



Road to Reading

Frequently Asked Questions

Is reading 1,000 books before kindergarten a realistic expectation?

Yes, 1,000 books is a very reasonable number of books to have enjoyed before kindergarten. To put that number in perspective, if you read only one bedtime story every night for three years, you will have read 1,095 books! If you read 10 books each week for two years, you will have read 1,040 books.

Do we have to read books only from the Muskego Public Library?

No, you can read books from anywhere: your home, the doctor's office, preschool, Grandma's house, daycare, the bookstore, and other libraries. All books are fair game!

I read the same story every night to my child. Can I count that book more than once?

Yes! There is inherent educational value in repetition. You may record a book every time you read it to your child.

I have more than one child I read to. Can I count the same title for each child?

Of course you can! And if your older, independently reading child reads aloud to your child who is signed up for this program, you can also count that.

Can I count books that are read at library storytimes?

Yes, you may count those as well, even if your little one has a hard time sitting still for the reading!

What about the books that my 3K/4K preschooler hears at school from teachers?

Those count, too!

When I don't have time to read to my child, I sometimes let her listen to a book on CD. Can I add that to her list?

A big component of 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is the interaction and time that you share with your child, so while audiobooks are a great resource, please don't count them toward your total.

My Child "reads" books on their own. Should I count those?

While it's a great start to reading, if your child is only pretending to read, you shouldn't count it. Play-reading helps your child build important print awareness skills, so it should definitely be encouraged, but not counted toward your goal.

My older children like to read to their younger siblings. Can I count those books?

Count any books that are read to your child, no matter who reads the books. It can be a brother, sister, grandparent, babysitter, teacher, etc. We're not picky!

