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COLOR IN A CIRCLE FOR EVERY BOOK YOU READ



A grid of 42 circles arranged in 7 rows and 6 columns. The circles are colored in a repeating pattern of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and red. Some circles contain numbers: 255, 260, 265, 270, 280, 275, 285, 295, 290, and 300.

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss, *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*

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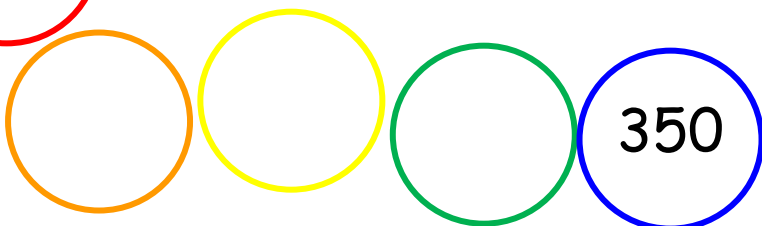
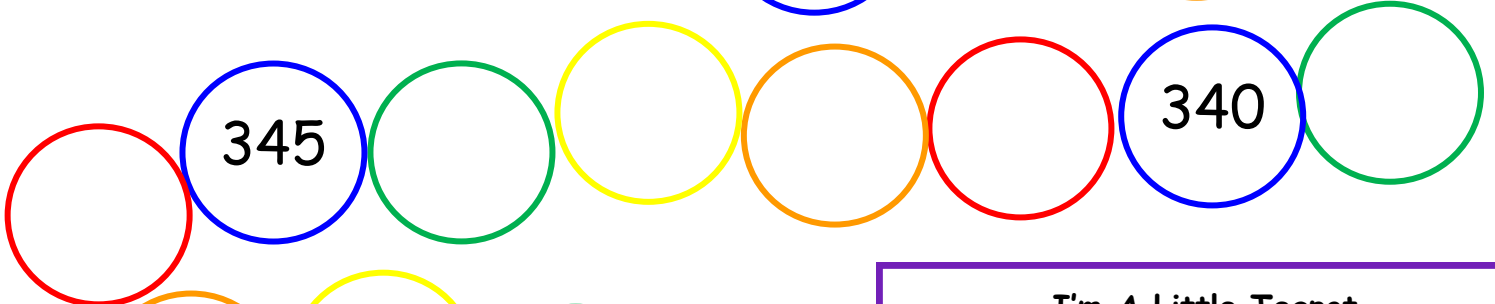
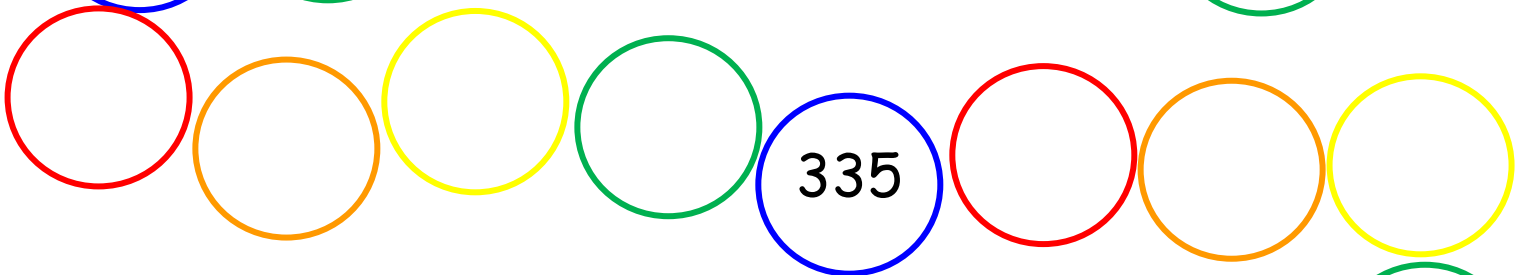
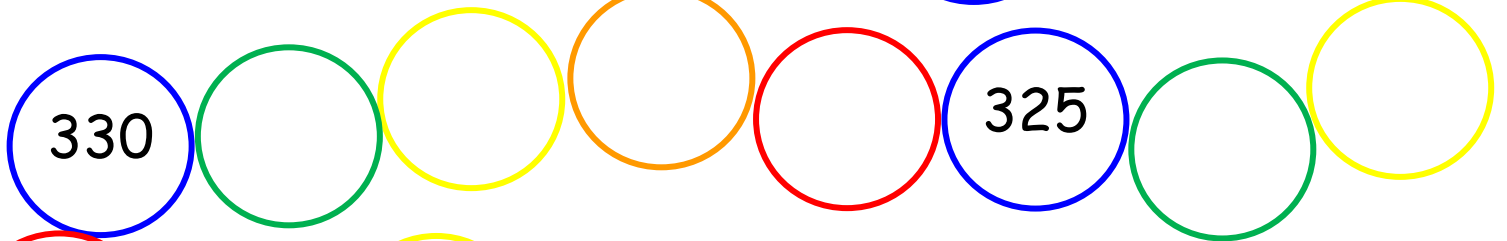
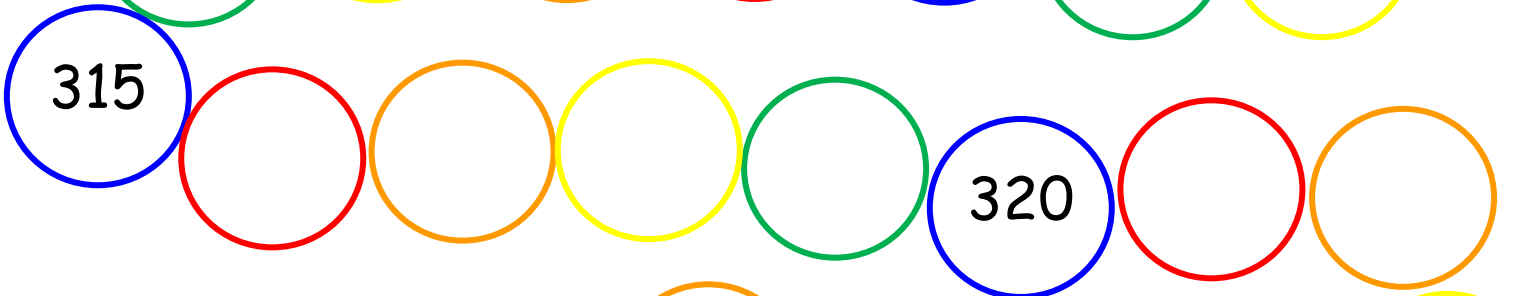
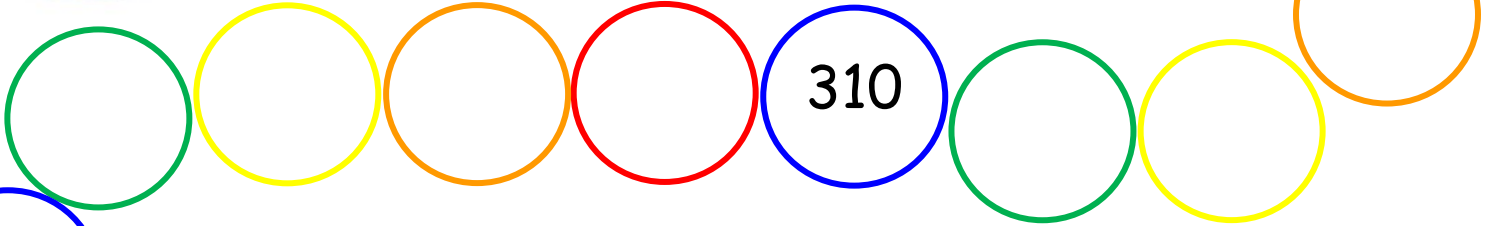
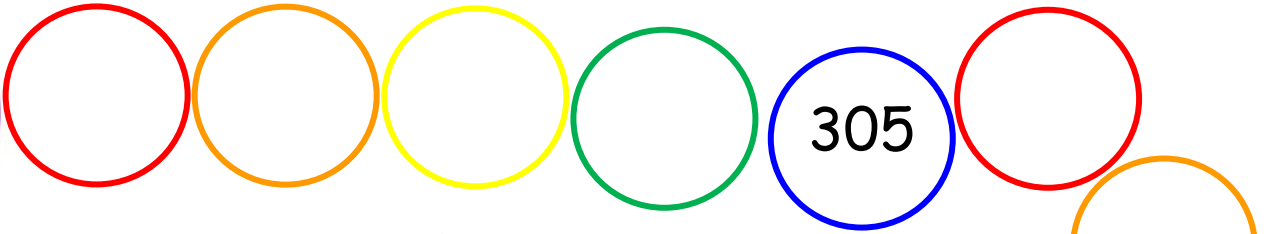
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**I'm A Little Teapot**  
 I'm a little teapot, short and stout. Here is my handle, here is my spout. When I get all steamed up, hear me shout! Tip me over and pour me out.

