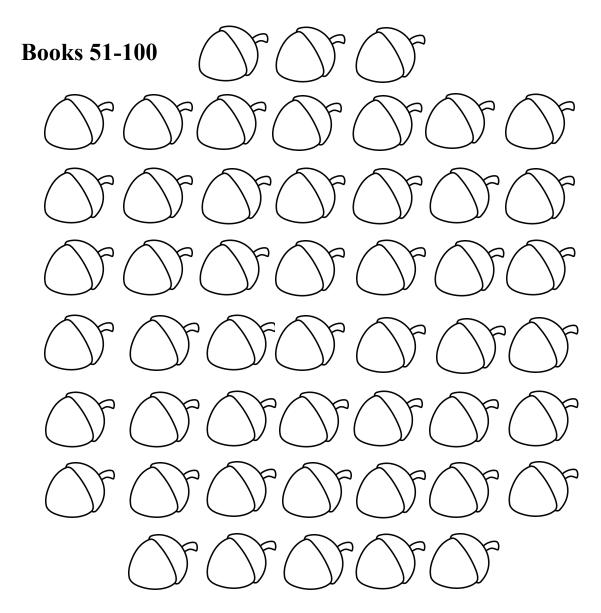


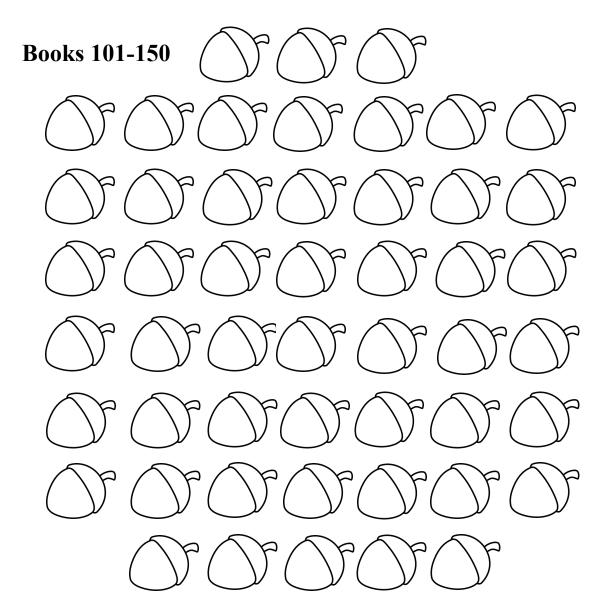
***Tip:** Babies naturally put things in their mouth. as they explore their world Choose books that are sturdy (cardboard, cloth or plastic) for them. As you gently pull the book from baby's mouth, show them the pictures.





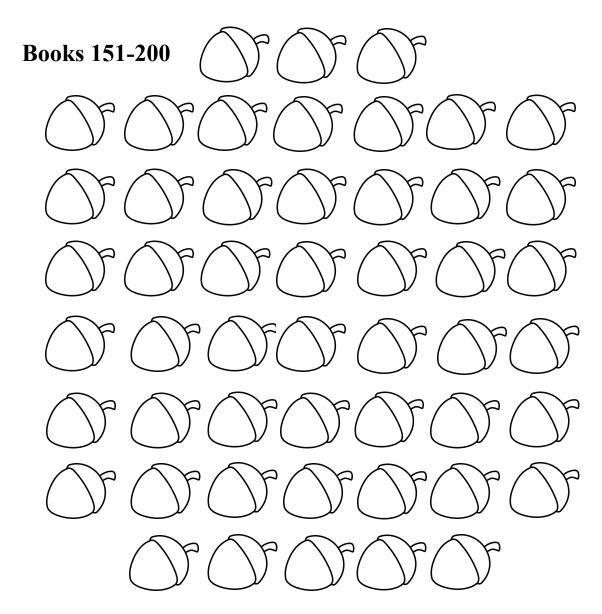
***Tip:** Let your child see you read. Smile when you read aloud.





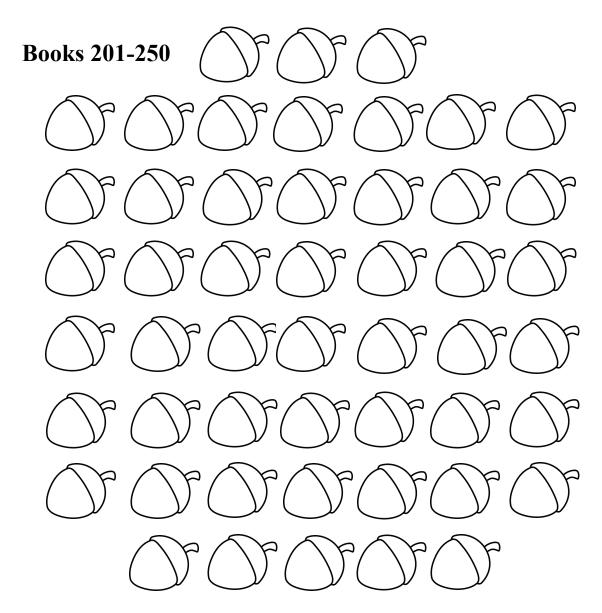
***Tip:** Songs are another way to tell a story. Songs give rhythm to language. Ask a librarian for a picture book that is also a song. Sing it together!





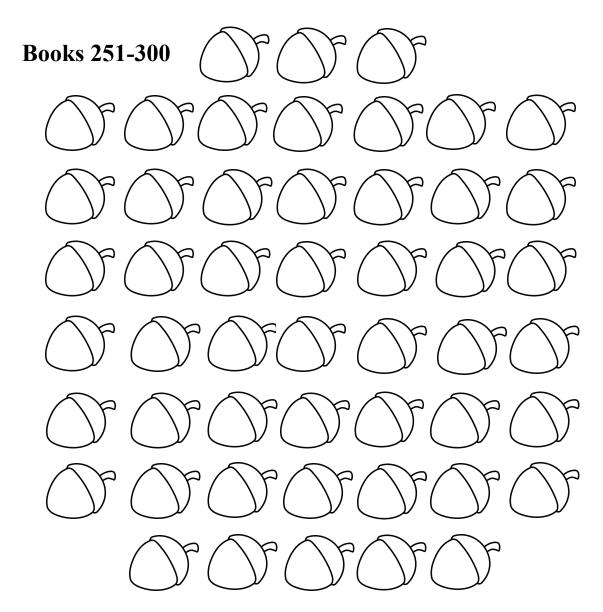
***Tip:** As you read occasionally point to words that match pictures in the story.





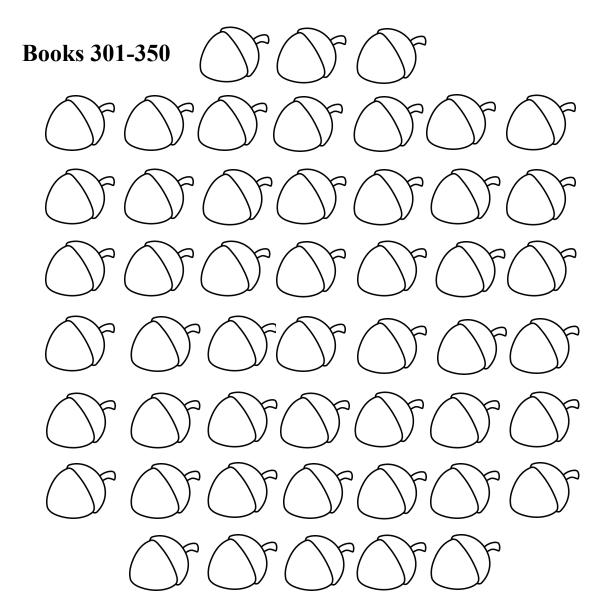
***Tip:** Help your child learn that word are everywhere. Help your child find words on road signs, cereal boxes, food jars, and advertisements.





