



# 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are looking forward to you and your little one to participating in *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* through the Mancos Public Library. This is a free, nation-wide program aimed at supporting early literacy development in children birth to kindergarten through adult-child read alouds. Building a love of reading in the first years of life is crucial in creating lifelong learners. Joining the program is free and easy: email our children's librarian to register ([jhartline@mancoslibrary.org](mailto:jhartline@mancoslibrary.org)) and download/print the materials from the library's website.

## **How does *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* work?**

Every book you read with your kiddo counts, including repeats!! Color in a flower on the sheet provided in your packet for each book read together. For each 100 books read, please email our children's librarian with an update. Then, print out the next reading log and keep moving toward the 1,000 book goal. *Once you and your kiddo have reached 1,000 books we'll celebrate with a certificate of completion and a new book to take home!!*

## **Who can participate?**

Any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten can participate in *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten*.

## **How many of my children can participate?**

All of them (provided they have not yet started kindergarten)! Reading together as a family is a great way to engage this program!!

## **How long will the program take?**

The program will take anywhere from a few months to a few years...it's completely self paced!! The rate of completion is dependent upon how often you read together.

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