



1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a national program to encourage parents, care-givers, preschools, daycares, etc. to read, read, read books to children ages 0-5.

Reading to preschoolers just 15 minutes per day will have a tremendous impact on preparing children for Kindergarten and beyond.

*Learning to read well changes lives.*

## Questions:

**May we count books we read before I registered?**

Sorry- the program begins for your family on the day you register. You only count books you read after registering.

**My child likes to read the same book over and over again. How do I count them?**

Count each time you read a book as a book read.

**May we count books that are read in Preschool, the library, or day care?**

Yes, any book that is read to your child by anyone counts.

**Do the books have to be library books?**

No, any book you read counts, whether it is a library book, your own book, your friend's book, etc.

**My child likes to listen to books on the computer/tablet/eReader, etc. May we count them?**

As long as your child listens to the whole book, it counts.

*Help us spread the word. The Pasquotank Library is registering children as well.*

# Blackwell Preschool



## Supports

## Reading

## 1000 Books

## BEFORE

## Kindergarten

**Blackwell Preschool** plans to begin registration for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten on April 25. Materials including the first record sheet will be distributed at that time. It is never too late to start reading. Registration is ongoing.

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, 50 and then 100. After the first 100 books prizes will be awarded when the next 100 are completed. Keep track of the books read by recording the titles using the app on your phone or by keeping a paper list. Return the sheets to Blackwell and/or the Library.

**Elementary Students who read to younger children are “Reading Superheroes”** when they read 25 books of the 100 to a younger child enrolled in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. They also will receive a small prize (limit: one per 100 books).

# 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 is a powerful beginning step,
- *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 are book-handling skills,
- *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 are very important skills.



## 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 different types of stories, fiction and non-fiction. It is fine to reread a favorite book. It counts every time.

You may have a very active child who will not sit next to you to read. As long as the child can hear you, count the book. Skipping a part of a repeated book will not be an option with most children, because they will notice.