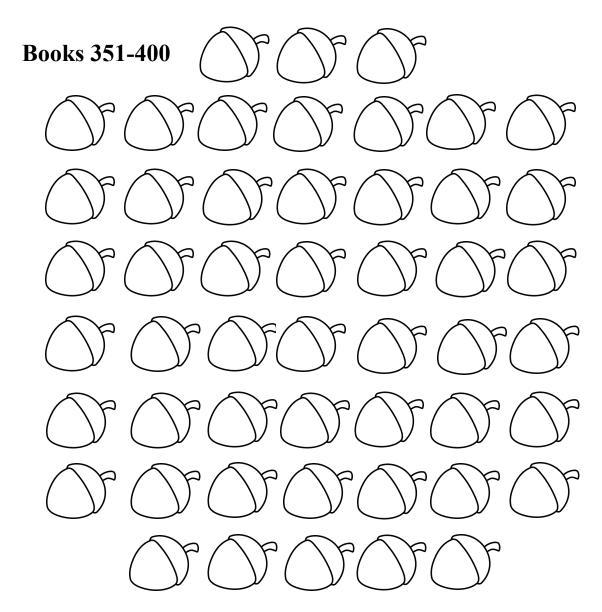
***Tip:** You can help your child learn the alphabet by reading alphabet books, talking about the letters in their name, and pointing out letters in signs.





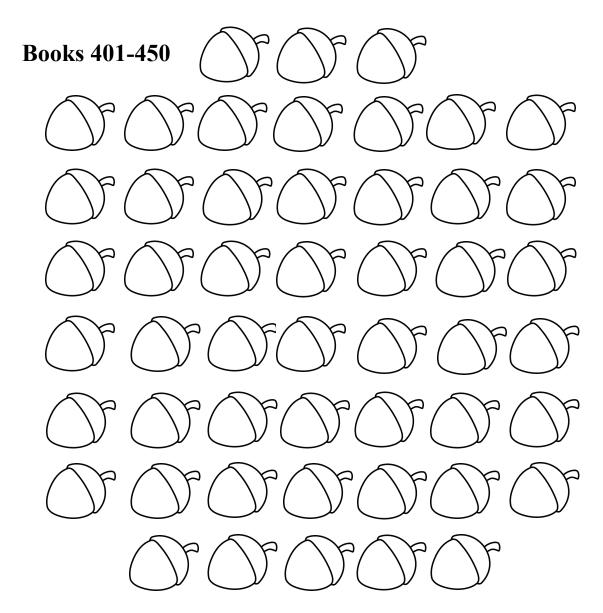
***Tip:** Use words to describe feelings. Use your expressions to show your feelings when you read or sing a song with your child.





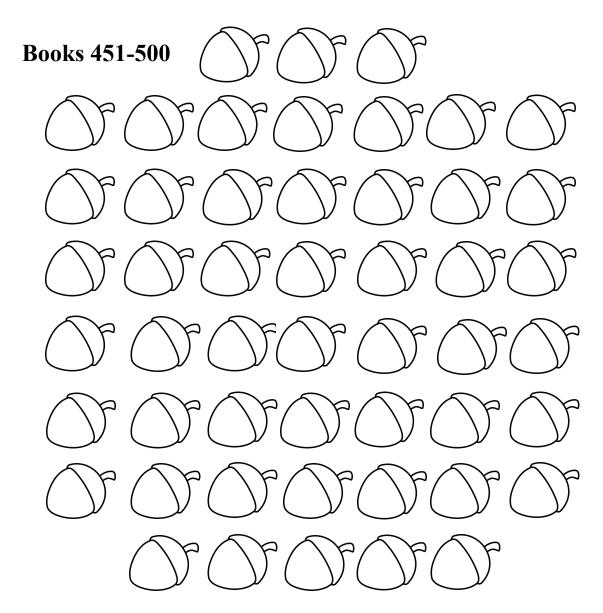
***Tip:** When your child ask a question, you may or may not know, occasionally look for a book and say "Let's find out together."





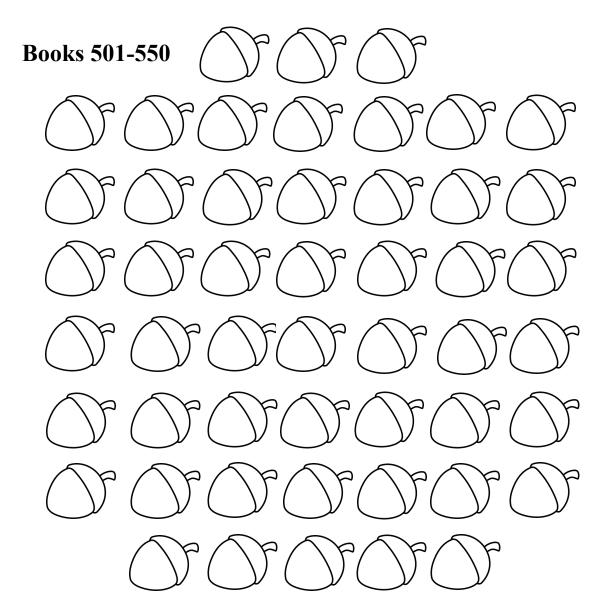
***Tip:** As you make lists or write notes, give your child a crayon and paper to make their own "lists" or write "notes," too. It's fun to pretend and there is learning in play!