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A grid of colorful circles (red, orange, yellow, green, blue) arranged in rows. Some circles contain numbers: 355, 360, 365, 370, 380, 375, 385, 395, 390, and 400.

**Great Read-Alouds**  
*Winnie the Pooh* by A. A. Milne  
*The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter  
*My Very First Mother Goose* by Iona Opie

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A grid of 60 colorful circles arranged in 6 rows and 10 columns. The circles are colored in a repeating pattern of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. Some circles contain numbers: 405, 410, 415, 420, 425, 430, 435, 440, 445, and 450.

**Explore Books Together**

- As you read, point out important features about the book
  - Ask your child questions
  - Point out new vocabulary

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			460			
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Congratulations, you have read 500 books!  
Please see Mrs. Flynn or Mrs. Allen for a  
prize and your fourth book tracking sheet.



## Reading

- ★ No matter what your child's age, reading together—or shared reading—is the single most important activity that you can do to help your child get ready to read.
- ★ Shared reading is valuable because your child has your full attention, and you are enjoying the experience together.
- ★ Children learn more new words from shared reading. Books can teach less common words, words that children might not hear in everyday conversation. Reading is the best way to introduce these “rarer” or less common words. Make sure you stop and take time to explain what the words mean.
- ★ Shared reading helps a child develop a love of reading and an appreciation of books. Children who enjoy being read to are more likely to want to learn to read themselves.
- ★ Reading together and talking about what you read gives your child an understanding of how stories are organized—that they have a beginning, middle, and end.

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