

Off to School

Books to read with children getting ready to start kindergarten

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PICTURE BOOKS

(Look for these books in the picture book section under the author's last name.)

Ahlberg, Janet. *Starting School.*

Describes with lots of humor the first day, the first week, and up to Christmas, at school.

Aliki. *Marianthe's Story One.*

Mari starts school in a new land.

Carlson, Nancy. *Look Out, Kindergarten, Here I Come.*

Although Henry looks forward to going to kindergarten, he's not so sure about staying there.

Cazet, Denys. *Born in the Gravy.*

A Mexican-American girl tells her father all about her first day of kindergarten.

Cazet, Denys. *Never Spit on Your Shoes.*

An exhausted Arnie tells Mom about the first day of first grade.

Cohen, Miriam. *Will I Have a Friend?*

Jim worries about finding a friend in school and spends the first day searching for one.

De Paola, Tomie. *Meet the Barkers: Morgan and Moffat Go to School.*

Twins Moffie and Morgie enjoy starting school, especially getting gold stars.

Grindley, Sally. *I Don't Want To!*

Jim resists mightily going to school, but by the end of the first day, he doesn't want to leave.

Henkes, Kevin. *Chrysanthemum.*

At school, kids tease Chrysanthemum about her name until the teacher intervenes.

Henkes, Kevin. *Wemberly Worried.*

A young mouse who worries about everything faces a whole new set of worries when she starts school.

Hest, Amy. *Off to School, Baby Duck.*

Baby Duck needs a little help from Grampa to face the first day of school.

Jabar, Cynthia. *Alice Ann Gets Ready for School.*

Alice Ann is so excited about her first day of school, she's the first one up and ready to go.

London, Jonathan. *Froggy Goes to School.*

Froggy's nervousness makes it hard to sit still for the first day of school.

McCully, Emily. *School.*

In a wordless story, a curious young mouse left at home sneaks off to see her older sibling's school.

McGhee, Alison. *Countdown to Kindergarten.*

With only ten days before the start of kindergarten, a child fears the worst - she still can't tie her shoes!

Millman, Isaac. *Moses Goes to School.*

Moses and his friends enjoy the first day of school at their school for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

Poydar, Nancy. *First Day, Hooray!*

All over town, folks get ready for the first day of school - including Ivy Green, her bus driver, teacher, and others who work at school.

Rathmann, Peggy. *Ruby the Copycat.*

At school, Ruby tries to be just like another girl until the teacher helps her be herself.

Recorvits, Helen. *My Name Is Yoon.*

In a new school in a new country, Yoon tries out different names for herself.

Rockwell, Anne. *Welcome to Kindergarten.*

A boy visits the classroom where he will start kindergarten.

Rosenberry, Vera. *Vera's First Day of School.*

Vera can't wait for the first day of school - but it's not quite what she expects.

Schwartz, Amy. *Annabelle Swift, Kindergartner.*

Spunky Annabelle's older sister gives her some unusual tips for her first day of school.

Slate, Joseph. *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten.*

Miss Bindergarten, a sheepdog, and her animal students get ready for kindergarten in this humorous alphabet book.

Stuve-Bodeen, Stephanie. *Elizabeth's School.*
Elizabeth enjoys school but misses her family.

Wells, Rosemary. *Mama, Don't Go.*
Yoko loves kindergarten but doesn't want her mother to leave.

Wells, Rosemary. *McDuff Goes to School.*
McDuff the dog is enrolled in obedience school.

Wells, Rosemary. *Timothy Goes to School.*
Timothy learns about making friends during the first week of school.

READERS

(Look for these books in the Reader section by author's last name.)

O'Connor, Jane. *Lulu Goes To Witch School.*
Lulu, nervous about starting school, likes everything but one witch who's always the best at everything.

Van Leeuwen, Jean. *Amanda Pig, School Girl.*
Amanda Pig's first day of school lives up to her happy expectations.

Ziefert, Harriet. *Harry Gets Ready For School.*
Harry arrives at school after preparing for weeks.

NON-FICTION

(Look for these books by call number in the nonfiction section.)

Howe, James. *When You Go To Kindergarten..*
A photo-essay shows what a kindergarten class is like.
(372 H838w 1994)

McMahon, Patricia. *Listen for the Bus.*
David begins kindergarten.
(362.4 M227)