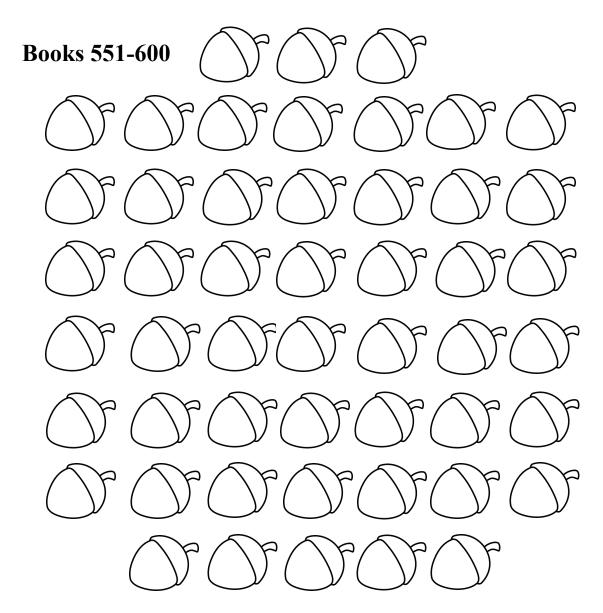
***Tip:** Language spoken directly to a child builds strong language skills. Talk to your child as they play. Describe what the child is doing. "You are pushing your truck up the ramp," for example.





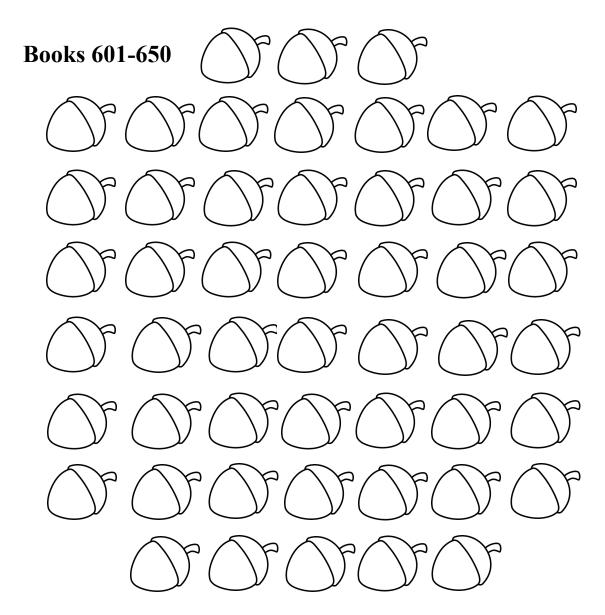
***Tip:** Your child can understand concepts that cannot be seen, such as opposites, special position (in front, behind, above, etc.), fairness, and freedom. Use these terms in your playtime together.





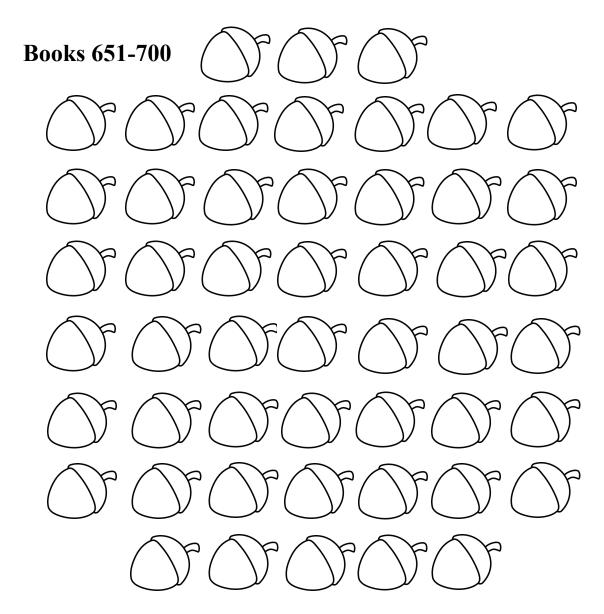
***Tip:** Help your child learn how to handle a book. Teach him where to start, how to turn the page, where it concludes. Show him that there are words and pictures on every page.





