

Early Literacy

Why is early literacy so important?

Early literacy (reading and writing) is the natural development of skills through the enjoyment of books, the importance of positive interactions between babies and parents, and the critical role of literacy-rich experiences.

- ALA (American Library Association)



An early love of reading is the number one predictor of educational success!

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Did you know?

- Literacy development begins at birth and is closely linked to a baby's earliest experiences with books and stories.
- Babies learn language through social literacy experiences - parents interacting with them using books. These experiences also serve to associate books with parental affection, attention, and approval.



Children who are read to at least 3 times a week are:

- Two times more likely to recognize all letters.
- Two times more likely to have word-sight recognition.
- Two times more likely to understand words in context.

1000 Books

Before

Kindergarten

The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your infant, toddler, or preschool child. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes, you can repeat books) before your child completes kindergarten. Track your progress with our coloring sheet and earn prizes with each goal you reach. Sign up with a Kimball Library children's librarian today!



SIGN UP TO RECEIVE:

- Your 100 book tracking color sheet
- A journal to write down titles and activities of the day

AFTER 100 BOOKS

RECEIVE:

- Next 100 book tracking coloring sheet
- Cord for brag tags
- Sticker
- 100 book brag tag



AFTER 500 BOOKS

RECEIVE:

- Book bag
- Another brag tag
- Another sticker



REACH 1000 BOOKS

Make an appointment with Miss Katie or Ms. Kathy to get your name on our electronic sign, receive your certificate, and get your free book!

