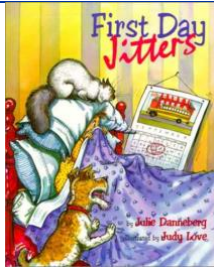


Children's Books for the Transition into Kindergarten



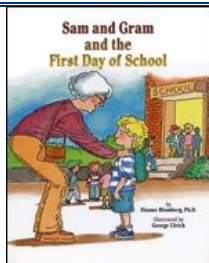
First Day Jitters

Author: Julie Danneberg

Publisher: Charlesbridge Publishing Inc.

ISBN: 9781580890618

Synopsis: Sarah is afraid to start at a new school, but both she and the reader are in for a surprise when she gets to her class.



Sam and Gram and the First Day of School

Author: Dianne Blomberg

Publisher: Magination Press

ISBN: 9781557985620

Synopsis: Sam often feels frightened and lonely during his first day of school, but when it is over, he eagerly tells his grandmother all about it.



The Berenstain Bears Go to School

Author: Stan Berenstain and Jan Berenstain

Publisher: Random House Children's Books

ISBN: 9780394837369

Synopsis: Sister Bear, nervous about entering kindergarten, overcomes her fears when she discovers that school is really fun.



Jake Starts School

Author: Michael Wright

Publisher: Square Fish

ISBN: 978-0-312-60884-2

Synopsis:

Jake starts first grade, but when his parents try to leave, he wraps himself around their knees and refuses to let go. Stuck to his parents in various awkward positions, Jake misses all of the fun, including finger painting, recess, and feeding the class pets, until his teacher finds a way to loosen him up. This funny selection will easily transform first-day jitters into giggles.



Mrs. Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten

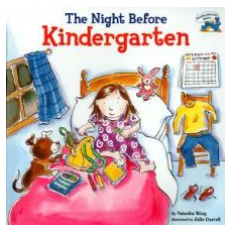
Author: Joseph Slate

Publisher: Dutton Juvenile

ISBN: 978-0525454465

Synopsis:

On the first day of kindergarten, Miss Bindergarten must prepare her classroom for her beloved students. This noble, whimsical teacher greets her dark, summertime-empty classroom with an explosion of color--a bouquet of fall leaves, a goldfish, rolled-up posters, and shoeboxes full of no-doubt-delightful surprises. Meanwhile, her young students get ready, too: "Adam Krupp wakes up. Brenda Heath brushes her teeth. Christopher Beaker finds his sneaker."



The Night before Kindergarten

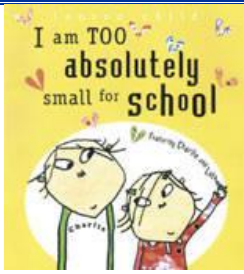
Author: Natasha Wing and Amy Wummer

Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

ISBN: 978-0448425009

Synopsis:

It's the first day of school! Join the kids as they prepare for kindergarten, packing school supplies, posing for pictures, and the hardest part of all--saying goodbye to Mom and Dad. But maybe it won't be so hard once they discover just how much fun kindergarten really is!



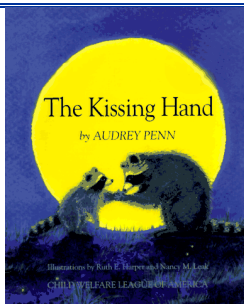
I am Too Absolutely Small for School

Author: Lauren Child

Publisher: Candlewick Press

ISBN: 978-0-7636-287-1

Synopsis: Lola is sure she is "too absolutely small for school," but her older brother Charlie patiently convinces her otherwise by presenting a series of imaginative and funny reasons she needs to go to school.



The Kissing Hand

Author: Audrey Penn

Publisher: Child & Family Press

ISBN: 978-0878685851

Synopsis: This is a story about a little raccoon ready to start school. He talks about his fears to his mother, fears that most children have before beginning school. His mother comes up with a wonderful solution to help her little raccoon remember that she loves him and is thinking about him, even when she isn't with him. It's a special secret that's been in the family for years - The Kissing Hand.



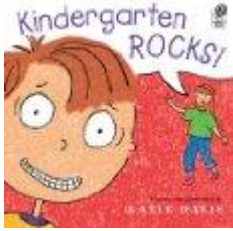
Welcome to Kindergarten

Author: Anne Rockwell

Publisher: Walker Childrens

ISBN: 978-0802776648

Synopsis: A little boy and his mother attend an open house, and he discovers all of the fascinating classroom centers and the activities that he will be doing in each one when September arrives. After finding a new friend and sharing cookies, he goes home contentedly with his mother, thinking that the school building doesn't look too big at all anymore, but "just the right size for me!"



Kindergarten Rocks!

