**School: Starting School, Going to a New School, etc.**

Bloch, S. *Butterflies In My Stomach And Other School Hazards*. On the first day of school, a student is confused by many of the phrases that are used, such as when the librarian says not to open a can of worms, or when the teacher says he expects the class to be busy bees doing their homework.  jP Bloch

Bloom, S. *The Bus For Us*. On her first day of school, Tess wonders what the school bus will look like.  jP Bloom

Brown, M. *Monkey: Not Ready For Kindergarten*. Kindergarten is only a week away . . . but Monkey is NOT ready. What if he gets on the wrong bus? What if they don't have any red crayons? What if he doesn't like the snacks? What if he doesn't make new friends? There are so many thoughts running through Monkey's head! But step by step, his family eases his worries: they get him a new backpack, help him read books about school, prepare his lunch, and make sure Monkey is excited—and ready—for the Big Day.  jP Brown

Buzzeo, T. *Adventure Annie Goes to Kindergarten*. Even though there are rules to follow, a little girl who loves adventure has an exciting first day of kindergarten.  jP Buzzeo

Carlson, N. *First Grade, Here I Come!* Henry tells his mother that he did not like his first day of first grade, but as he describes what he did and learned, he begins to realize that he might enjoy it after all.  jP Carlson

Carlson, N. *Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!* Even though Henry is looking forward to going to kindergarten, he is not sure about staying once he first gets there.  jP Carlson

Child, L. *I Am Too Absolutely Small for School*. When Lola is worried about starting school, her older brother Charlie reassures her.  jP Child

Cohen, M. *Will I Have a Friend?* Jim's anxieties on his first day of school are happily forgotten when he makes a new friend.  jP Cohen

Danneberg, J. *First Day Jitters*. 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.  jP Dannenberg

Davis, K. *I'm Telling You Dex, Kindergarten Rocks!* Dexter knows everything there is to know about kindergarten and is not at all scared about his first day there, but his stuffed dog, Rufus, is very nervous.  jP Davis

DeGroat, D. *Brand-New Pencils, Brand-New Books*. Gilbert's excitement over
starting first grade turns to worry that the teacher will be mean, the work too hard, and his classmates too unfriendly, but throughout the day there are pleasant surprises.  jP deGroat

Dodd, E.  Foxy.  Emily is worried about starting school for the first time, but Foxy waves his magic tail to provide what she needs to be ready--after a few mistakes along the way.  jP Dodd

Gaiman, N.  Chu's First Day Of School.  On the first day of school, a young panda learns about the special things his animal classmates can do.  jP Gaiman

Grindley, S.  It's My School.  Tom is not happy that his younger sister, Alice, is starting kindergarten at his school.  jP Grindley

Guillain, C.  My First Day At A New School.  All children experience at least one first day of school. Most have more than one. This book presents a very general introduction to school settings. Colorful photographs show children in a variety of school environments. Includes a list of "Dos and Don'ts at School," a three-word glossary, a bibliography, and an index.  j 371.002

Hall, K.  My New School.  A young boy shows the reader, and someone hidden until the end, all around his school, pointing out the different rooms, demonstrating things he has learned to do, and sharing his favorite book.  jE Hall

Henkes, K.  Chrysanthemum.  Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of it.  jP Henkes

Hest, A.  Off to School, Baby Duck!  Baby Duck experiences the fear of the first day of school, but with a little help from Grampa, everything turns out okay in the end.  jP Hest

Horse, H.  Little Rabbit Goes To School.  Little Rabbit takes his favorite toy, Charlie Horse, along for his first day of school and when there is trouble, he blames it all on Charlie.  jP Horse

Jabar, C.  Alice Ann Gets Ready For School.  Alice Ann experiences both fun and anxiety as she gets ready for the biggest event in her life.  jP Jabar

Janni, R.  Every Cowgirl Goes To School.  From having to leave her cowgirl hat at home to being seated between the rambunctious "J-twins," a brand new day in a brand new class is not going Nellie Sue's way.  jP Janni

Johnston, T.  Sparky And Eddie : The First Day Of School.  Sparky and Eddie are next-door neighbors. One is tall, the other is short, one has freckles, one doesn't.
One likes bugs, the other trees, but both are excited about starting school. Then they find out that they are going to be in different classrooms.  

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Keane, D.  **Monster School: First Day Frights.** On his first day at a new school, Norm, a regular boy, has trouble fitting in with his monstrous classmates.

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Kirk, D.  **Little Miss Spider at Sunny Patch School.** On her first day at school, Little Miss Spider worries that she cannot do what the others can, but she learns that she has a special quality all her own.

