



# INFORMATION SHEET

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN



## Welcome to 1000 Books Before Kindergarten!

*This free program encourages you to read 1000 books with your child before they start school. It is designed for children ages birth through five years.*



### Why do we do this?



The landmark ***Becoming a Nation of Readers*** report from 1985 concluded that “the single most important activity for building knowledge for their eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children.”

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/why-reading-aloud-to-kids-helps-them-thrive>

A two-decade long study found that the mere presence of a home library increases children’s academic success, vocabulary development, attention and job attainment.

<https://www.jcfs.org/blog/importance-having-books-your-home>

***We do this program in encourage active use of borrowing reading material to bring into your home and to reinforce the benefits of reading aloud daily with your child.***

- Pick up a folder at the library with all the information.
- Fill out the registration form in the folder and return it to Ms. Ada. If you wish to keep an electronic list of books read, you can also register for this challenge at [antigopl.beanstack.org](http://antigopl.beanstack.org). This is a great way to get familiar with the app your child will use for our summer reading challenges once they start school.
- Come to the library regularly and check out lots of great books. Every time you read a book let your child color a circle on their chart. If you read the same book twice - it counts twice! You can also count books you have at home or borrow from a friend! Anything counts. You have 10 charts with 100 circles on each in your folder.
- Once your child has finished 5 of their charts, bring those to the library to get a free book and have Ms. Ada add a laminated cut out to our 500-Book Club window. They are halfway done!
- After you have finished all 10 charts, come into the library for another free book and a certificate of completion. You have given your child a lifetime gift of the love of reading.