

# 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

## Examples of Early Literacy Moments

- Learn a new letter.
- Think of two or more words that rhyme.
- Talk to an adult about the cars and trucks that you see driving by.
- Sing a song about something that you are eating.
- Model reading a story to a younger sibling or friend.
- Move like your favorite animal.
- Learn a Mother Goose rhyme.
- Find objects around your house that start with the first letter of your first name.
- Clap out the syllables in your name.
- Draw a picture of yourself reading a book.
- Go for a walk with a grownup and find things that start with the letters "B," "G," and "M."
- Show your favorite book to one of your stuffed animals, turning each page and showing the pictures.
- Help measure ingredients for a recipe.
- Have your parent or caregiver sing their favorite song.
- Help gather utensils used for baking/cooking.
- Identify fruits or vegetables at the store by name or color.
- Count how many steps there are from your door to your car.
- Have an adult read with expression, using different voices for different characters.
- Tell an adult what happened on a special day, such as a holiday, birthday, or on a family vacation.
- Identify body parts while getting dressed, undressed, or bathing.
- Point out colors and words on road signs.
- Discuss the parts of a book with a grownup. Where is the front of the book? Where does the story start? Who is the author? As your grownup reads, they can move their finger under the words, to show how the words move across the page.
- Discuss the difference between "real" and "make believe."
- Build your name with items from nature like sticks, stones, shells, or feathers.
- Create a scrapbook. Use safety scissors to cut out pictures of people and places from old magazines.
- Ask an adult to read cereal boxes or the packages of your favorite snacks.
- Point out the letters in your name that you see around town or in signs.
- Watch an adult write a shopping or to-do list. Ask the adult to say the words aloud as they write them.
- Read a wordless picture book. Make up a story to go along with the pictures.
- Take a nature walk and talk about the colors you see.
- Plant seeds and talk about the steps you take as you as planting.
- Play with playdough.
- Build with blocks.
- Scoop, dig, and build in a sandbox.
- Make a list with an adult before going grocery shopping.
- Use shaving cream on a table to write your ABCs.
- Jump and count to ten.
- Finger paint.
- Draw imaginary pets and give them funny names.
- Recite or sing nursery rhymes.
- Play with an alphabet puzzle.
- Act out your favorite fairytale.
- Practice animal sounds.
- Dictate (retell) a story to someone else.
- Get a library card!
- Look at pictures and learn new words.
- Have a grownup read you a poem.
- Learn a knock-knock joke.
- Create a tower using plastic cups.
- Sing "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes."

