

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Level 3, 201-300

WRITE

Reading and writing go hand in hand. Both represent spoken language and communicate information. Children can learn prereading skills by participating in writing activities like scribbling, drawing and forming letters. Keep paper and crayons or markers on a table that children can access easily.

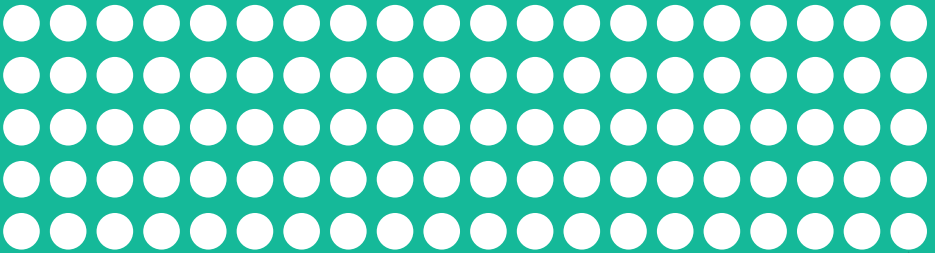


**Sea
Turtle**

Books That Support Writing:

- Books that model writing
- Books with “handwritten” lettering
- Alphabet books

Please fill in a bubble for every book read.



You have just read 300 books! Return this sheet to the library for your sticker and to begin the next level.

Fun Activities to Try at Home

Draw and tell. Ask your child to draw a picture and then tell you about what they drew. Label the picture with important words or write their description underneath the picture. This helps build oral language skills and develop vocabulary.

Trace your names. Use sand, flour or shaving cream to trace names, shapes, numbers and letters. This supports print awareness and the understanding that words have meaning.

Create a grocery list. Ask your child to make a list of groceries to get at the store. This may just look like lines and scribbles. Ask them to check items off the list as you put them in the basket. This helps support vocabulary development and knowledge about the world your child lives in.

Counting on fingers. Strengthen muscles needed for writing by helping your child count on their fingers. Read a counting book together and help them if they are unable to raise their fingers independently. Other activities that help develop fine motor skills include beading, Play-Doh and Q-tip painting.

Playing with tape. Make large letters on the floor with masking tape. Trace each letter by walking on it or rolling a toy car around the letter. This activity supports letter knowledge.

On the Go Tip: Keep a Ziploc bag with a few crayons and a small notepad in your bag and ask your child to draw what they see from their car seat or stroller when you're out and about. Not only does it keep your child busy, it's a great keepsake and a fun way to track their development!

My 5 Favorite Books:

