

## Blackwell Preschool:

plans to begin registration for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten on April 25. Materials including the first 100 book record sheet will be given out at that time. It is never too late to start reading.

If your child is going to Kindergarten in the fall, he/she can still participate until then. That will give him/her May, June, July and part of April and August to participate. At three books per day, there would be an opportunity to read 300+ books.

Prizes will be awarded for the first 25 and 50 and then 100. Prizes will be awarded after each 100 books read after the first 100. Keep track of the books read by listing the names using the app on your phone or by keeping a paper list. Remember to have your child color the book sheet circles after each book read. Return the list to Blackwell for a prize and a new record sheet.

## Older children who read to younger children are *Reading Superheroes!*

Each *Reading Superhero* who reads 25 books of the 100 to a younger child enrolled in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten will also receive a small prize (limit: one prize per reading log).

# 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

## Why Read 1,000 Books?

Parents can help very young children learn early literacy skills that research has shown to be essential for learning how to read:

- *Phonological Awareness* – hearing and playing with the sounds in words,
- *Vocabulary* –expanding oral language leads to understanding written words,
- *Print Concepts* –pointing to where to begin reading, knowing the back and front of the book, knowing that a book is read from left to right, knowing author and illustrator,
- *Background Knowledge* – expanding their world through varied experiences helps children to comprehend the written word,
- *Letter Knowledge* –recognizing letters in various contexts and knowing upper and lower case names.

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## How Long Does It Take To Reach 1,000 Books?

1 book per day x 3 years = **1,095 books**

10 books per week x 2 years = **1,040 books**

3 books per day x 1 year = **1,095 books**

## Suggestions:

- Have fun! Reading together should never be a chore.
  - Take every chance you have to read with your children, tell and talk about stories, say nursery rhymes, and sing songs.
  - Read a variety of different types of stories, fiction and non-fiction. It is fine to reread a favorite book. It counts every time.
- For the very active child who will not sit next to you, read. As long as the child can hear you, count the book. He/She will know if you skip a part of a repeat book.

