconer  
"Polar Opposites" by Erik Brooks  
"The Loud Book!" by Deborah Underwood  
"The Quiet Book" by Deborah Underwood  
"What's Up, Duck?" by Tad Hills  
"Where Is the Green Sheep?" by Mem Fox

## Colors

"Baby Bear Sees Blue" by Ashley Wolff  
"Butterfly, Butterfly" by Petr Horacek  
"Dog's Colorful Day" by Emma Dodd  
"Green" by Laura Vaccaro Seeger  
"Lemons Are Not Red" by Laura V. Seeger  
"Little Blue and Little Yellow" by Leo Lionni  
"Maisy's Colors" by Lucy Cousins  
"Of Colors and Things" by Tana Hoban  
"White Rabbit's Color Book" by Alan Baker