

# Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

## Did you know...

85% of a child's brain develops by age three.

## That's why...

Nearly 10,000 local preschool-aged children receive a free book in the mail each month through the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program.

## Which means...

Studies show children who are read to one hour per day during their preschool years enter school with a 10,000+ word vocabulary. In comparison, children read to only 30 hours during their first five years enter school with a vocabulary fewer than 4,000 words.

## "We Love the Books"

After ten years in the Sioux Empire, the Imagination Library program is a fixture for new parents and parents-to-be. "When I was expecting Sam, several friends told me about the program," explained Linda. "We received the sign-up form in the hospital after he was born and sent it right in."

Sam, now almost three, has been enjoying the books ever since. Now, with his younger brother, Nate, the two enjoy hearing their parents read their favorites to them. "We just love the books. Before having Sam, I didn't know a lot about children's books. I don't think any new parent has the time to go to the store and read through books to find the good ones."



The Imagination Library program is available for ALL children ages birth to five in Lincoln, McCook, Minnehaha, and Turner Counties. "This is a great program for any family...every child should be a part of it."