#### Level 2

Welcome to the East Morgan County Library's "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program! Studies have shown that the more books that are read to a child before kindergarten, the better that child does in school. We also believe that it is important to start early in a child's life to foster a love of reading. What better way than to snuggle together with books? It is never too late to start! As you start reading to your child, you will find some that become their favorites. It is okay to read books over again, but it is also important to introduce new books to the child. While it is extremely important for mommy and daddy to read to a little one; it is also very helpful and fun to have an older child, such as a sibling, read to the young child. This helps model the importance of reading to young children, as they see older kids and adults reading as well.

If your child is less than a year old you only need to read about one book every other day. If your child is four years old, you can read two books a day and still have 1,000 books before kindergarten. We hope to make this easier with this packet. Simply follow the instructions below:

- 1) Sign up at the front desk and receive your first packet. This step is already complete!
- 2) Fill out the information as you read each book. It is okay to read a book more than once, but also remember to introduce new books.
- 3) When the first 100 books have been read, return it to the library. You will receive a prize and your second packet.
- 4) After you have completed all the levels and have read 1,000 books, EMCL will have a special prize for you and your little one!
- 5) If it is easier for you, we also have books with CD's as well as bilingual books.
- 6) If you need any pointers on reading to your little one, or have any questions feel free to ask at the front desk, or call us at 842-4596.

# Congratulations!

## is on the way to reading 1,000 books!

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