1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Books 1–100

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

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Talking

Language development happens best in a language-rich environment where parents talk to children frequently using a wide vocabulary. Talking about many different events, ideas, and stories helps them develop. This kind of rich talk, the words used when telling a story or talking about something that happened or will happen later, is different than everyday instructions. Children learn by listening and joining in conversations. Very young children can understand words long before they can speak–so talk to them and be amazed at how they respond!

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Children who are read to often and are frequently exposed to other literacy experiences, such as singing, rhyming, and yes, even talking, have an edge when it comes to being ready to learn to read when they enter school. Research shows that engaging in early literacy activities at home helps prevent reading difficulties later in school and promotes positive attitudes toward reading. Most importantly, reading together is fun!

We invite you to help your children develop the important pre-reading skills that provide a solid reading foundation–a key to school and learning success–by participating in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge. 1,000 Books, you say? It sounds like a lot, but if you share one picture book each day with your child, by the end of the year you will have read 365 books, and over 1,000 books in less than three years. Read two to three books each day and you can reach the 1,000 book goal in just one year.

How does it work?

1. Read together!
2. Color or check off an acorn for each book you read. If you read a book more than once, you can record it each time. Books read at library story time, at daycare, or by others to your child also count!
3. When you finish 100 books, bring your sheet to the library and have it stamped "Completed." Collect your next sheet. You can also print the next sheet from our website, pwcva.gov/library.
4. Repeat steps 1–3 at each level.
5. Earn special rewards along the way!
6. After finishing 1,000 books, your child will:

   Receive a book and a certificate
   Have their name placed on our Wall of Fame
   Get an awesome jumpstart on success in school



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