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READING

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SINGING

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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 rainbow pattern (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, red). Some circles contain numbers: 105, 110, 115, 120, 130, 125, 135, 145, 140, and 150. The numbers are placed in the following positions: Row 1, Column 5; Row 2, Column 4; Row 3, Column 1; Row 3, Column 5; Row 4, Column 1; Row 4, Column 5; Row 5, Column 2; Row 5, Column 6; Row 6, Column 4.

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents" - Emilie Buchwald

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**Itsy-Bitsy Spider**  
 The itsy-bitsy spider climbed up the water spout. Down came the rain and washed the spider out. Out came the sun and dried up all the rain. So the itsy bitsy spider climbed up the spout again!

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					205	
				210		
215					220	
230					225	
				235		
	245					240
			250			

Congratulations, you have read 250 books!  
 Please see Mrs. Flynn or Mrs. Allen for a  
 prize and your third book tracking sheet.



## Singing

- ★ Songs help children develop listening skills and pay attention to the rhythms and rhymes of spoken language.
- ★ Most songs have a different note for each syllable. This helps children break down words so they hear individual sounds in a word.
- ★ Singing also slows down language so children can hear different parts of words and notice how they are alike and different.
- ★ Clapping along to rhythms helps children hear the syllables in words and helps them improve motor skills.
- ★ Singing also helps children learn new words and adds to their general knowledge.

### **Making Music with Words**

Music can help your child learn to read. Check out music CDs created especially for kids. Listen to music with your child. Sing along to the radio. Learning words to songs is one more way to help strengthen kids' use of language. Read non-fiction stories about the lives of real musicians. Take in a concert. School and community bands often hold concerts. Take your child to a performance and enjoy the music.

*Reading Is Fundamental*

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