



# 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

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# WELCOME!

## Dear Grownups:

Thank you for registering your child for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten! We applaud you; reading books with your child is a great investment in their future and provides a great opportunity for bonding. Reading together is fun and will create lifelong memories for both of you. Children who are exposed to more books more often, and who have positive literacy experiences with loving grownups, are receiving “the neurological groundwork for effective language use and literacy” (from the Child Mind Institute).

## Nuts and bolts

- ◉ Read any book to your newborn, infant, toddler or preschooler.
- ◉ Log books in Beanstack or in this booklet.
- ◉ At each 100 books logged, visit your favorite Fort Worth Public Library location to receive a stamp.
- ◉ Pick up fun prizes after 250 books, 500 books, and 750 books.
- ◉ When you complete 1,000 books, your child will receive a medal.

It may sound difficult to read 1,000 books before kindergarten, but if you read just one book a night, you can finish in three years. You can count repeat readings, so if your little one needs to hear “Goodnight Goodnight Construction Site” three times before bed, that counts as three books. You can count any book your child hears, which includes books read by older siblings and other family members, and books read in library story times or at daycare.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Who can participate in this program?

Any child from birth until entering kindergarten can participate in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

### How long will the program take?

The program will take anywhere from a few months to a few years. The program is self-paced and will depend on how often you read together.

### How many of my children can participate?

All of them (provided they have not yet started kindergarten). Make it even more fun and read as a family!



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# NOT SURE WHERE TO START?

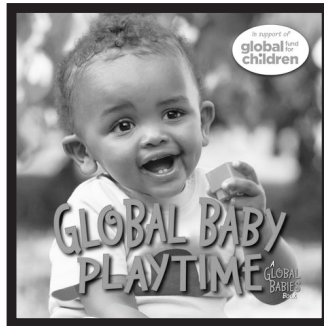
Here are a few titles hand-chosen by our librarians. For more, visit [fwpl.info/1000books](http://fwpl.info/1000books)

## 0-18 months

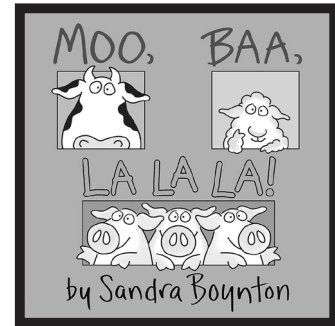
Great books for babies include high contrast, baby faces, touch and feel, and books with animal sounds.



Animals  
by Chiara Piroddi



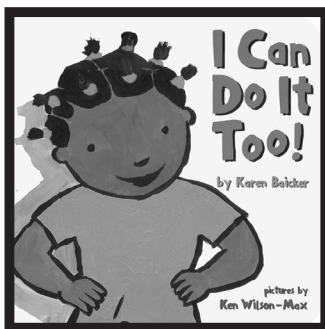
Global Baby Playtime  
by Maya Ajmera



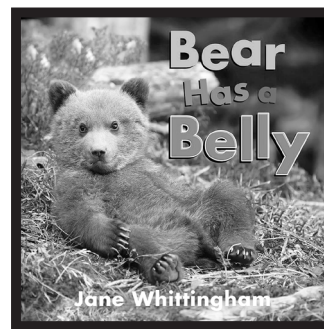
Moo, Baa, La La La  
by Sandra Boynton

## 18-36 months

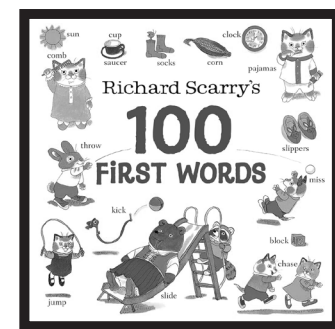
Great books for toddlers include predictable books with repeating text, rhyming books, and vocabulary-building books.



I Can Do It Too!  
by Karen Baicker



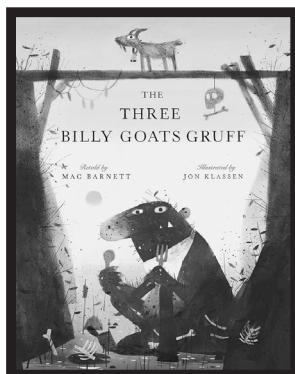
Bear Has a Belly  
by Jane Whittingham



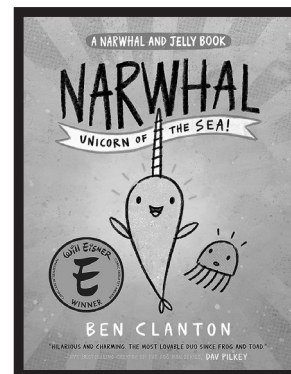
Richard Scarry's  
100 First Words

## 3-5 years

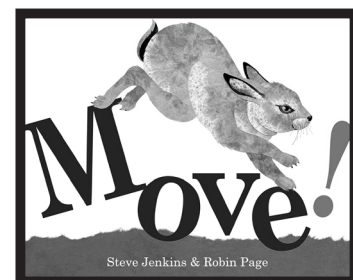
Great books for preschoolers include folk tales, funny books, and nonfiction.



The Three Billy Goats Gruff  
retold by Mac Barnett,  
ill. Jon Klassen



Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea  
by Ben Clanton



Move!  
by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page

# ¡BIENVENIDO!

## Queridos adultos:

¡Gracias por registrar a su hijo en 1,000 libros antes del Kinder! Te aplaudimos; Leer libros con su hijo es una gran inversión en su futuro y brinda una gran oportunidad para establecer vínculos afectivos. Leer juntos es divertido y creará recuerdos para toda la vida para ambos. Los niños que están expuestos a más libros con más frecuencia y que tienen experiencias positivas de alfabetización con adultos amorosos, están recibiendo “las bases neurológicas para el uso efectivo del lenguaje y la alfabetización” (del Child Mind Institute).

## Tuercas y tornillos

- 🔩 Léale cualquier libro a su recién nacido, bebé, niño pequeño o preescolar.
- 🔩 Registre los libros en Beanstack o en este folleto.
- 🔩 Por cada 100 libros registrados, visite su ubicación favorita de la Biblioteca Pública de Fort Worth para recibir un sello.
- 🔩 Obtenga premios divertidos después de 250 libros, 500 libros y 750 libros.
- 🔩 Cuando complete 1000 libros, su hijo recibirá una medalla.

Puede parecer difícil leer 1000 libros antes del Kinder, pero si lees solo un libro por la noche, puedes terminarlo en tres años. Puede contar las lecturas repetidas, de modo que si su pequeño necesita escuchar “Buenas Noches, Buenas Noches, Sitio de Construcción” tres veces antes de acostarse, eso cuenta como tres libros. Puede contar cualquier libro que escuche su hijo, lo que incluye libros leídos por hermanos mayores y otros miembros de la familia, y libros leídos en la hora de cuentos de la biblioteca o en la guardería.

## PREGUNTAS FRECUENTES

### ¿Quién puede participar en este programa?

Cualquier niño desde que nace hasta que ingresa al Kinder puede participar en el programa 1,000 libros antes del Kinder.

### ¿Cuánto tiempo durará el programa?

El programa durará desde unos pocos meses hasta algunos años. El programa es a su propio ritmo y dependerá de la frecuencia con la que lean juntos.

### ¿Cuántos de mis hijos pueden participar?

Todos ellos (siempre que aún no hayan ingresado en el Kinder). ¡Será aún más divertido leer en familia!



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# ¿NO ESTÁS SEGURO POR DÓNDE EMPEZAR?

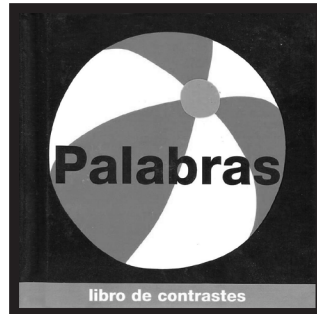
Aquí encontrará algunos títulos seleccionados por nuestros bibliotecarios.  
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## 0-18 meses

Algunos libros excelentes para bebés incluyen alto contraste, caras de bebé, tacto y sensación y libros con sonidos de animales.



Bebés del mundo  
por Eida del Risco



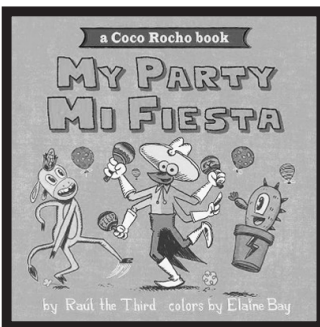
Palabras: libro de contrastes  
por Roger Priddy



Abre la puerta del granero...  
por Christopher Santoro

## 18-36 meses

Algunos libros excelentes para niños pequeños incluyen libros predecibles con texto repetido, libros que riman y libros para desarrollar vocabulario.



My Party, Mi Fiesta  
por Raúl the Third



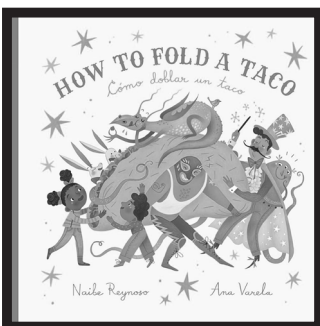
Oso pardo, oso pardo, ¿qué ves ahí?  
por Bill Martin, Jr.



First 100 words in English & Spanish  
por Patty Rodriguez

## 3-5 ans

Algunos libros excelentes para niños en edad preescolar incluyen cuentos populares, libros divertidos y no ficción.



How to Fold a Taco:  
Como Doblar Un Taco  
por Naibe Reynoso

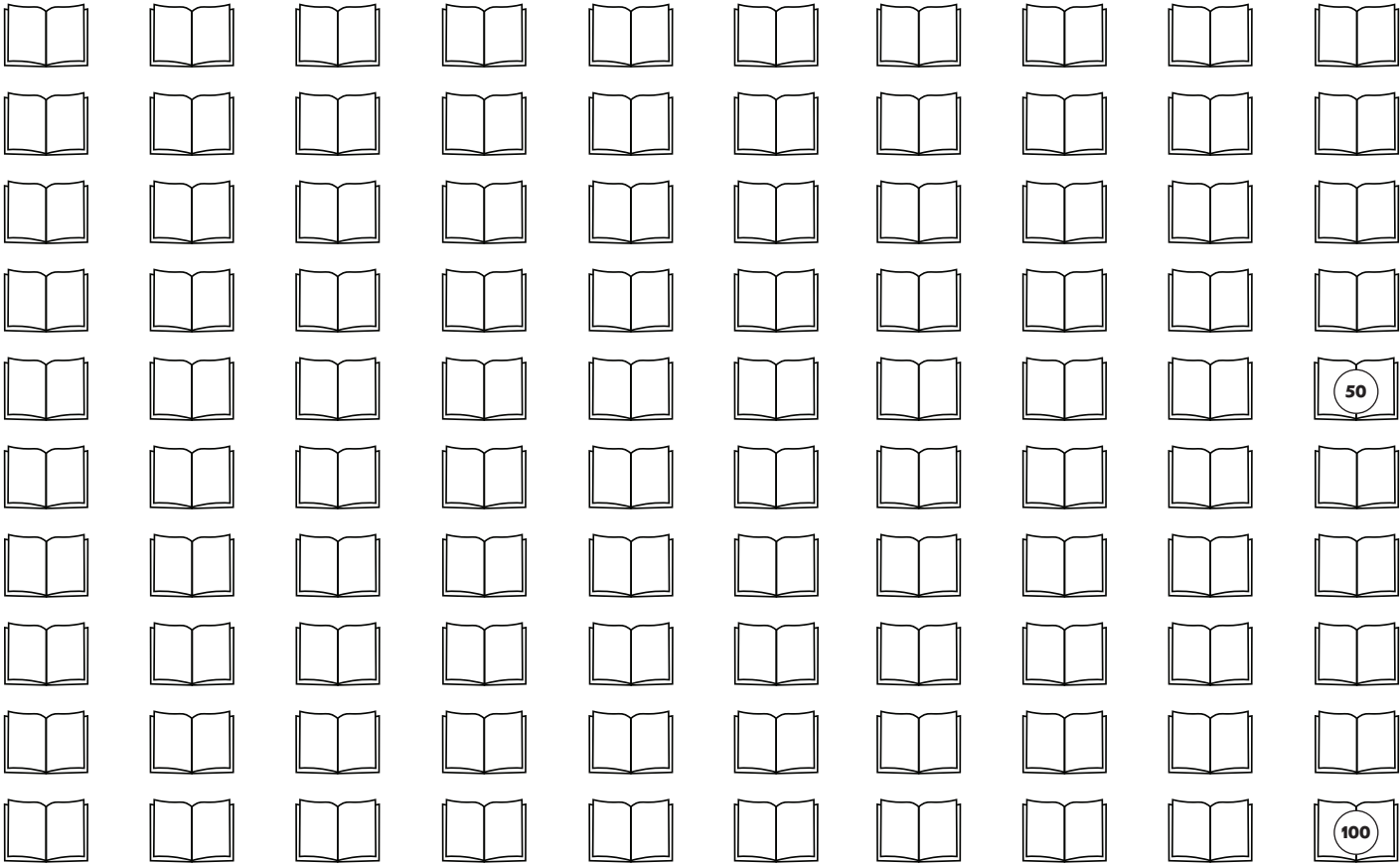


La selva de Zonia  
por Juana Martínez-Neal



Instrucciones para que el  
hipopótamo duerma solo  
por Nilda Lacabe

**READY TO GET STARTED?** Color a book each time you read to your little one and document your reading highlights below. For every 100 books, receive a completion stamp at your nearest Fort Worth Public Library.



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We read that book \_\_\_\_\_ times.

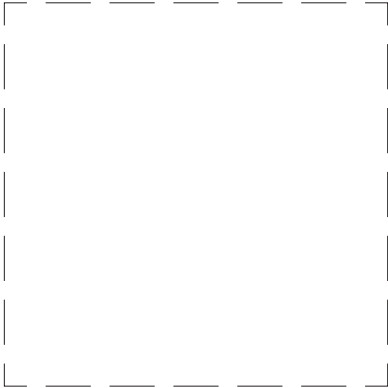
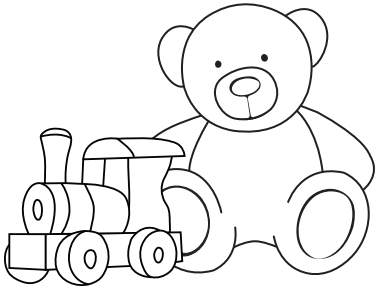
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Who I read with: \_\_\_\_\_

