



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Tips, Resources, Ideas

- Visit the official 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten website at <https://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org/resources/>
 - Print out Reading Log Sheets for each 100 books milestone.
 - Print out the “I Read xxx Books!” posters to take pictures to post on Facebook.
 - Use fillable Certificate of Completion pdf for kids who reach 1,000 books.

- Visit the American Academy of Pediatrics’ “Books Build Connections Toolkit” to print out parental guidance on how to share books with children at various ages. Include the age appropriate guidance in their folders. <https://www.aap.org/en-us/literacy/Pages/default.aspx>

- Visit Demco for free downloadable resources as well as stickers, posters, bookmarks, and a Milestone Wall for purchase. [https://www.demco.com/goto?1000 books](https://www.demco.com/goto?1000%20books)

- Make the program fit your library’s budget. When kids sign up for our program, they pick out a folder (animals, monsters, etc...) which contains the welcome letter, the first reading log, an educational bookmark for the parents, an age-specific guide from the AAP on how to share books with children, and a browsing bag for carrying library books. When milestones are met, we take their pictures with the “I Read xxx Books!” poster and post them on Facebook, along with a little note about their favorite books. We also give them a Reading Milestone sticker (Demco) and let them pick an animal sticker. (The parents like the milestone stickers; the kids are more excited about choosing animal stickers.) We move their pictures to the appropriate spot on our library’s Milestone Wall and on our webpage. <http://www.custercountylibrary.org/library-info/1000-books> When kids reach the 1,000 books goal, we give them a \$20 gift card to BAM. The newspaper also interviews the family and writes a story about their journey to 1,000 Books.