

## WHERE SHOULD WE START?

BB BEE	<i>Love Makes a Family</i>
BB PIP	<i>Hey, Baby!</i>
BB VAN	<i>May We Have Enough to Share</i>
ET BOS	<i>Five on the Bed</i>
ET SHI	<i>Who Has Wiggle-Waggle Toes?</i>
E ARC	<i>Daniel Finds a Poem</i>
E CAB	<i>The Wheels on the Bus</i>
E COT	<i>Can I Play Too?</i>
E GRI	<i>Bedtime for Sweet Creatures</i>
E THO	<i>Your Name is a Song</i>



## CAN WE SHARE OUR PROGRESS?

Yes, please! Find us on Facebook and Twitter, and keep us updated on your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten journey using the hashtag **#1000BksB4Kdg**.

- ♦ Share simple text updates.
- ♦ Send us pictures of you and your little reader enjoying a story together.



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*“Reading aloud to my [child] was a fabulous experience. We bonded through all sorts of marvelous books. We came to know and love each other better through the variety of stories we shared. I hadn’t realized that reading aloud regularly would mean that [my child] would learn to read without being taught. It was enough just to be together.” – Mem Fox, Reading Magic*

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## WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?

Experts believe that children need to hear 1,000 stories before they start kindergarten. We will help you achieve that goal, and celebrate you and your child every step of the way. Children of any age who have not yet started kindergarten - and their grown-ups, of course - are encouraged to participate!



### ARE THERE RULES LIMITING THE BOOKS WE CAN READ?

No! Any book counts.

- ◇ Repeated reading (reading the same book over and over again) is more than okay: it's encouraged! Hearing the same story more than once helps children develop vocabulary and narrative skills, and knowing what to expect allows them to feel like part of the reading.
- ◇ While we hope that many of the books you read together will come from Schlow, books from your personal collection certainly count, too.

### CAN MY CHILD'S OLDER SIBLINGS PARTICIPATE, TOO?



Absolutely! Any older child who reads with a 1,000BBK participant is a **Reading Ranger**! Each Reading Ranger who reads at least 35 books per Log Sheet will also receive a small prize (limit: one prize per 100 books). The RR is responsible for helping to color or writing their initials next to the 35 (or more!) pictures that correspond to the books shared with the little reader.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

- ◇ Stop by the Children's Desk to register your little reader and pick up the first Log Sheet. Each sheet has room for 100 books.
- ◇ Stock up on books! The Children's Department staff is here to support you; we have plenty of recommendations to share.
- ◇ Read with your child whenever and wherever possible. Take a look at this chart to determine how many books you'll need to read, based on your child's age at the start of the program:

CHILD'S AGE	NUMBER OF BOOKS TO READ PER DAY (AT THE
0	1
1	1
2	1
3	2
4	3



- ◇ For each book that you read together, color in one of the little pictures on your Log Sheet. **No titles necessary, and no deadline!** As long as you reach 1,000 books before your child's first day of Kindergarten, you will accomplish the goal.
- ◇ When your Log Sheet is complete, bring it to the Children's Desk and exchange it for the next one. Your child will receive a small prize (sticker, bookmark, etc.), and choose a woodland creature to proudly display in our Forest of Fantastic Readers.
- ◇ When you have completed Log Sheet 901 - 1,000...CELEBRATE! You did it! Bring your last Log Sheet to the Children's Desk to add your final animal to the Forest and receive a special prize. Your child will also be honored with a personalized book plate in a Children's Department book!
- ◇ Don't stop reading! Each story you share will benefit your child.