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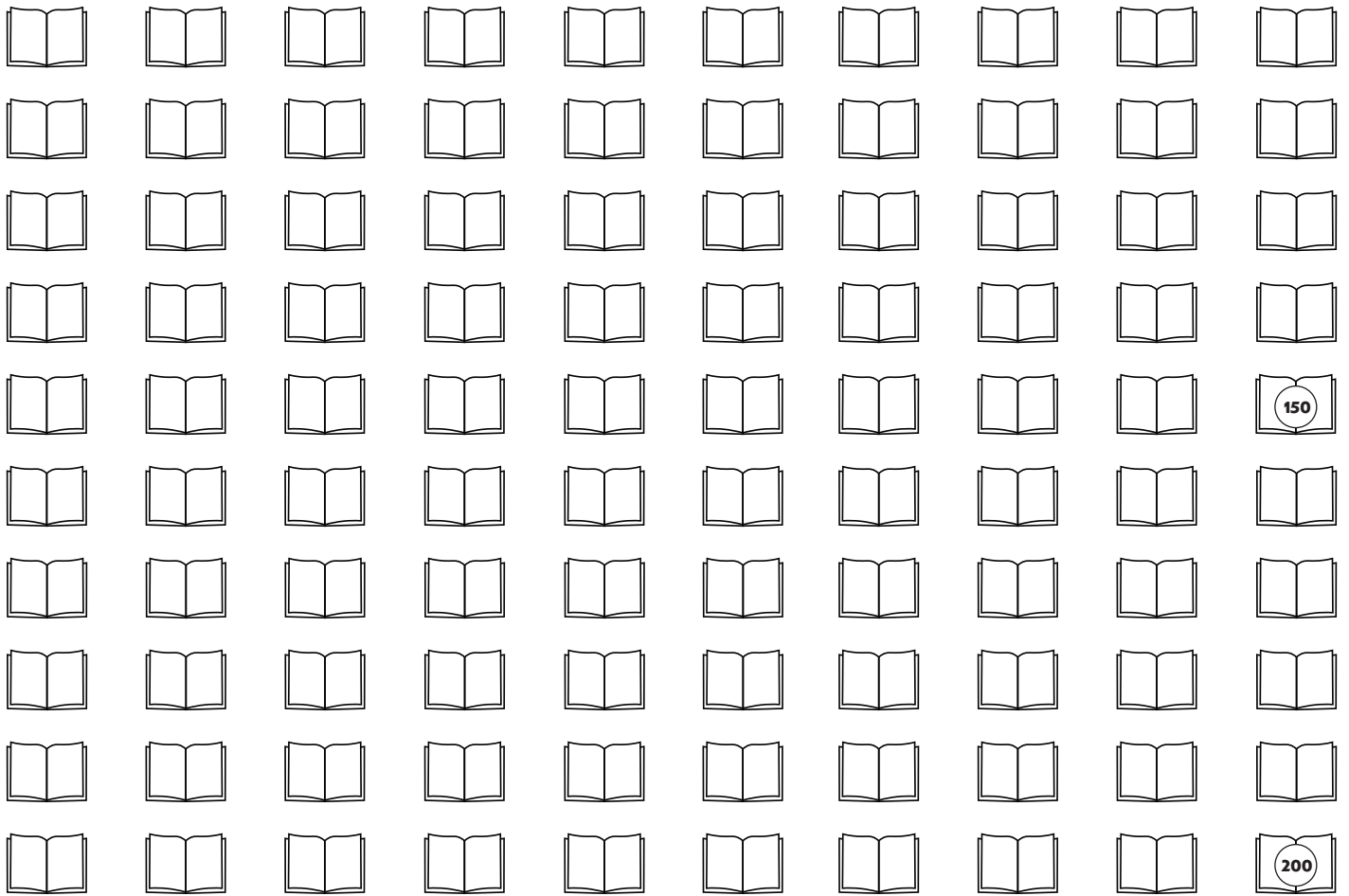
I picked out a new book at the library

Which library did you visit? \_\_\_\_\_



**LITERACY TIP** You are already doing a great job making literacy a priority by signing up for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten! Continue to build your child's interest by letting them know how much you enjoy reading, and especially reading with them!

Visit your nearest library to receive a stamp!



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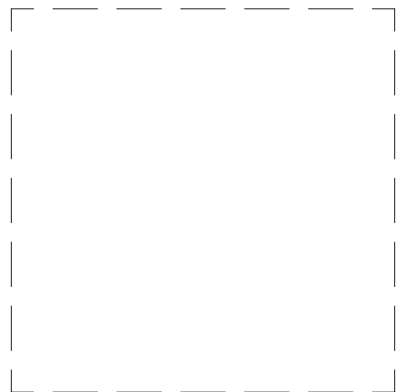
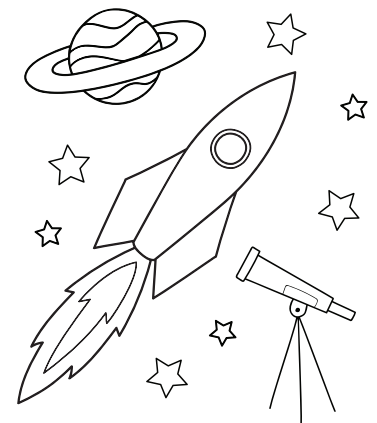
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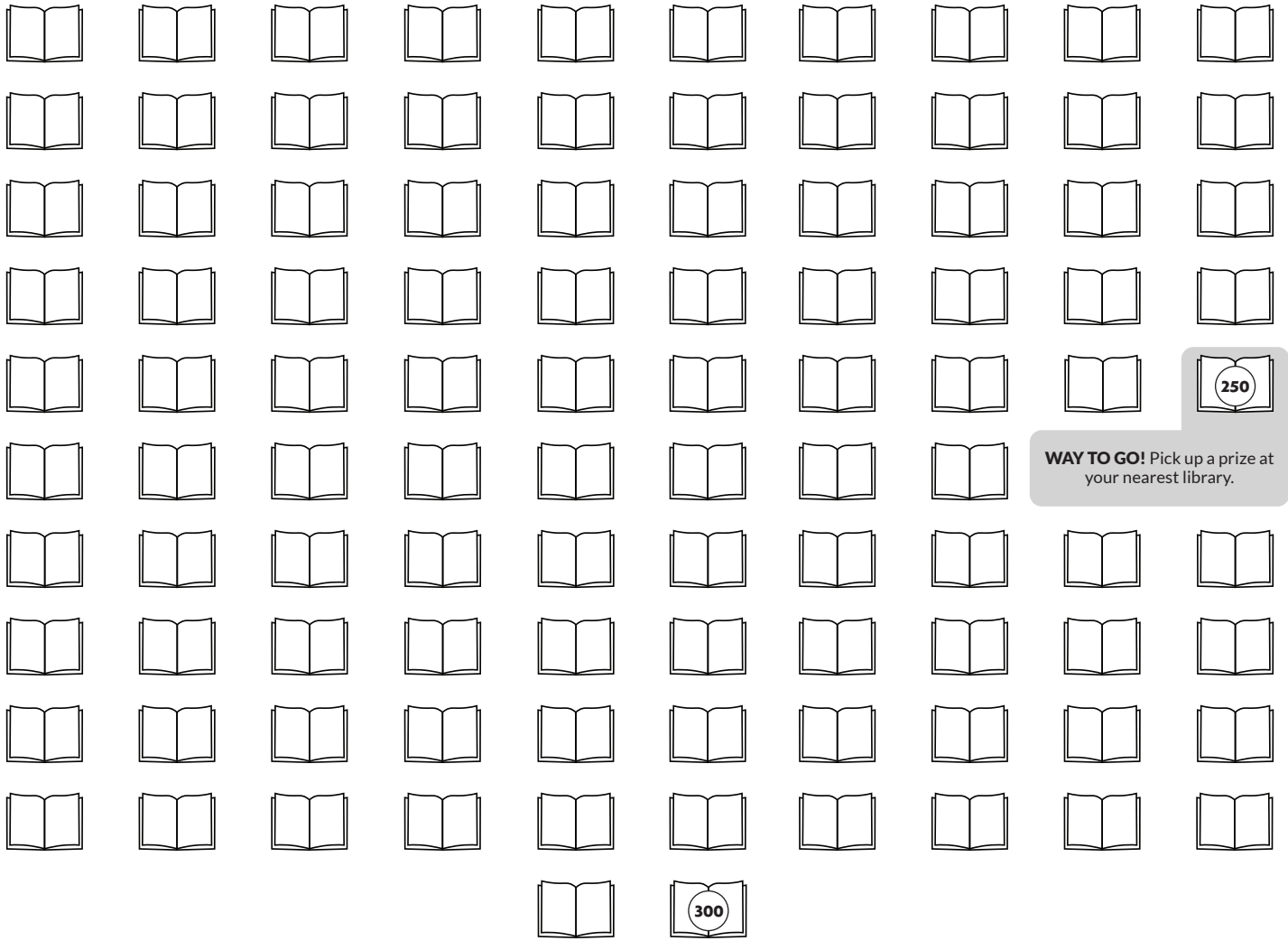
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**LITERACY TIP** It's never too early to start reading with your child. Don't be alarmed when baby wants to explore a board book with their mouth- that's totally normal! They are playing and interacting just as they would with any toy.

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**WAY TO GO!** Pick up a prize at your nearest library.