Author: Katie Davis

Publisher: Sandpiper

ISBN: 978-0152064686

Synopsis:

Dexter Dugan is about to start kindergarten, and his stuffed dog, Rufus, "is an eensy teensy beensy bit scared" about it. Thankfully, Dex's third-grader sister, Jessie, sees that her brother is really the scared one and sets about cheerfully reassuring her sibling: "Don't worry, kindergarten rocks."



Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come

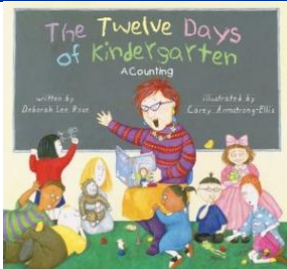
Author: Nancy Carlson

Publisher: Picture Puffins Puffin

ISBN: 978-0140568387

Synopsis:

It is Henry's first day of kindergarten, the day he's been waiting for all year, and he is so excited he almost forgets to get dressed, brush his teeth, and eat breakfast. All the way to school, he asks what it will be like, imagining all the fun he will have. But when he arrives, it is bigger than he pictured and a little overwhelming. He wants to go home. After getting a chance to acclimate and meet a new friend, he decides that kindergarten really will be fun.



The Twelve Days of Kindergarten: A Counting Book

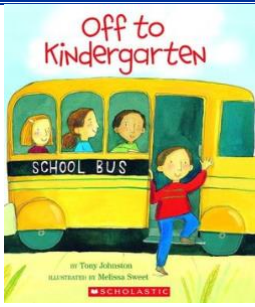
Author: Deborah Lee Rose

Publisher: Harry N. Abrams

ISBN: 978-0810945128

Synopsis:

Taking off from "The Twelve Days of Christmas," this uproarious picture book uses a cumulative counting verse to celebrate a kindergarten classroom, with a teacher and eight pupils busy with all kinds of learning fun--from chanting the alphabet and recognizing shapes and colors, to stringing beads and feeding pets.



Off To Kindergarten

Author: Tony Johnston

Publisher: Cartwheel Books

ISBN: 978-0439730907

Synopsis:

Nervous about starting kindergarten, a boy decides he needs to take all kinds of things with him just in case: his bear, books, paints and an easel, cookies for himself and for all his new friends, and a change of clothes. Young listeners will enjoy the wild exaggeration and feeling superior as the boy packs up more and more, and they'll recognize his big step forward when he leaves his stuff at home and boards the school bus all by himself.



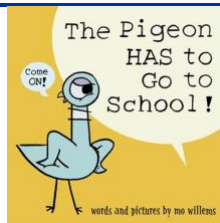
Blast Off to Kindergarten

Author: Tammy L. Lane

Publisher:

ISBN:

Synopsis: www.fcps.net/kindergarten



Pigeon Has to Go to School

Author: Mo Willems

Publisher: Hyperion Books for Children

ISBN: 9781368046459

Synopsis:

Why does the Pigeon have to go to school? He already knows everything! And what if he doesn't like it? What if the teacher doesn't like him? What if he learns TOO MUCH!?!



Leo the Late Bloomer

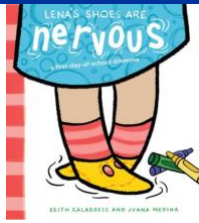
Author: Robert Kraus, Pictures by: Jose Aruego

Publisher: Scholastic

ISBN: 9780590515894

Synopsis:

Poor Leo, a young tiger, is having a really rough time, all of his friends can read, write, draw, et neatly, and speak clearly, and Leo can't do any of those things very well.



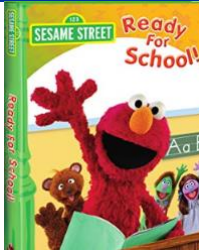
Lena's Shoes are Nervous: A First-Day-Of-School Dilemma

Author: Keith Calabrese

Publisher: Atheneum Books

ISBN: 9781534408944

Synopsis: Today is a big day! Today, Lena starts kindergarten. She is very excited. But there's just one problem... Lena's shoes are *nervous*.



Sesame Street ... Ready for School! (DVD)

Author: Lou Berger, Annie Evans, Christine Ferraro, Joey Mazzarino

Publisher: Sesame Street

ASIN: B000OPOCIC

Synopsis: It's time to get ready for school! Gabi and Miles are graduating from high school, and they share their favorite school memories with Elmo.



Kindergarten Countdown

Author: Anna Jane Hays

Publisher: Dragonfly Books

ISBN: 9780385753715

Synopsis: *MY SCHOOL STARTS in one week so—I have SEVEN DAYS to go. Mom says be patient, do not worry. But I can't wait! I'm in a hurry!* In this delightful book a little girl counts off the days by naming what she'll do in kindergarten.

