# 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The concept is simple; the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your baby, toddler or preschooler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books before your little one starts kindergarten. This program promotes reading readiness, a love of reading, and a great opportunity for bonding that will create life-long memories for both of you.

The key is perseverance. Make reading a habit. Make it fun and exciting!  Be sure to count books read by older siblings, other family members, and babysitters too! When your children are old enough, make them part of the process of tallying their progress. Tally charts will be provided by the library to track your child's progress or you can use Beanstack by scanning the QR code below. Visit the library with every 100 books read to collect your reward!

## FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS

**Who can participate in this program?**
Any child from birth until they enter kindergarten can participate in 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. Multiple children per family can take part.

**Can we count the same book more than once?**
Children of ALL ages (even adults) tend to have beloved favorite books that are worth reading again & again, so the answer is "of course!"

**What if we've already BEEN reading together for several years?**
 Pick up a tally chart and start tracking your progress from this point forward. Even counting to 100 books and getting an incentive prize for THAT number can be exciting and motivating to a preschooler. (and P.S.: Good for you – you're off to a terrific start!)

**Do we have to use Beanstack?**
Of course not! Feel free to use whatever system works best for your family, whether that be digital, paper, or a combination of the two.

**What if we are already using the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten app?**
If you already use the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten app show us your progress and we will catch you up on incentives. If you want to switch to Beanstack you can, otherwise continue to show us your progress to redeem rewards.

Scan here to get started on Beanstack!

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