

Landers, Ace: I Am An Ice Cream Truck
Leaf, Munro: The Story of Ferdinand
Lester, Mike: A is for Salad
Lionni, Leo: Little Blue and Little Yellow
Lobel, Anita: On Market Street
Lobel, Arnold: Frog and Toad Are Friends
London, Jonathan: Froggy Gets Dressed
Martin, Bill: Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
Martin, Bill: Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
Mayer, Mercer: Frog Goes to Dinner
McBratney, Sam: Guess How Much I Love You
McCloskey, Robert: Make Way for Ducklings
McFarland, Lyn: Widget
McKissack, Pat: Goin' Someplace Special
McLimans, David: Gone Wild: An Endangered Alphabet
McPhail, David: Pigs Aplenty, Pigs Galore
Meddaugh, Susan: Martha Speaks
Meltzer, Brad: I am Abraham Lincoln
Mullan, Kate and Jim: I Stink!
Munari, Bruno: Bruno Munari's ABC
Noble, Trinka: The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash
Numeroff, Laura: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie
O'Connor, Jane: Fancy Nancy
Penn, Audrey: The Kissing Hand
Pinkney, Sandra: Shades of Black
Piper, Watty: The Little Engine that Could
Potter, Beatrix: The Tale of Peter Rabbit
Rathmann, Peggy: Good Night, Gorilla
Rey, H.A.: Curious George
Rohman, Eric: My Friend Rabbit

Rosen, Michael: We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Rossetti-Shustak, Bernadette: I Love You Through and Through
Rylant, Cynthia: The Relatives Came
Say, Allen: Grandfather's Journey
Scarry, Richard: Cars and Trucks and Things that Go
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Seeger, Laura Vaccaro: First the Egg
Sendak, Maurice: Where the Wild Things Are
Seuss, Dr.: Green Eggs and Hams
Seuss, Dr.: The Cat in the Hat
Shannon, David: Duck on a Bike
Shaw, Charles: It Looked Like Spilt Milk
Simmons, Jane: Come Along Daisy
Simont, Marc: The Stray Dog
Sis, Peter: Fire Truck
Slobodkina, Esphyr: Caps for Sale
Taback, Simms: There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly
Walter, Virginia: Hi, Pizza Man!
Wells, Rosemary: Noisy Nora
Westcott, Nadine: The Lady with the Alligator Purse
Wiesner, David: The Three Pigs
Willems, Mo: Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus
Wong, Janet: Buzz
Wood, Audrey: The Napping House
Yolen, Jane: How do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?
Yolen, Jane: Owl Moon
Young, Ed: Seven Blind Mice
Zimmerman, Andrea: Trashy Town
Zion, Gene: Harry, The Dirty Dog

1000 Books Before Kindergarten



Dear Parents/Caregivers:

On behalf of the 1,000 Books Foundation, we invite you to participate in this free program which encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she starts kindergarten.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any 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. Does it sound hard? Not really if you think about it. If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think (so get started).

The key is perseverance. Make it exciting. When your children reach a milestone, give him/her a small reward (stickers, backpacks, books).

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 the both of you.
- Keep track of the titles of the books that you read with your child. Make a record of what you are reading in a spiral notebook, on our convenient reading log sheets, online, or by whatever method you want. The journal itself will make a great keep-sake item for your precious child.
- If you are able to, make sure to keep a record of “any” book that is being read to your child. This includes teachers and siblings.

FREQUENTLY-ASKED-QUESTIONS

- Who can participate in this program? Any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten can participate in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.
- How long will the program take? The program will 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 of my children can participate? All of them (provided they have not yet started kindergarten). Make it even more fun and read as a family!

Suggested Titles For Your Child To Read

Before Kindergarten:

Alborough, Jez: Where’s My Teddy?
Asch, Frank: Happy Birthday, Moon
Bang, Molly: Ten, Nine, Eight
Barrett, Judi: Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing
Barton, Byron: The Three Bears
Bauer, Marion: How Do I Love You?
Becker, Bonny: A Visitor for Bear
Bergen, Lara: Dora’s Sleepover
Bemelmans, Ludwig: Madeline
Blackstone, Stella: Bear’s Busy Family
Bornstein, Ruth: Little Gorilla
Brett, Jan: The Mitten
Brown, Marcia: Stone Soup
Brown, Margaret Wise: Goodnight Moon
Brunhoff, Jean de: The Story of Babar, the Little Elephant
Burningham, John: Mr. Gumpy’s Outing
Burton, Virginia Lee: Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel
Campbell, Rod: Dear Zoo
Cannon, Janell: Stellaluna
Carle, Eric: The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Christelow, Eileen: Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed
Coffelt, Nancy: Fred Stays with Me
Crews, Donald: Freight Train
Cronin, Doreen: Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type
Day, Alexandra: Good Dog, Carl
Degen, Bruce: Jamberry
Dorros, Arthur: Abuela
Eastman, P.D.: Are You My Mother?
Ehlert, Lois: Feathers for Lunch

Emberly, Ed: Go Away, Green Monster
Falconer, Ian: Olivia
Feiffer, Jules: Bark, George
Flack, Marjorie: Ask Mr. Bear
Fleming, Denise: Mama Cat Has Three Kittens
Fox, Mem: Where is the Green Sheep?
Freeman, Don: Corduroy
Galdone, Paul: The Three Little Pigs
Gerstein, Mordicai: The Man Who Walked Between the Towers
Goble, Paul: The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses
Guarino, Deborah: Is Your Mama a Llama?
Henkes, Kevin: Kitten’s First Full Moon
Hill, Eric: Where’s Spot
Ho, Minfong: Hush!: A Thai Lullaby
Hoban, Russell: Bread and Jam for Frances
Hoban, Tana: Is it Red? Is it Yellow? Is it Blue? An Adventure in Color
Hoffman, Mary: Amazing Grace
Holabird, Katherine: Angelina Ballerina
Hutchins, Pat: Rosie’s Walk
Jenkins, Steve: What do you do with a tail like this?
Johnson, Crockett: Harold and the Purple Crayon
Juster, Norton: The Hello, Goodbye Window
Kasza, Keiko: The Wolf’s Chicken Stew
Keats, Ezra Jack: The Snowy Day
Kennedy, Jimmy: The Teddy Bears’ Picnic
Kent, Jack: The Caterpillar and the Polliwog
Kimmel, Eric: Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock
Kraus, Robert: Whose Mouse are You?
Kraus, Ruth: The Carrot Seed