



1000 Books

Before Kindergarten

Name: _____

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	67	98	99	100

So far _____ has read this many books.

100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000
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Early Literacy Tips

Reading together with your child regularly is the most effective way to build early literacy skills. Allowing your child to pick which book to read together helps to get him or her excited about reading.

Songs and singing help young children hear the smaller sounds in words, which is a skill called phonological awareness. Practicing this skill will help them with talking, reading, and writing.

Reading is a great way to build vocabulary because books often have a wider variety of words than regular conversation. Explain unfamiliar words; talk about colors, shapes, sizes, feelings, and other concepts.

Storytelling can help build narrative skills because it encourages children to recognize what comes first, next, and last.

Ask your child open-ended questions when reading and playing to help develop comprehension skills. Encourage your child to retell stories or to guess what will happen next.

Encourage your child to draw and scribble, ask your child to explain his or her drawings to you, sing the alphabet song together, and teach your child to write his or her own name. These are all great ways to prepare him or her to write.

Point to words as you read them to help your child understand that each spoken word correlates to a written word.

Encourage your child to think of words that begin with the same sound as other words, or words that rhyme with other words, to get him or her thinking about the sounds that make up words.

Point out words that you see in day-to-day life (such as road signs, building signs, menus, food labels, etc.) to help your child recognize letters and words.

How Does It Work?

- Color in a space on the reading log for every book read together.
- Any reading or listening counts – count books read aloud by a parent, caregiver, sibling, or anyone else.
- Count a book each time it's read, even if it's repeated.
- Count books read at Storytime.
- When a log is completed, bring it to the Circulation Desk at the Mechanicsville Public Library for a sticker, a picture with a milestone marker, and be sure to grab a new reading log!
- When all ten logs are completed they will receive their very own book to keep! You also have the option of having the Library dedicate a new library book in their honor!
- Have fun reading!



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log at the library.**