

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Level 6: 501-600

READ

Reading together is the single most important way you can help prepare your child to read. Starting from birth, shared reading increases vocabulary and general knowledge while helping children develop an interest in reading. Children who enjoy being read to are more likely to want to learn to read themselves.

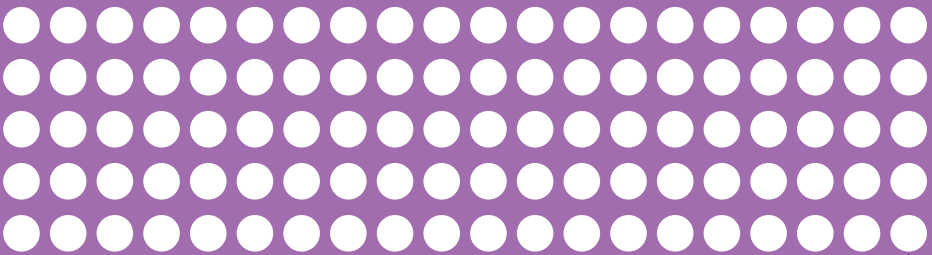


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Books That Support Reading:

- Books that follow your child's interests
- Books with fun, colorful illustrations
- Lift-the-flap
- Non-fiction

Please fill in a bubble for every book read.



You have just read 600 books! Return this sheet to the library for your sticker and to begin the next level.

Fun Activities to Try at Home

Make reading a part of your daily routine. Bedtime is a great time to share books and bond with your child, but reading outside provides a multi-sensory experience and shows your child that reading can be enjoyed anytime, anywhere.

One more time? If your child has a favorite story, try reading it again. Repetitious reading reinforces memory skills, sequencing skills and increases vocabulary. Every reading can lead to new discoveries.

Read a non-fiction book. Does your child love dinosaurs, space or nature? The library has many options for even our youngest readers. Try doing a "picture-walk" and talk about the pictures on the page and what is happening. This builds prereading and vocabulary skills.

Try recorded books. The library offers many children's books with read-aloud or read-along options. It's a fun and exciting way to try a new book.

Letter craft. Use colorful Popsicle sticks with Velcro dots attached on the ends to make letters. See how many letters or shapes you can make. Keep the Popsicle sticks in a Ziploc bag so you can create an on the go kit.

On the Go Tip: Relate the things that you are doing as you spend the day together to things that happen in your child's favorite books. "We're going to the zoo just like Maisy did in the book you like. What did Maisy do at the zoo? Should we do that too?"

My 5 Favorite Books:

