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COLOR IN A CIRCLE FOR EVERY BOOK YOU READ



A grid of 60 circles arranged in 6 rows and 10 columns. Each circle is a different color (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple). Some circles contain numbers: 755, 760, 765, 770, 775, 780, 785, 795, 790, 800.

"Follow your child's lead—Provide an object, toy or activity for your baby or toddler and then see what he does with it. It's ok if it's not the 'right' way... let him show you a 'new' way."  
[www.zerotothree.org](http://www.zerotothree.org)

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1,000 BOOKS BEFORE

KINDERGARTEN

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A grid of 50 circles arranged in 10 rows and 5 columns. The circles are colored in a repeating pattern: red, orange, yellow, green, blue. Some circles contain numbers, while others are empty. The numbers are: 805, 810, 815, 820, 825, 830, 835, 840, 845, 850.

**Way Up High**

Way up high in the tree (wave hands high)  
 Two little apples smiled at me (make hands into fists)  
 So I shook that tree as hard as I could (shake fists)  
 Down came an apple (pull fists down)  
 Mmmmm! It was good! (rub tummy)

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A grid of 50 colorful circles (red, orange, yellow, green, blue) arranged in a roughly rectangular pattern. Some circles contain numbers: 855, 860, 865, 870, 875, 880, 885, 890, 895, and 900. The numbers are placed in a way that suggests a path or sequence.

**Treasure Hunt**  
Have a treasure hunt in the park, on the beach, in your backyard or in your house. Draw a map that leads to the treasure, which can be several small toys, cars or other items.  
*The Preschooler's Busy Book* by Trish Kuffner

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A grid of 50 colorful circles arranged in 10 rows and 5 columns. The circles are colored in a repeating pattern of red, orange, yellow, green, and blue. Some circles contain numbers: 905, 910, 915, 920, 925, 930, 935, 940, 945, and 950.

"Provide play materials and experiences that encourage the imagination, such as water play, play dough or modeling clay activities, painting, blowing bubbles, scribbling with large crayons and pretend play."  
*The Very Ready Reading Program*

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A grid of 10 rows and 10 columns of colored circles. The circles are colored in a repeating pattern: Row 1: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Red; Row 2: Green, Yellow, Orange, Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange; Row 3: Blue, Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, Orange; Row 4: Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange, Red, Blue, Green, Yellow; Row 5: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, Orange, Yellow; Row 6: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, Orange, Yellow; Row 7: Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange, Red, Blue, Green, Yellow; Row 8: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, Orange, Yellow; Row 9: Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, Orange, Yellow, Green; Row 10: Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, Orange, Yellow, Green.

Numbers are placed in the following circles:

- Row 1, Column 6: 955
- Row 2, Column 5: 960
- Row 3, Column 1: 965
- Row 3, Column 6: 970
- Row 4, Column 1: 980
- Row 4, Column 6: 975
- Row 5, Column 5: 985
- Row 6, Column 8: 990
- Row 7, Column 2: 995
- Row 9, Column 4: 1,000

**Congratulations!!!**  
 You have read 1,000 books!  
 Please see Mrs. Flynn or  
 Mrs. Allen for a prize.



## Playing

- ★ Play is one of the best ways for children to learn language and literacy skills.
- ★ Play helps children think symbolically: a ruler becomes a magic wand, today becomes a time when dinosaurs were alive, a playmate becomes an astronaut exploring space.
- ★ Through play, children realize that one thing can stand for another. This also helps children understand that written words stand for real objects and experiences.
- ★ Pretend play helps children think symbolically and develop oral language skills. As children play store or pretend to be an animal, they talk about what they're doing. They practice putting thoughts into words.
- ★ Dramatic play helps develop narrative skills as children make up a story about what they're doing. This helps them understand that stories happen in an order: first, next, last.
- ★ Make-believe also gives children a chance to act out real-life situations, work through worries and fears, and use their imagination to solve problems.

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