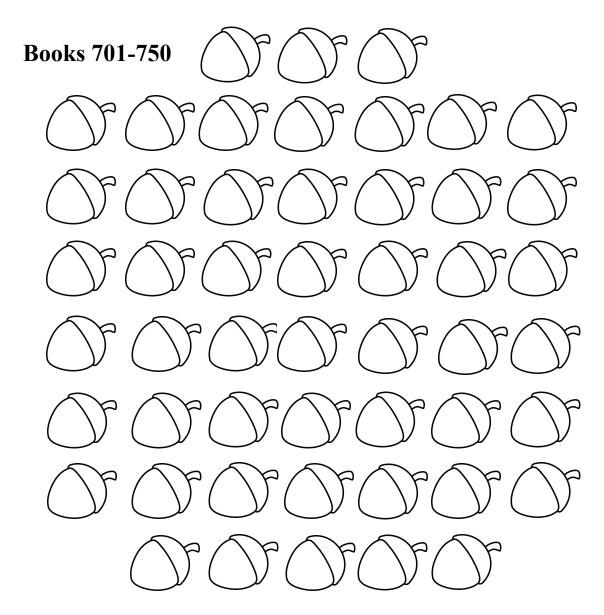
***Tip:** Draw shapes in bright colors and cut them from paper. Say the shape names and help your child find them on a page in a book as you read together.





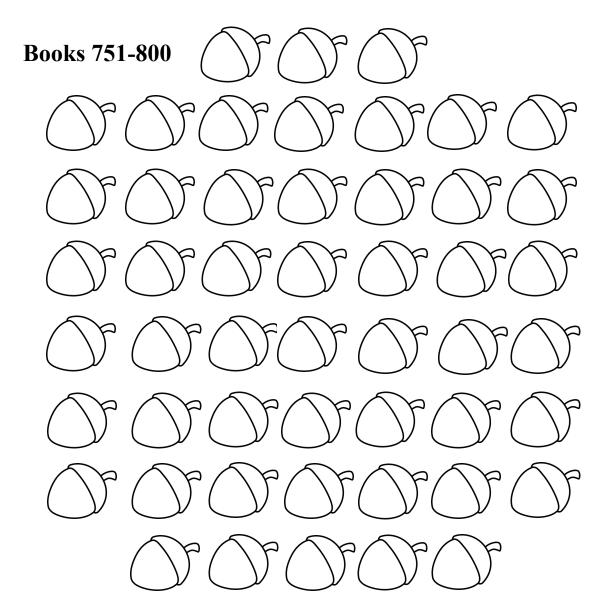
***Tip:** Play matching games with letters and numbers. You can even make your own cards!





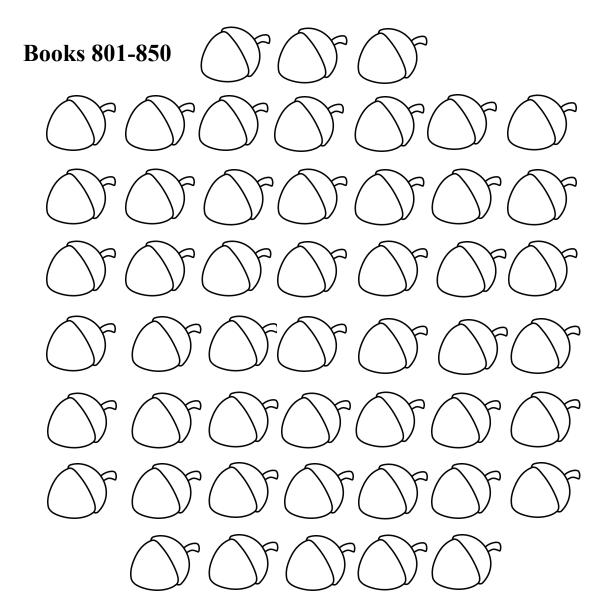
***Tip:** Talk to your child about what you are doing and what they are seeing.





