



About the Program

The mission of the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program is to promote reading and Early Literacy to newborns, infants and toddlers as well as encouraging parents to bond with their child through reading. Early Literacy is a child's exposure to reading and writing before they are formally taught in a school setting. Recently endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, Early Literacy is cited as a crucial step towards improving a child's communication skills and increasing vocabulary. Development of these skills, from an early age, will help your child be better prepared to succeed academically. We are calling on all parents and children to meet the challenge and take the pledge to read 1000 Books Before Kindergarten! It may sound like a daunting task but if you read three books everyday, at the end of one year you will have read 1,095 books! Some children love to hear the same book over and over again, so you can count each rereading as another book. The PJFL will be here to support you and our child along your reading journey!

How does the program work?

To enroll in the program we recommend that your child have a library card. Then, see a librarian in the Children's Room who will give you a reading log to help you keep track of the books you read. Signing up also earns your child a spot in our Hall of Readers.

After you are signed up, you and your child may start reading! Simply color in one book icon on the reading log for each book read. When you have colored in all of the books on your sheet, you have reached your first milestone! Come back to the Children's Room to receive your first milestone sticker. Every time you complete a sheet (200 books) you are eligible for the next milestone sticker!

After your goal has been reached, we encourage you to keep reading!

Early Literacy Tips

Talking : Infants and toddlers can understand spoken words long before they can speak!

Writing :Scribbling and drawing are forms of writing.

Drawing: can also help develop fine motor skills.

Reading: When you read to your child it will help develop vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Playing: Play helps children think and is one of the ways they learn how the world works.

Singing: Develops listening and memory skills!