WELCOME TO 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN!

Welcome Parents & Caregivers to the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge! This program is a nationwide initiative that encourages parents and caregivers to read aloud daily with their children. By sharing just one book a day, families can reach the 1,000-book goal in 3 years and provide their children essential early literacy skills.

Research shows the most reliable predictor of school success is being read to during early childhood. Reading to children increases vocabulary and comprehension of stories. Reading one picture book per day means your child will hear ½ million words in just one year! Most importantly, reading together promotes a lifelong love of books and creates an even closer bond between you and your child.

The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge is simple - read books, any books, with your child each day. The program is self-paced and can be finished in as little as one year for children who begin as a preschooler. Any child from birth up to when they enter Kindergarten is eligible for the program. You can read any book - audio and e-books, too! Books can be read multiple times, and books read at our storytimes also count!

To help keep you going, we offer incentives along your journey.

- At registration you'll receive: A reusable library bag to carry all your new books, your first reading log, a bookmark, and more!
- Each reading log is for 100 books. Once you bring them back to the library, you will receive a reward, your next reading log and an opportunity to take a photo.
- Special rewards have been chosen for 200, 400, 600, 800 and 1000 books. The items and materials you receive at these levels give you opportunies to further support your child's growing early literacy skills.
- At completion, you will receive: a certificate of completion, a photo op, and a free book!

You can also track your progress, including individual titles, by using the Beanstack website and app. Scan the QR code below or go to WE247.beanstack.org.

Ask our friendly staff for suggestions, we're here to help you on your journey to 1000 Books. Together, we can help our children become strong, confident readers!

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