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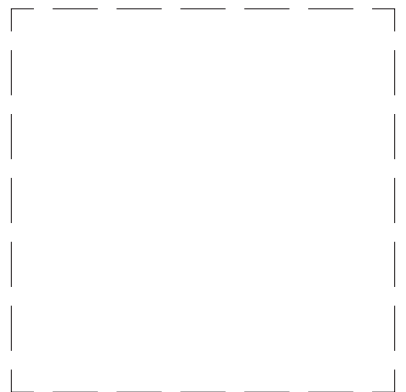
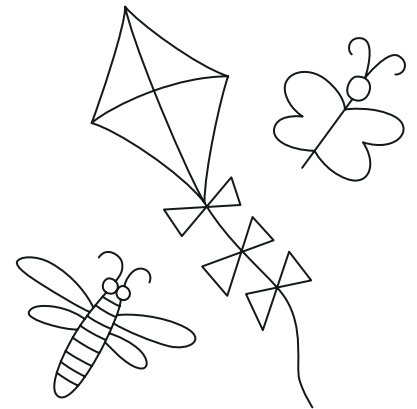
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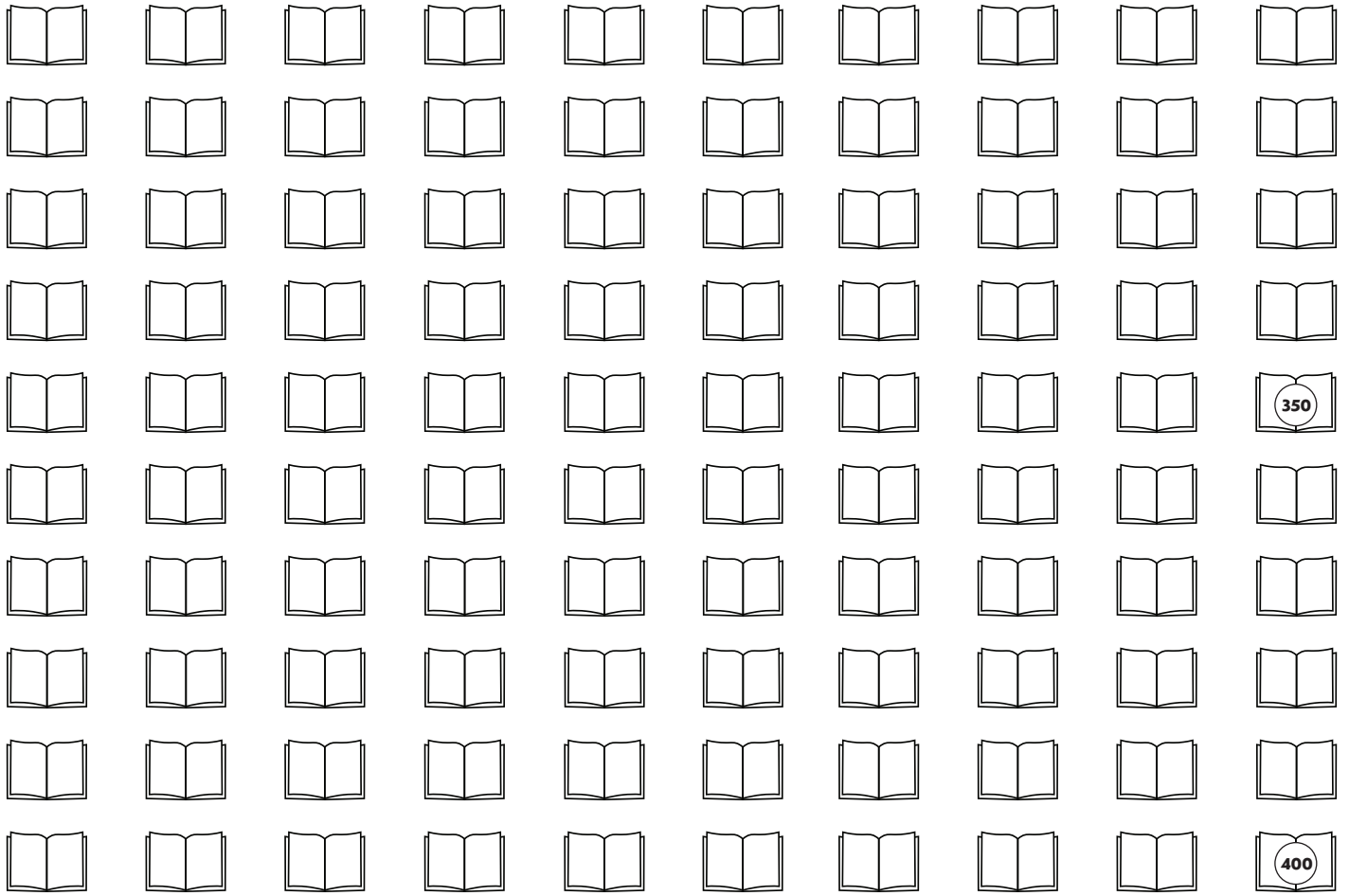
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**LITERACY TIP** As you read books with your children, even babies, they may try turning the pages themselves. This is a skill that they need to practice, and taking the time to let them turn the pages is developing their knowledge of how a book works.

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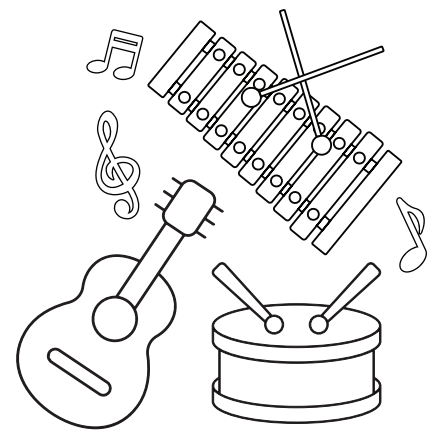
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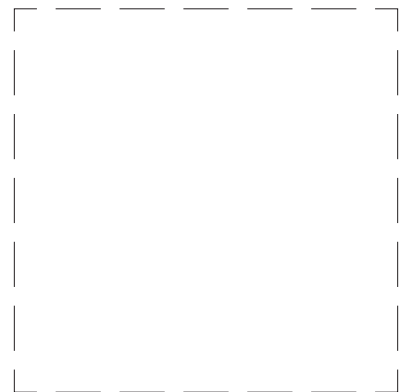
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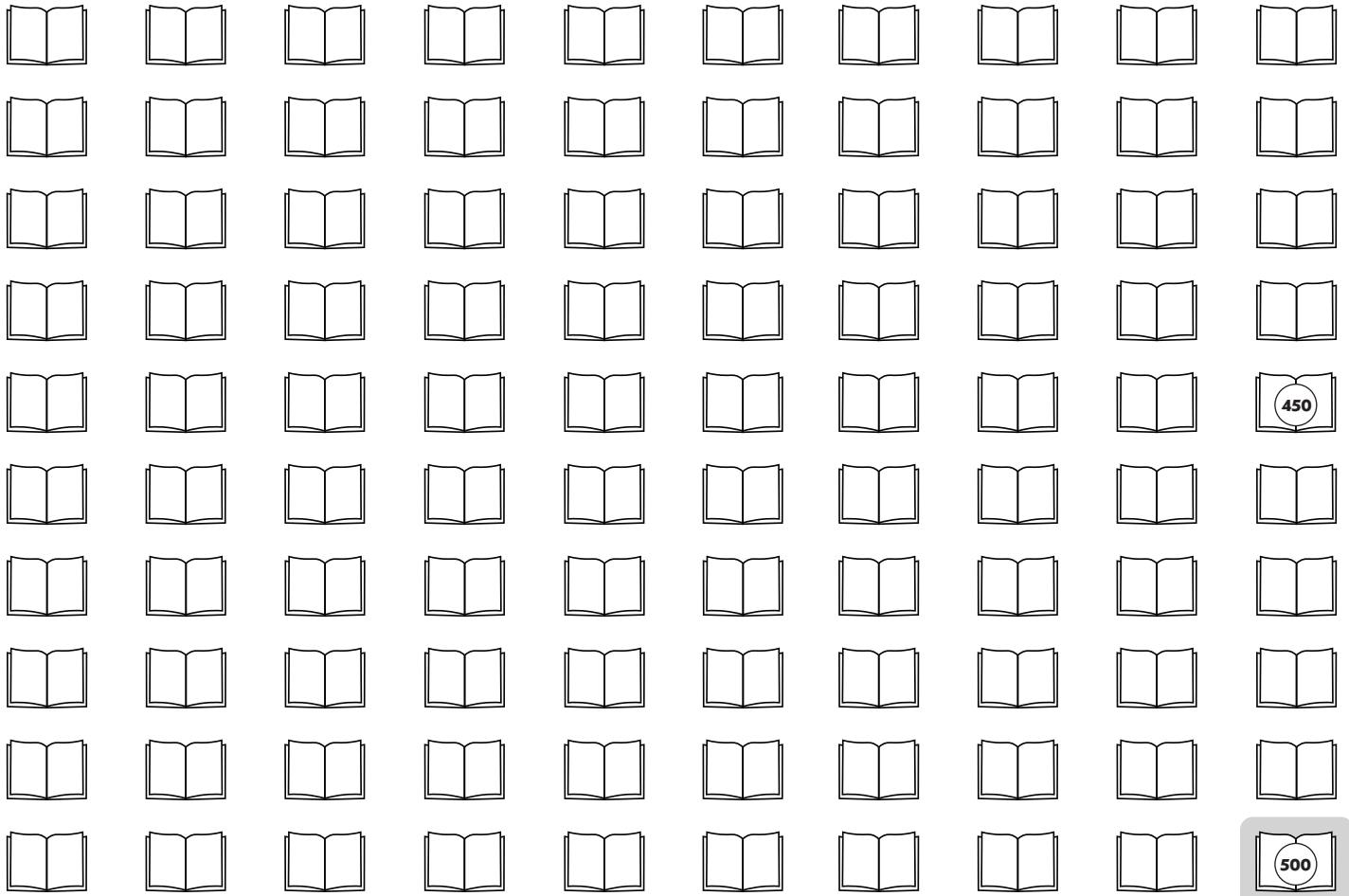
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**LITERACY TIP** Songs help children develop listening skills, build vocabulary, hear the smaller parts of words, and pay attention to the rhythms and rhymes of spoken language. Combining the two skills, reading and singing, can also multiply the impact of the two on language development. Try singing a book with your child!