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London, J.  **Froggy Goes to School.** Froggy is nervous about his first day of school, but, even though it's hard to sit still, he has a wonderful time.

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McGhee, A.  **Countdown to Kindergarten.** Ten days before the start of kindergarten, a preschooler cannot tie her shoes by herself and fears the worst.

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McGhee, A.  **Mrs. Watson Wants Your Teeth.** A first grader is frightened on her first day of school after hearing a rumor that her teacher is a 300-year-old alien with a purple tongue who steals baby teeth from her students.

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Nichols, L.  **Maple & Willow Apart.** Maple and Willow have always been inseparable. So what happens when Maple starts big-girl school and Willow stays behind? Well, of course, both girls have marvelous adventures of their own, but the truth is, they miss each other. And when they see that the missing is mutual, they find a unique way to feel connected even when they have to be apart.

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Park, B.  **Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus.** In her own words, a young girl describes her feelings about starting kindergarten and what she does when she decides not to ride the bus home.

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Parish, H.  **Amelia Bedelia's First Day Of School.** A literal-minded first-grader's first day of school is filled with confusing adventures, much to her delight.

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Penn, A.  **The Kissing Hand.** When Chester the raccoon is reluctant to go to kindergarten for the first time, his mother teaches him a secret way to carry her love with him.

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Portis, A.  **Kindergarten Diary.** Annalina's diary entries reflect her feelings and experiences as she goes from being afraid to go to kindergarten to loving it during her first month of school.
Quackenbush, R. *First Grade Jitters*. A small boy wonders what first grade will be like, but is not sure that he wants to find out. jP Quackenbush

Rockwell, A. *First Day Of School*. Mrs. Madoff's students compare notes about getting ready for their first day of school after vacation. jP Rockwell

Schulz, C. *Time for School, Charlie Brown*. Charlie Brown can't stop worrying about the new school year, and he enters the school's spelling bee in order to break out of his rut and do something extraordinary. jE Schultz

Scotton, R. *Splat the Cat*. A nervous Splat finds his first day at Cat School much better than he expected. jP Scotton

Slate, J. *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready For Kindergarten*. Introduces the letters of the alphabet as Miss Bindergarten and her students get ready for kindergarten. jP Slate

Torrey, R. *Ally-Saurus & the First Day Of School*. When Ally roars off to her first day at school, she hopes she'll meet lots of other dinosaur-mad kids in class. Instead, she's the only one chomping her food with fierce dino teeth and drawing dinosaurs on her nameplate. Even worse, a group of would-be "princesses" snubs her! Will Ally ever make new friends? With its humorous art, appealing heroine, and surprise ending, this fun picture book celebrates children's boundless imagination. jP Torrey

Van Leeuwen, J. *Amanda Pig, First Grader*. Amanda is very excited about starting first grade, and although everything is not exactly as she expected, she soon begins learning to read and finding her way. jE Van Leeuwen

Van Leeuwen, J. *Amanda Pig, School Girl*. Amanda Pig's first day of school is every bit as wonderful as she always hoped it would be. jE Van Leeuwen

Van Leeuwen, J. *Oliver Pig at School*. During Oliver Pig's first day at school, he builds with blocks, plays with his toy dinosaur, and makes a new friend. jE Van Leeuwen

Wells, R. *Emily's First 100 Days of School*. Starting with number one for the first day of school, Emily learns the numbers to one hundred in many different ways. jP Wells

Wells, R. *Mama, Don't Go!* Yoko loves kindergarten, but she doesn't want her mother to leave--until her new friend helps her realize that "mothers always come back." jE Wells

Wells, R. *My Kindergarten*. Organized into monthly segments, and accompanied by bright, appealing artwork, this one-of-a-kind complete
kindergarten book offers parents, teachers, and children a special way to share the most important school year in a child’s life. j 372 Wells

Wells, R. **Timothy Goes to School.** Timothy learns about being accepted and making friends during the first week of his first year at school. jP Wells

Wilson, S. **George Hogglesberry: Grade School Alien.** George Hogglesberry, the new second grade student from the planet Frollop II, gets help from his teacher and classmates with fitting in and with his performance in the fall school play. jP Wilson

Whybrow, I. **Little Wolf's Book of Badness.** Little Wolf has been behaving too courteously, so his parents send him to his uncle's Big Bad Wolf school to learn to be a proper wolf. j Whybrow

Yoon, S. **Bear's Big Day.** It's Bear's very first day of school! He wants to be grown up, so he leaves his stuffed bunny Floppy at home along with all his familiar things. But being away from his best friend is hard--and the first day doesn't turn out quite how like Bear wanted it to. Bear learns that the first day of school might not always be perfect, and being grown up doesn't have to mean giving up the things he loves. jP Yoon

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