



Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning is celebrating a significant milestone this year. During the fall of 2009, the one millionth child will pass through the doors of a Georgia's Pre-K Program!

Celebrating Georgia's Pre-K Program: A Million Dreams ... and Counting

Want to participate? Here's what you can do:

Read a book to a child.

Then log the book in on their website (www.decal.ga.gov). The goal is to read one million books.

The Million Book Campaign began in April 2009. Bright from the Start wants everyone in Georgia to read to children in child care programs, family day care homes, at home, in schools, in church, in public libraries, at fairs, or anywhere there is an opportunity to share the love of reading. They ask that each reader visit the website (www.decal.ga.gov) to log in the number of books read that day or week. The counter is live and up-dated continuously on the website. Prizes will be awarded throughout the campaign.

Georgia's Pre-K Program is a state funded educational program for Georgia's four year olds to prepare children for school success. The program will serve 82,000 children in the 2009-10 school year. This nationally recognized program emphasizes high quality learning experiences for all children.

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