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**GREAT PROGRESS!** Pick up a prize at your nearest library.

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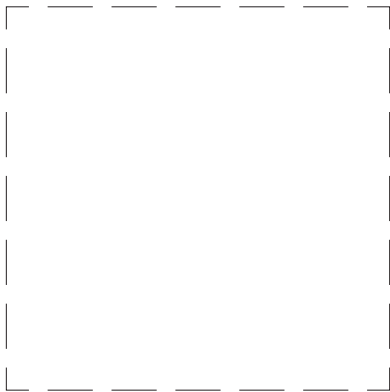
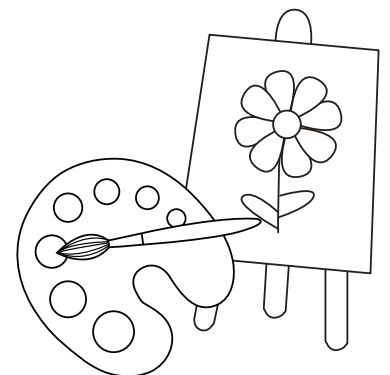
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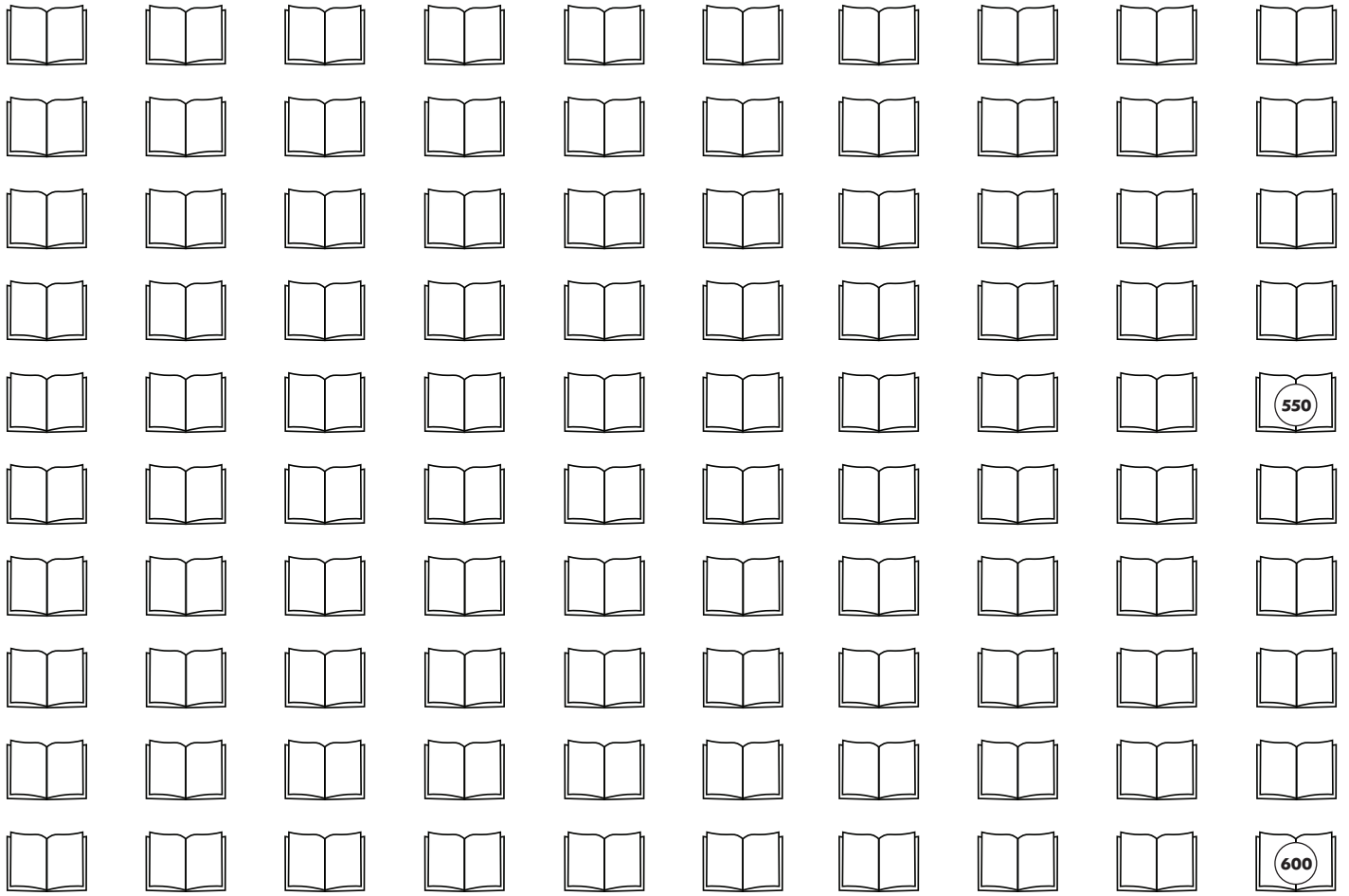
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**LITERACY TIP** If a toddler seems uninterested in listening to books, it might be because they just really need to move. Look for ways to connect their energy to the book, such as acting out the animals or pretending to be an excavator.

