



reads before kindergarten

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the 1000 Reads before Kindergarten challenge?

1000 Reads Before Kindergarten is a fun, easy and free early literacy program for families with children ages 0-5. The goal is to read 1000 books together before the start of kindergarten.

2. How do I sign up?

You can join anytime, anywhere by registering for an account on the Beanstack Tracker App and signing up for the Challenge. You can also participate by tracking your reading using the Challenge log sheets.

3. Do we have to read specific books and do they have to be from the library?

You and your child can read anything you choose! Toronto Public Library has thousands of books in many different languages and formats that you can order online and borrow. You can also read any book from home or anywhere else. Not sure where to start? Check out the 1000 Reads Before Kindergarten Reading List: 100 books to get you started. We want to make it easy for your family to have fun reading!

4. Do we have to keep track of each title we read?

You can keep track of the titles you read, but it is not required. Tracking the titles is fun and easy with the Beanstack Tracker App. Easily view all of the books you have logged, and celebrate with your child as you earn badges for reading milestones.

5. Do books read more than once count towards the 1000 reads goal?

Yes! You can read the same book multiple times and it will count as multiple books read. Repetition helps children learn and reading the same story offers kids something new each time they hear it. It also creates a comforting and pleasurable experience for your child.

6. Who can participate in the program?

The Challenge is designed for parents or caregivers and their children ages 0-5 who have not started kindergarten.