

1000 Books Before Kindergarten



Program Overview

The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a free, nationwide challenge that encourages parents and caregivers to regularly read aloud to their newborns, infants, or toddlers. **Research shows that the most reliable predictor of school success is being read to during early childhood.** Reading with your child develops vocabulary, increases interest in printed words, and instills a positive attitude about reading. These important skills are the key to learning to read easily and successfully. Sharing books with your child from birth can prepare children to enter kindergarten with the skills they need to succeed. **Most importantly, sharing books with children promotes a lifelong love of books and reading!**

How It Works



- Any child from birth to Kindergarten is eligible.
- **Sign up at the library or online at www.lemars.lib.ia.us**
- Pick up or download the reading log and color in one book for each title read.
- After each 100 books is read, bring your log to the library and receive a small prize.
- After finishing 1000 books, your child will receive a free book along with an awesome jumpstart on success in school!

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I read 1000 books?

It's easier than you think...

If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read 365 books in one year—that's 730 books in two years and 1095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around five, you have more time than you think.

Do I have to read books from the Le Mars Public Library?

No, you can read books from anywhere - your home, the doctor's office, preschool, grandma's house, other libraries.

I read the same story every night to my child. Can I count that book more than once?

Yes! Repetition improves comprehension.

I have more than one child I read to. Can I count the same title for each child?

Of course you can!

Can I count books that are read at Story Time?

Absolutely! The librarian usually reads 3-4 books.

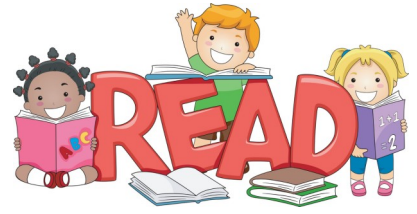
When I don't have time to read to my child, I sometimes let her listen to a book on CD. Can I add that to her list?

Sure! And did you know the library subscribes to an online collection of animated, talking picture books called *Tumblebooks*? These qualify also and may be accessed from the home page of our website using your library card number.

My older children like to read to their younger siblings. Can I count those books?

Count any books that are read to your child, no matter who reads the books. It can be a brother, sister, grandparent, babysitter, teacher, etc. As long as they hear the entire story, you can count it.

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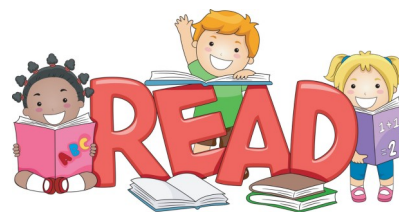
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My Favorite Books:

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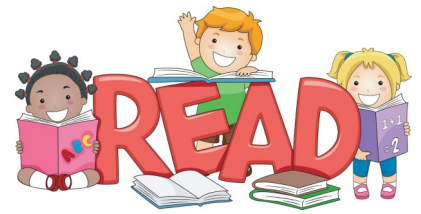
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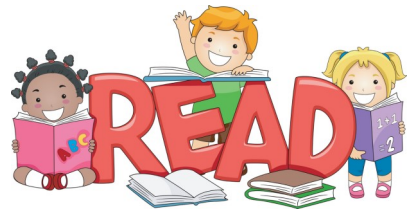
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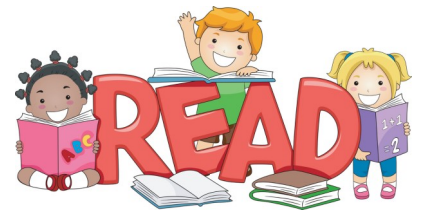
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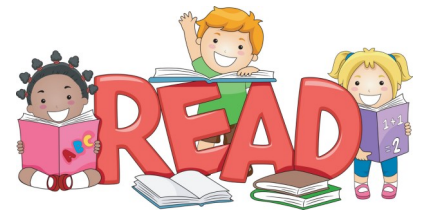
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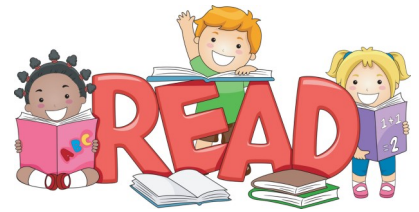
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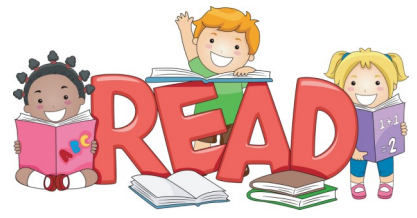
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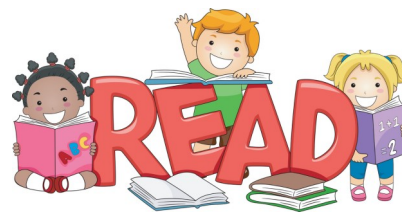
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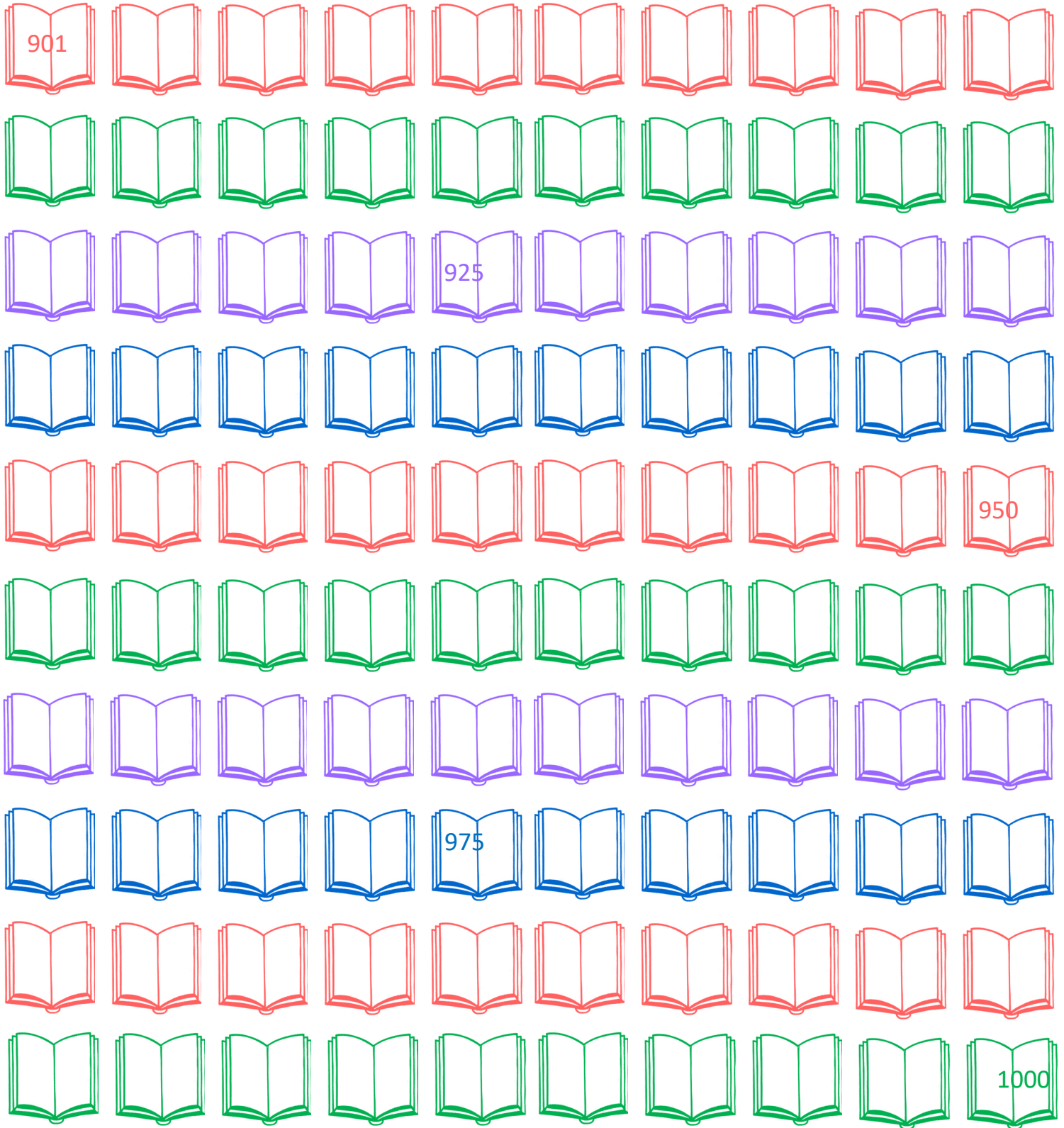
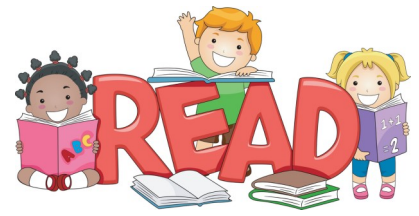
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