

Why should I read 1000 books to my child before kindergarten?

Reading to your baby, toddler, or preschooler is one of the **BEST** ways to help them develop. Studies have shown that children that are read to frequently from birth have **stronger language skills** and **better vocabulary**. This makes them better readers later in life, and better prepared for school.

How do I participate?

Register with a librarian at the Hartland Library. Color in **ONE STAR** for every book that you have read together. Turn it back into our library next time you're here. We'll mark your progress up on our board, and give you a **PRIZE** for doing such a great job **READING!!**

What is the age range?

Anywhere from newborn to age 5. Learning starts as soon as we're born, so we should be reading to our kids as early as possible.

What books should I pick?

It really varies on the age range, but books with bright colors and repeating words are kid favorites. Bright colors help establish shapes for young minds. And repeating words create correlation between what your child sees (a picture of a bear) and what they hear (the word "bear.") Rhyming is also important, since it teaches children how word sounds and sentences work, and also prepares them to make predictions about what will come next. Ask a librarian for assistance or for recommendations!

Can I log the books my child hears at story time?

Yes, that counts.

Can books read for a summer reading program count?

Yes, that counts too!

My child won't sit still when were reading! What should I do?

It can be frustrating, but remember your child is still listening to you and learning. Try to sneak in a book when they're tired out, like after lunch or before a nap. Try different books. Remember that reading should be a fun experience, and should not be a chore or something we're forced to do.

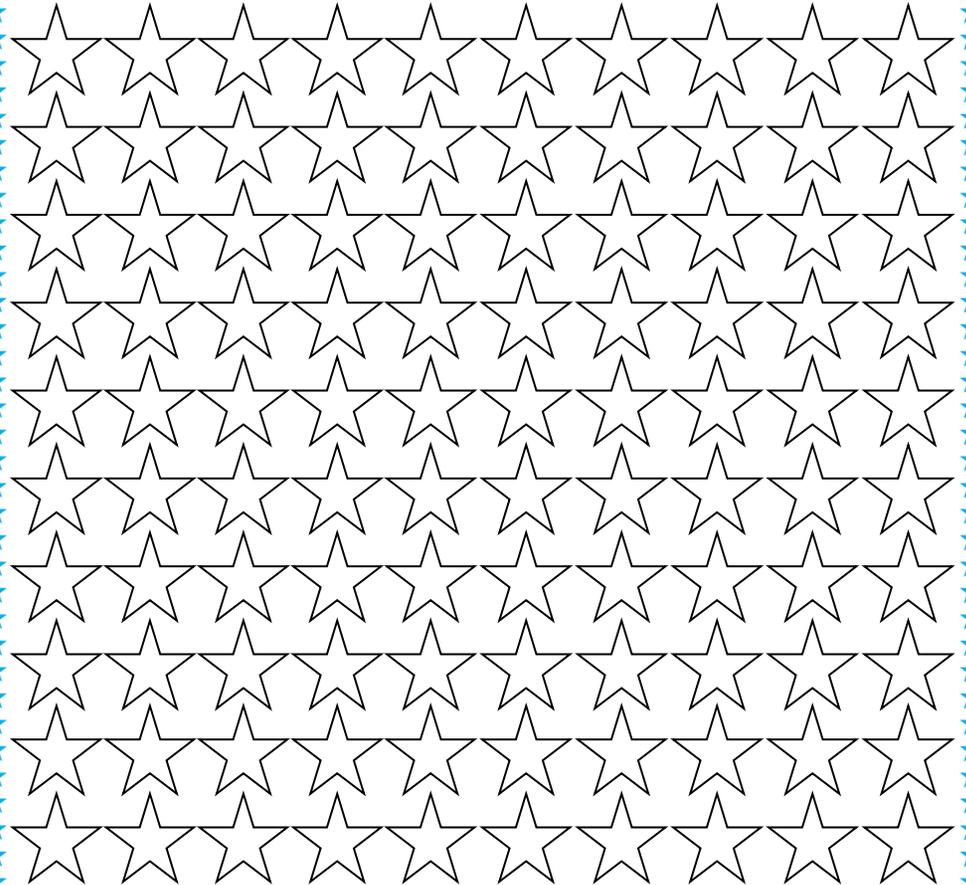
What if my child wants to read the same book over and over?

Repetition is important to learning. So the same book can be logged multiple times.

READING LOG

Color in **ONE STAR** for every book that you have read together!

Name: _____ Book # _____ - _____



MY FAVORITE BOOK WAS:

RECOMMENDED READING

Here's some of our favorite books:

Favorite Board Books (0-18 Months)

Jim Benton—"Five Stinky Socks"
Leslie Patricelli—"Tickle"
Karen Katz—"Where is Baby's Belly Button?"
Nina Laden—"Peek a Zoo"
Helen Oxenbury—"Clap Hands"
Tad Hills—"Duck & Goose Colors!"
Rod Campbell—"Dear Zoo"

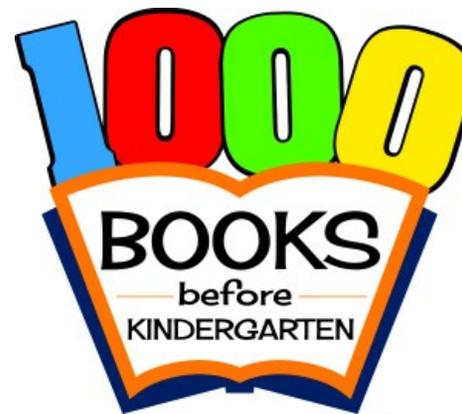
Books with Rhyming/Repetition

Margaret Wise Brown—"Goodnight Moon"
Eric Carle—"Very Hungry Caterpillar"
Anna Dewdney—"Llama Llama Mad at Mama"
Jez Alborough—"Duck in the Truck"
Bill Martin, Jr.—"Chicka Chicka Boom Boom"
Eric Litwin—"Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons"
Anna Dewdney—"Llama Llama Red Pajama"
Mem Fox—"Where is the Green Sheep?"

Books with Bright Colors

Lois Ehlert—"Color Zoo"
Sandra Boynton—"Blue Hat, Green Hat"
Michael Hall—"My Heart is Like a Zoo"
Rosemary Wells—"Max and Ruby's Bedtime Book"
Bryon Barton—"My Bike"
Lucy Cousins—"Hooray for Fish"

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