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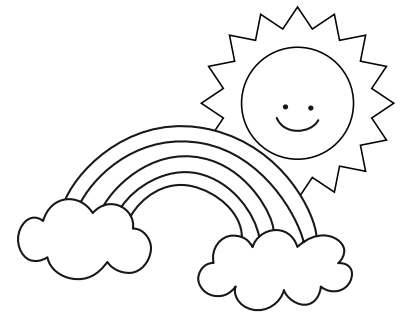
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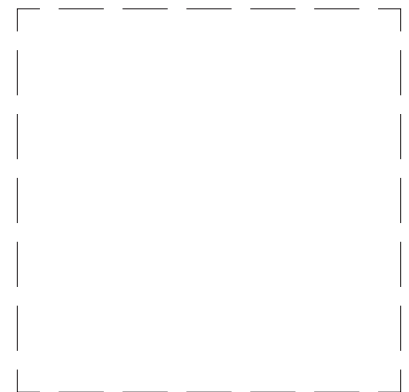
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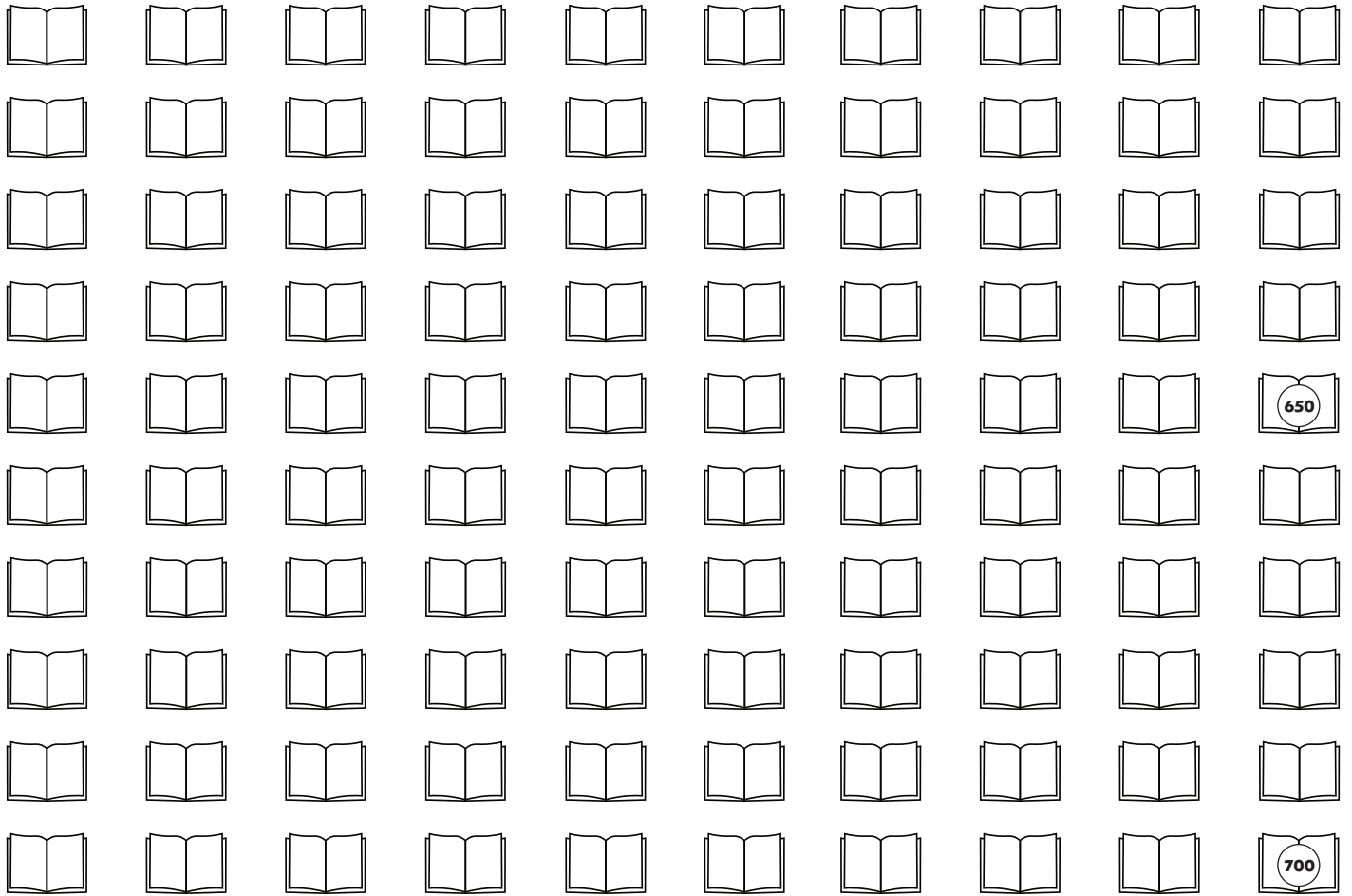
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 **LITERACY TIP** It may drive you nuts to read the same book over and over, but it is so valuable. When children ask to read the same book again and again they are learning something new each time.



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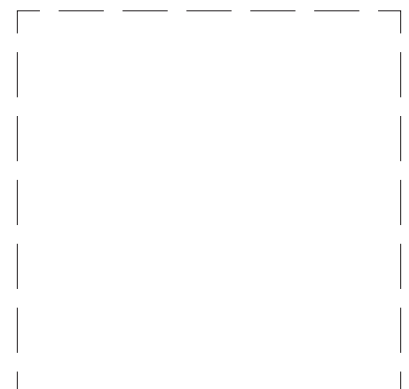
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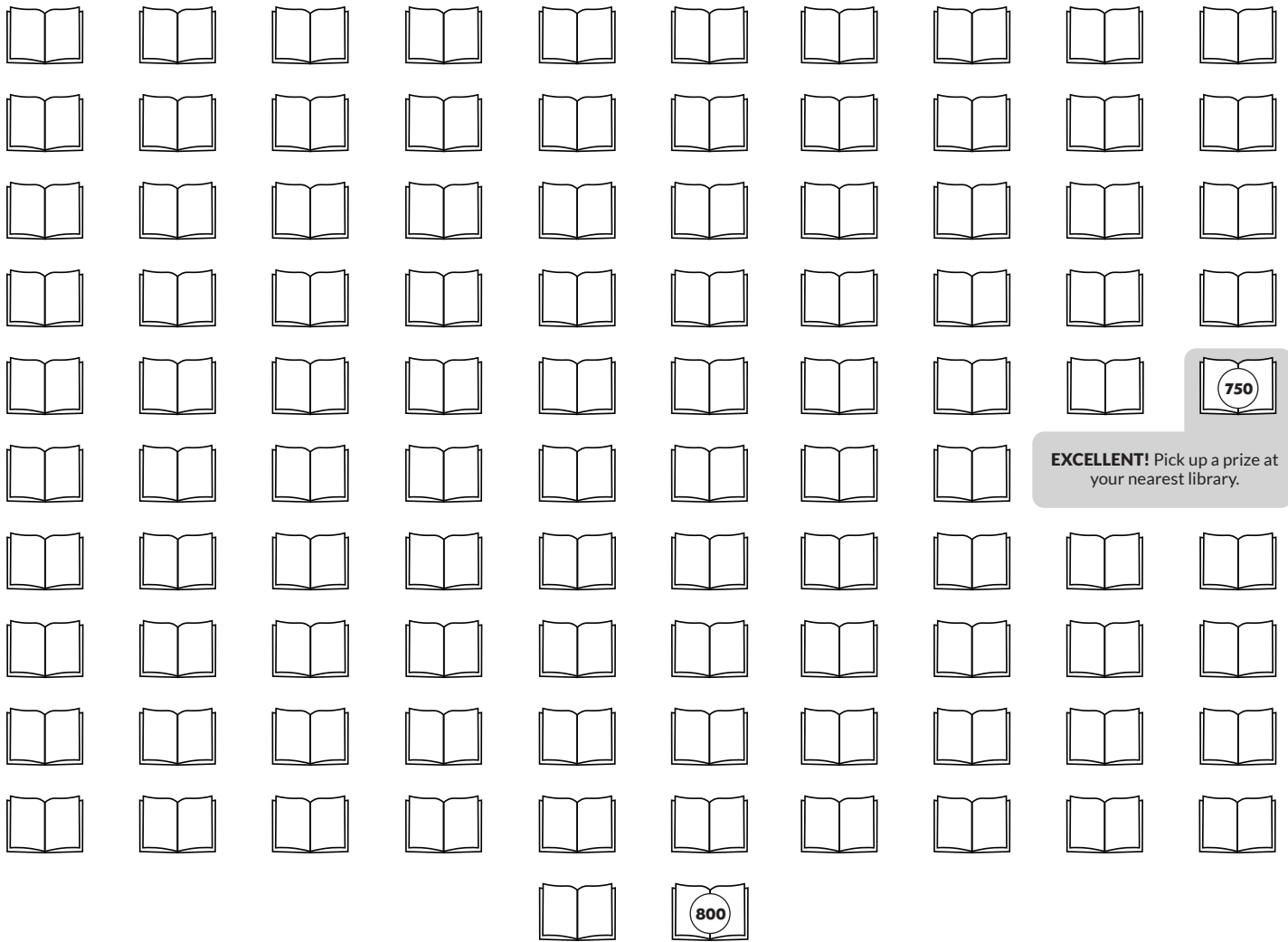
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**LITERACY TIP** Pairing a book with an experience can help reinforce what your child is learning. Try reading a book about a food, and then making it together! Or going to the park to read a book about the outdoors.