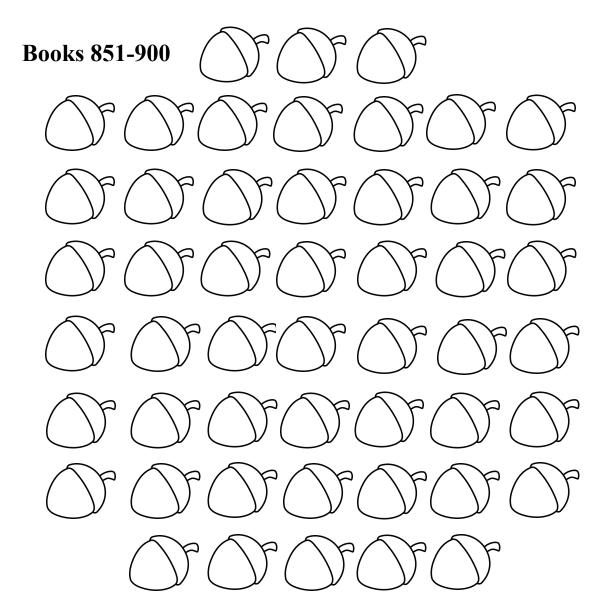
***Tip:** Ask your preschool child to use their body or fingers to make letters, like the letter "Y" or "C". Join in the play to make other letter shapes together.





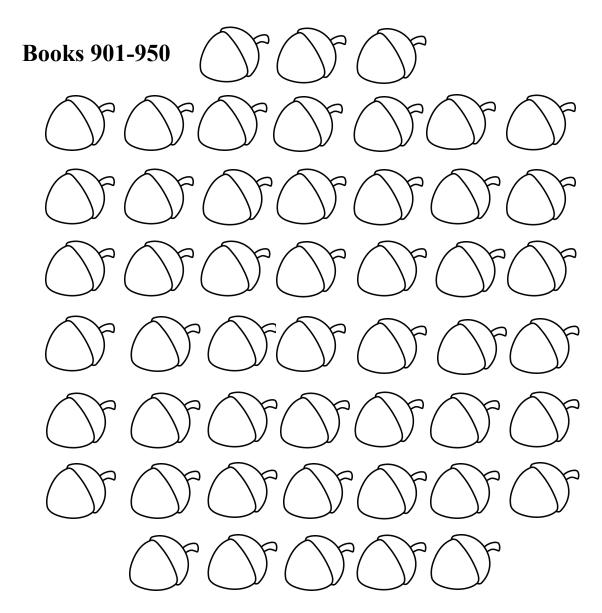
***Tip:** Preschool children like to pretend and use their imagination. Ask them to pretend they are a character from one of the stories you have read together.





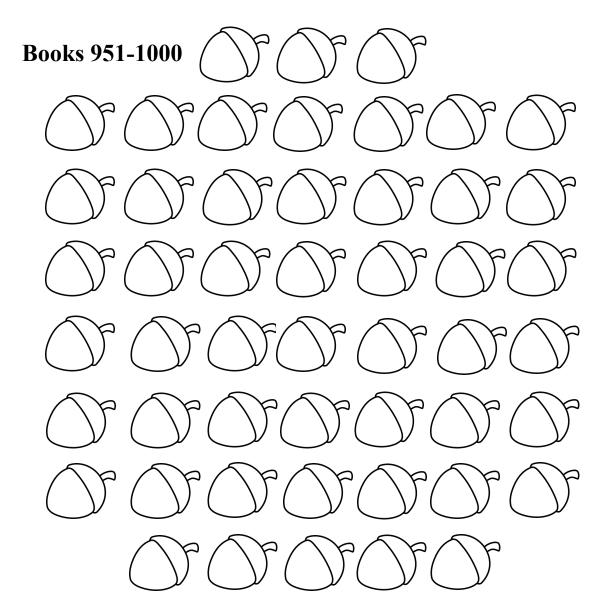
***Tip:** Visit the library together and get to know the librarian. Ask about storyhours and library programs for preschoolers. Let your child tell the librarian what interests them and ask for help in finding books about these subjects and characters.





***Tip:** When reading to your child, point to the book cover and wonder aloud what the book might be about.





Congratulations, you did it! You have read 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. Make sure you tell a librarian.