

## 1,000 Books Before KINDERGARTEN

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## Books 101-200

**History and Every Child Ready to Read** - In 1991, the Carnegie Foundation reported that 35% of children in the United States enter public schools with low levels of the skills and motivation that are

necessary for a starting point in our current education system. These children are at substantial risk for early academic difficulties. The relationship between the skills with which children enter school and their later academic performance is strikingly noticeable. Knowledge of the alphabet at the entry into kindergarten is a strong predictor of reading ability in 10th grade. Typically, children who start school behind stay behind.

Current research on early literacy and brain development indicates that it is never too early to prepare children for success as readers. Parents and caregivers of newborns, toddlers, and preschoolers are their children's first teacher.

As your child's first teacher, there are five simple but powerful practices that can be integrated into everyday activities to help children learn early literacy skills. **These five practices are singing, talking, reading, writing, and playing.** 

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**SINGING** - Singing slows down language so children can hear the smaller sounds in words and often introduces new words to the vocabulary.



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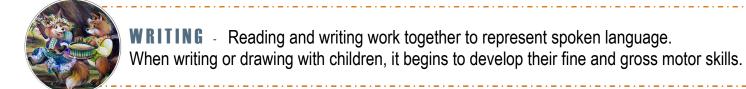
**TALKING** - Talking to children will help them understand what they read later. Ask open-ended questions, tell and retell stories, and talk about lots of different concepts.

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**READING** - Shared reading or interactive reading is the single most important activity to help children get ready to read.



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**PLAYING** - Symbolic play (using one object to represent another), dramatic play (acting out and retelling stories) and roleplaying help children develop language.



**GETTING READY TO READ** - Let your child see you reading. Show them some pictures, too. When you read a newspaper or magazine, read parts to your child. Smile as you read aloud.



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