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1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

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READING

COLOR IN A CIRCLE FOR EVERY BOOK YOU READ



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				785		
	795					790
			800			

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

Numbers are placed in the following circles:

- Row 1, Column 6: 805
- Row 2, Column 4: 810
- Row 4, Column 1: 815
- Row 4, Column 6: 820
- Row 5, Column 6: 825
- Row 6, Column 1: 830
- Row 6, Column 5: 835
- Row 7, Column 8: 840
- Row 8, Column 2: 845
- Row 9, Column 4: 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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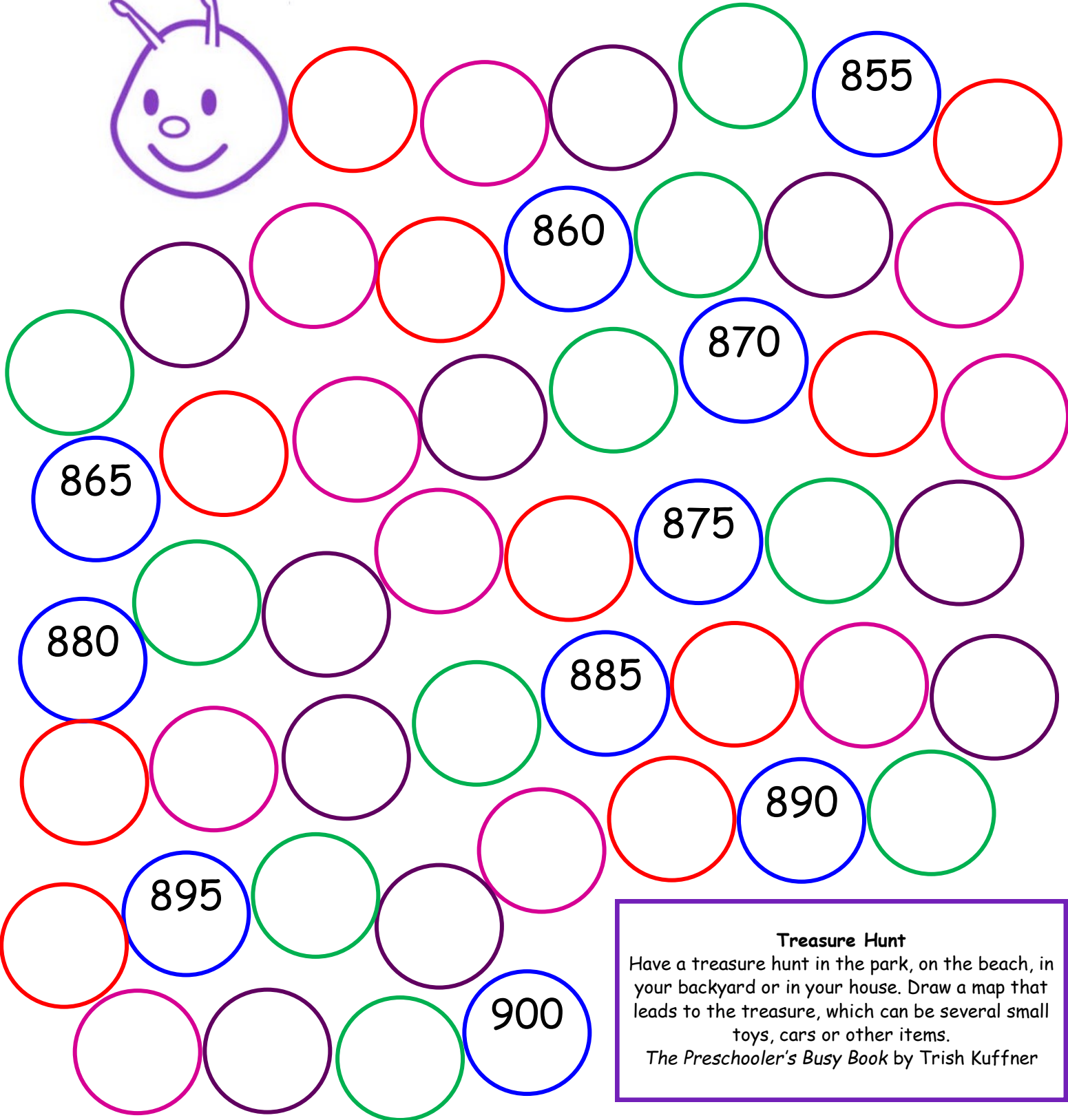


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Treasure Hunt
 Have a treasure hunt in the park, on the beach, in your backyard or in your house. Draw a map that leads to the treasure, which can be several small toys, cars or other items.
The Preschooler's Busy Book by Trish Kuffner

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A grid of 50 circles arranged in 10 rows and 5 columns. The circles are colored in a repeating pattern of red, purple, green, blue, and pink. 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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Numbers are placed in the following circles:

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

Congratulations!!!
 You have read **1,000** books!
 Please see Mrs. Flynn or Mrs. Allen
 for your winner's Tshirt.
 You are a true bookworm!



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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.
- ★ Play helps children feel a sense of accomplishment and self-confidence. This motivates them to try new experiences and to not give up when something seems difficult.



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