Author: Adam Rex, Christian Robinson



Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

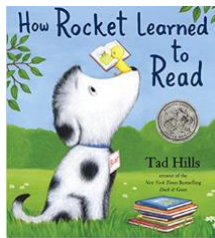
ISBN: 9781596439641

School's First Day of School

Synopsis:

It's the first day of school at Frederick Douglass Elementary and everyone's just a little bit nervous, especially the school itself. What will the children do once they come? Will they like the school? Will they be nice to him?

Author: Tad Hills



Publisher: Schwartz & Wade

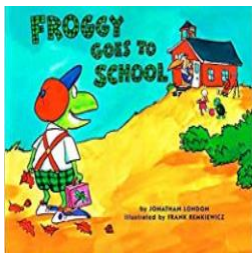
ISBN: 978-0375858994

How Rocket Learned to Read

Synopsis:

Learn to read with this New York Times-bestselling picture book, starring an irresistible dog named Rocket and his teacher, a little yellow bird. Follow along as Rocket masters the alphabet, sounds out words, and finally . . . learns to read all on his own!

Author: Jonathan London



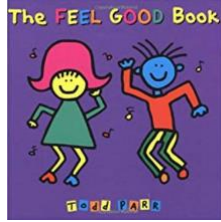
Publisher: Puffin Books

ISBN: 9780140562477

Froggy Goes to School

Synopsis:

Is Froggy nervous about the first day of school? Well, just a little. First he has a terrible nightmare, dreaming that he almost misses the bus and shows up at school in his underwear. Then when he does wake up, he drops the milk just as he's about to pour some on his bowl of flies!



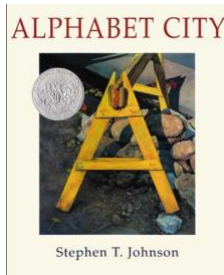
The Feel Good Book

Author: Tod Parr

Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

ISBN: 9780316155656

Synopsis: *Saying 'I Love You' in sign language feels good.
Having a ladybug land on your hand feels good.
Making a new friend feels good.*



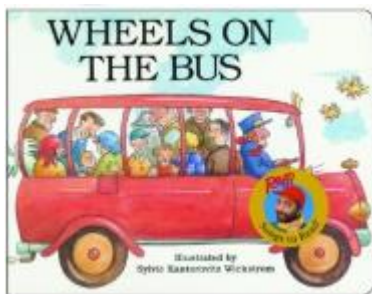
Alphabet City

Author: Stephen T. Johnson

Publisher: Viking Books

ISBN: 9780670856312

Synopsis: The urban landscape will never look the same again. As Stephen T. Johnson demonstrates in a series of strikingly realistic pastels and watercolors, a simple sawhorse can contain the letter "A" — while lampposts alongside a highway can form a row of elegant, soaring Ys. A 1996 Caldecott Honor book, this sophisticated, wordless alphabet book is sure to appeal to young and old alike.



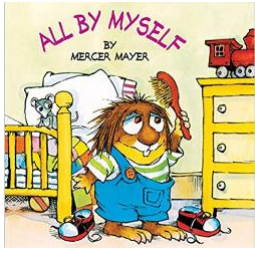
Wheels on the Bus

Author: Raffi Cavoukian, Illustrations: Sylvie Wickstrom

Publisher: Knopf Books

ISBN: 9780517709986

Synopsis: Singing and reading to your child are considered two of the most vital ways parents can stimulate the development of a child's brain during the earliest years. Raffi's Songs to Read unites the rhythm, rhyme, and repetition that helps to lay the foundation for later speech, listening, and reading skills. Here with fresh new cover designs are some of Raffi's best-known songs.



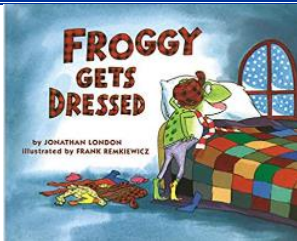
Little Critter: All By Myself

Author: Mercer Mayer

Publisher: Random House

ISBN: 9780307119384

Synopsis: Mercer Mayer's Little Critter wants to show you all the things he can do for himself in this classic, funny, and heartwarming book. Whether he's tying his shoes, coloring a picture, or riding his bike, both parents and children alike will relate to this beloved story. A perfect way to teach children about independence!



Froggy Gets Dressed

Author: Jonathan London

Publisher: Puffin Books

ISBN: 9780140054452

Synopsis: Rambunctious Froggy hops out into the snow for a winter frolic but is called back by his mother to put on some necessary articles of clothing.



Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

Author: Bill Martin Jr. / Eric Carle

Publisher: Henry Holt and Co.

ISBN: 9780805092448

Synopsis: With the important pre-reading concepts of rhyme, rhythm, and repetition, these picture books have long been used as beginning readers.
