

Welcome! You and your child have joined this easy and fun, go-at-your-own pace reading program. Experts believe that children need to hear 1,000 stories read aloud to them before they start kindergarten. We will help you achieve this goal and as your child's first teacher, you will help him/her be school-ready!

1,000 books may seem like a lot of books to read, yet you can do it:

- © If you read 3 books to your child every day for one year, you will have read 1,095 books!
- © Read 10 books every week for two years, you will have read 1,040 books! This is less than 2 books a day.
- © You can read 1 book every other day and still reach 1,000 books in less than 5 years.

What to do? Please follow these steps:

- 1. Read to your child.
- 2. Write down each book that you share together. It's okay to read the same book over and over again! Books that you read at home, at the library, or at school and daycare count.
- 3. When you finish your first 100 books, bring your completed sheets to show the librarian! Pick up your sheets for the next 100 books.
- 4. Repeat steps 2 and 3, until you reach the 1,000 book goal.
- 5. Read at your own pace. The program is ongoing and only ends when your child enters Kindergarten.
- 6. When you reach 1,000 books, let us know so we can celebrate you and your child!

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Six skills your child needs to learn to read starting from birth!

Print
Motivation
a child's interest
in and
enjoyment of
books.

Vocabulary

knowing the names of things.

Phonological
Awareness
the ability to
hear and play
with the smaller
sounds in
words.

What you do helps your child get ready to read.

Narrative
Skills
the ability to
describe things
and events and
to tell stories.

<u>Letter</u>
<u>Knowledge</u>
learning to name

learning to name letters, knowing they have sounds, and recognizing them everywhere.

Print
Awareness
noticing print,
knowing how to
handle a book, and
how to follow the
written word on a

page.