1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Pleasant Grove Library

Experts tell us that children need to hear a thousand stories read aloud before they begin to learn to read for themselves.

Mem Fox, *Reading Magic*

How the program works:

1. Register at Pleasant Grove Library. You will receive a reading log.
2. Color a circle on the log for every book you read.
3. After you have read 100 books, take your reading log to the library. You will receive a tote bag and a new reading log.
4. For each reading log you complete, you will receive a small prize.
5. When you have read 1,000 books, you will receive a certificate and a free book. You will also be eligible to attend a celebration activity at the library.

If you read three books a day to your child, in just one year you will have read 1,095 books!

You have several years to complete the program.

What if I don't know which books to read?

The children's librarians will gladly help you choose some books. You will be given a list when you register for the program.

What if my child wants to read the same book over and over?

Repetition is key to learning. Each time you read a book, it counts. If you read the same book 5 times, color 5 circles.

Can I log the books my child hears in storytime?

Yes! Every book your child hears counts for this program.

Questions?

801-785-3950
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The concept is simple: read a book to your newborn, infant, or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books before your child starts kindergarten. Does that idea sound hard? If you read just one book each day, you will have read 365 books in a year. That's 730 books in two years and 1,095 in three years. Since most kids start kindergarten at age 5, you will have plenty of time. And, do you know any kids who will allow you to stop reading after just one book?

The key is to read every day. Reading to your child can be the highlight of your day. It's a wonderful way to bond with your child!

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