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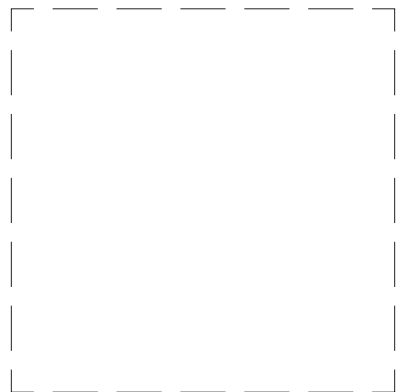
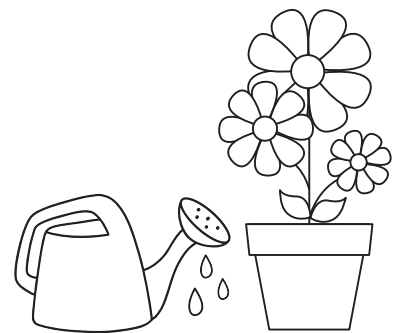
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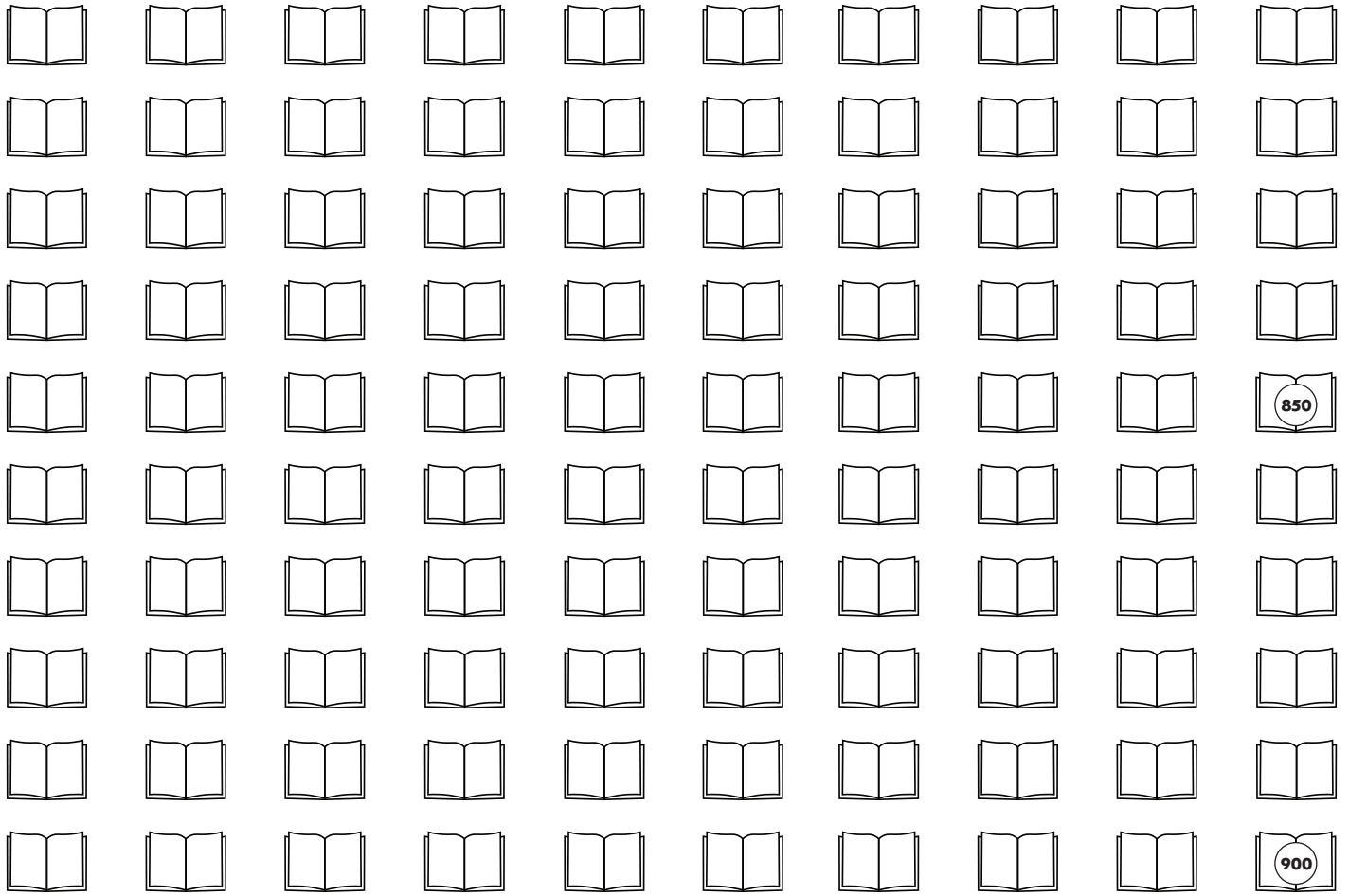
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**LITERACY TIP** Read books with new words! The earlier a child hears a word, the more likely it is to stick. Hearing rare and unusual words read aloud makes them easier to recognize later, when learning to read.

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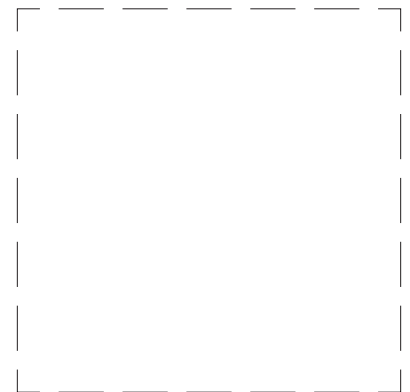
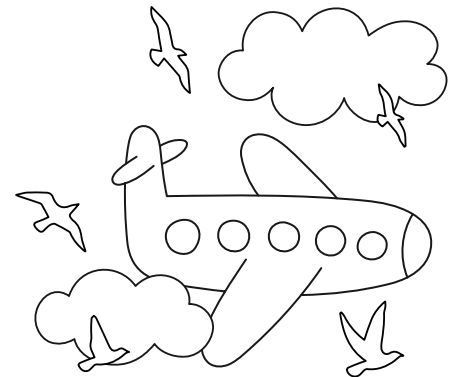
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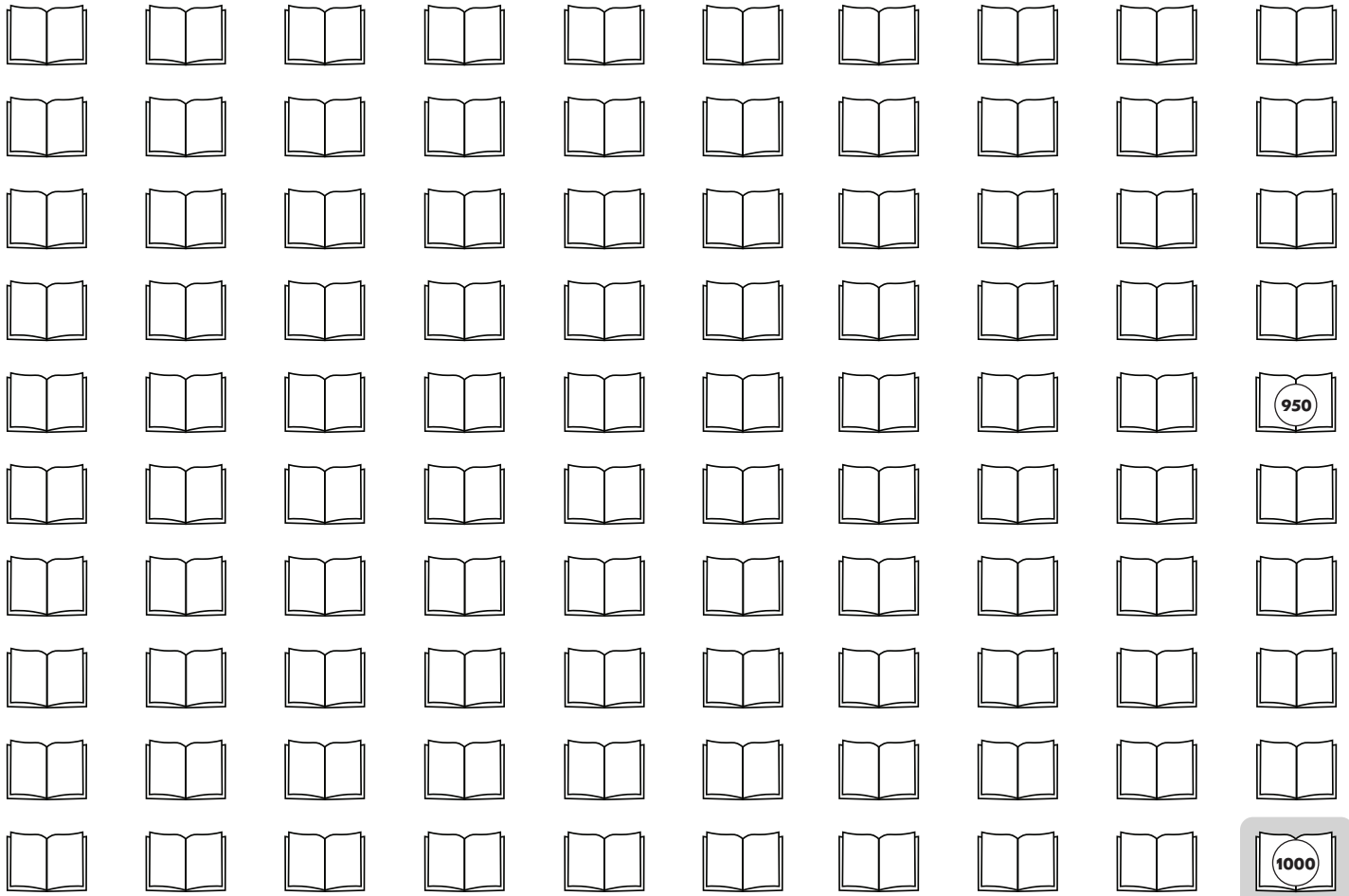
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**LITERACY TIP** Pointing out the print in books helps build a foundation for reading mechanics. Try running your finger under some words as you read them. Point out the letters in your child's name, or if they are familiar, ask them to point them out.

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★ **YOU DID IT!** ★  
Pick up a completion medal at your nearest library.

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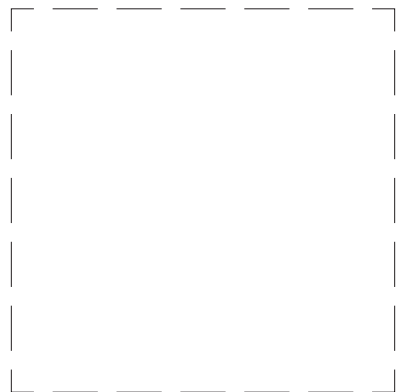
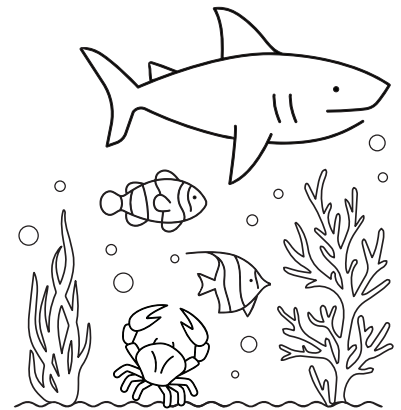
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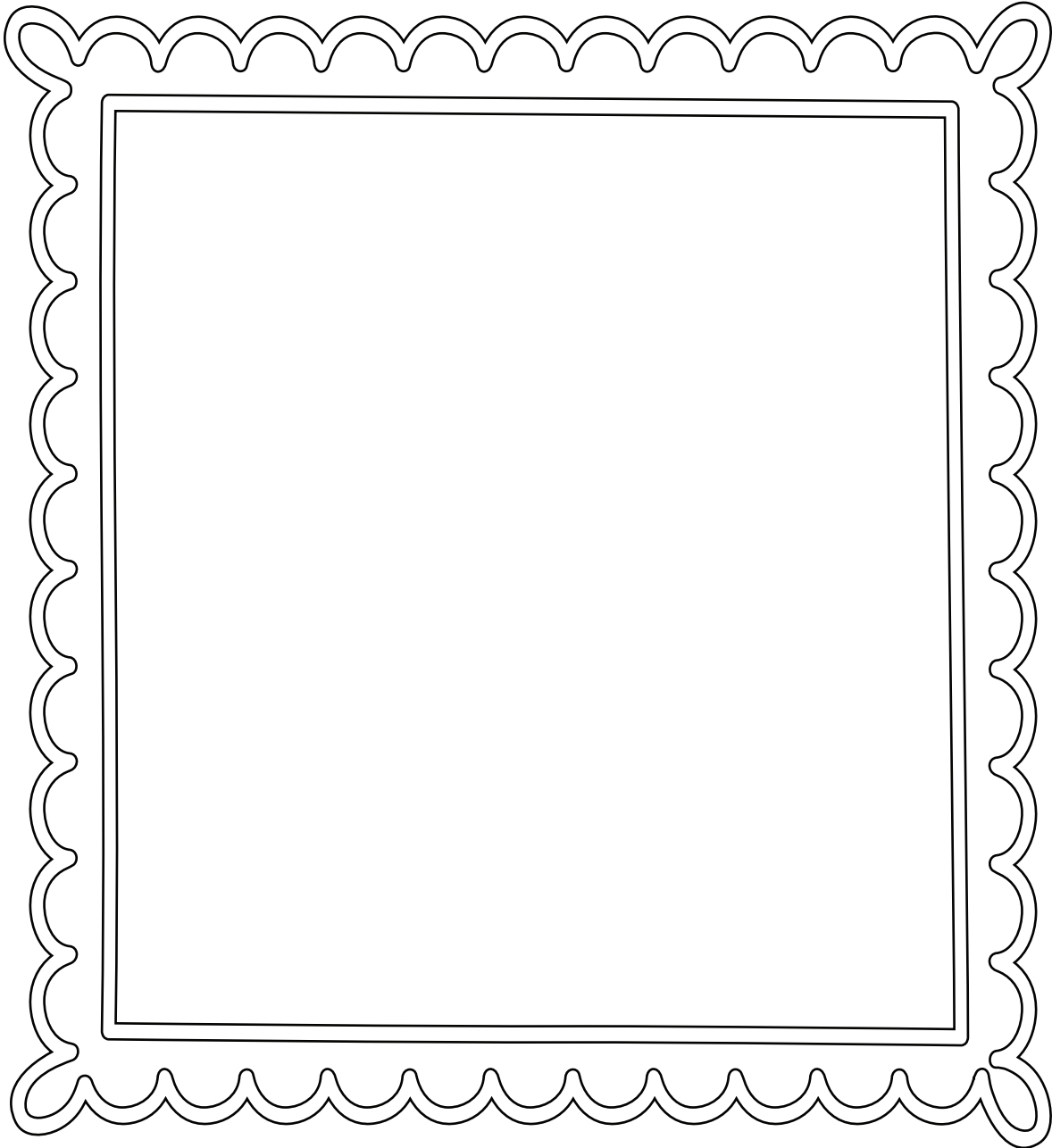
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**LITERACY TIP** Children learn most from books when they can be involved. In addition to asking questions about the pictures and the story, try leaving a blank at the end of a sentence of a favorite book and get your child to fill in the missing word.

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★ I READ ★  
★ 1000 ★  
★ BOOKS! ★



COMPLETION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



# MY FAVORITES

Fill in the book spines with some of your favorite reads along the way.

