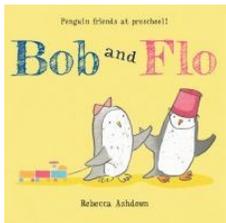


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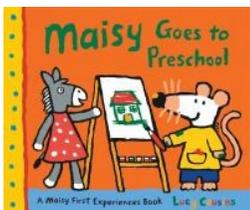
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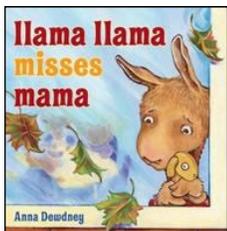
Ashdown, R. Bob and Flo. It's Flo's first day of preschool. She has her lunch in a bucket and a new bow, but soon her bucket disappears! Does her classmate Bob have anything to do with the bucket mystery? How two irresistible little penguins find both Flo's bucket and a new friendship makes for a preschool charmer. Bob and Flo is sure to ease any back-to-school jitters.

jP Ashdown



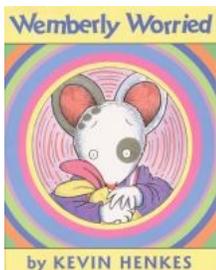
Cousins, L. Maisy Goes to Preschool. Join Maisy and her friends for a busy day at preschool! Maisy enjoys many typical preschool activities (painting, music, story time, etc.) and also demonstrates appropriate school behaviors. This child-friendly look at a day in the life of a preschooler is one that both newcomers and seasoned pros will be happy to share.

jP Cousins



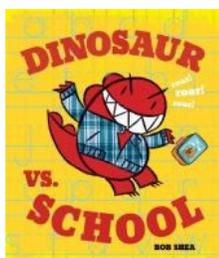
Dewdney, A. Llama Llama Misses Mama. It's Llama Llama's first day of preschool! And Llama Llama's mama makes sure he's ready. They meet the teachers. See the other children. Look at all the books and games. But then it's time for Mama to leave. And suddenly Llama Llama isn't so excited anymore. Will Mama Llama come back? Of course she will. But before she does, the other children show Llama Llama how much fun school can be!

jP Dewdney



Henkes, K. Wemberly Worried. Wemberly worried about spilling her juice, about shrinking in the bathtub, even about snakes in the radiator. She worried morning, noon, and night. "Worry, worry, worry," her family said. "Too much worry." And Wemberly worried about one thing most of all: her first day of school. But when she meets a fellow worrywart in her class, Wemberly realizes that school is too much fun to waste time worrying!

jP Henkes

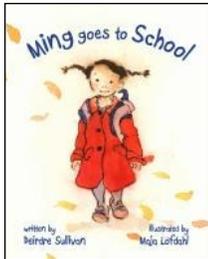


Shea, B. Dinosaur vs. School. Dinosaur is starting preschool today. ROAR! There are new friends to meet, dress-up outfits to wear, glitter and googly eyes to paste, musical instruments to play, and snacks to eat. What's not to like? But then, oh, no! It's Dinosaur vs. Clean-up Time! Fortunately, when friends work together, everyone wins! This story will both amuse and reassure anyone going off to school for the first time.

jP Shea

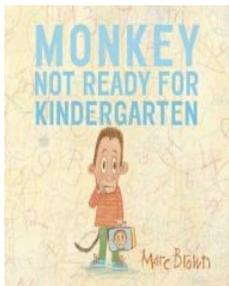
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Sullivan, D. Ming Goes to School. Ming goes to school, where she meets new friends and introduces them to old friends (including her favorite teddy), builds sandcastles and makes snow angels; she traces, glitters, and glues. She is so fearless that when she's playing in the mud, she reaches out and touches the worms with her bare hands! But despite that, she isn't quite ready for the big red slide. A quiet and reassuring picture book for pre-schoolers. jP Sullivan

Kindergarten:

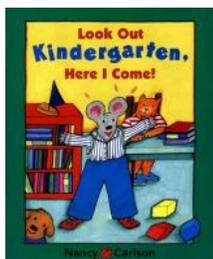


Brown, M. Monkey: Not Ready for Kindergarten. Kindergarten is only a week away . . . but Monkey is NOT ready. What if he gets on the wrong bus? What if they don't have any red crayons? What if he doesn't like the snacks? What if he doesn't make new friends? There are so many thoughts running through 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



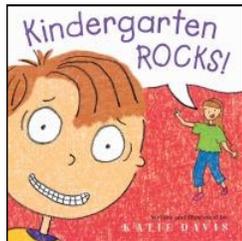
Buzzeo, T. Adventure Annie Goes to Kindergarten. Annie Grace wears her "Adventure Annie" cape to her first day of kindergarten, and proceeds to barrel through the day, searching for adventure in every moment. Her interpretation of the class's Gold Star Rules isn't exactly what her teacher, Mr. Todd, had in mind. But somehow Annie does manage to save the day when two of her classmates get lost on their way to retrieve the afternoon snack. Spirited and funny, this is an introduction to kindergarten that will please kids and teachers alike. jP Buzzeo



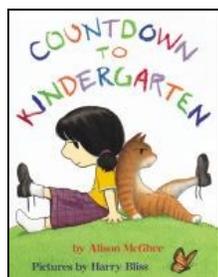
Carlson, N. Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come! It's the first day of kindergarten, and Henry is raring to go! Henry knows he's going to have a busy day: there will be stories to hear, letters and numbers to learn, songs to sing, and friends to make. But when Henry gets to school, it looks scary and for a moment he's not sure he's ready for kindergarten. What Henry soon discovers, though, is that he's been ready all along, and that the only thing he's not ready for is how much fun kindergarten is going to be! jP Carlson

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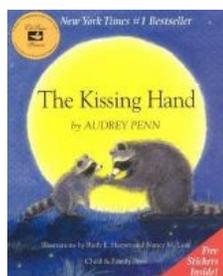
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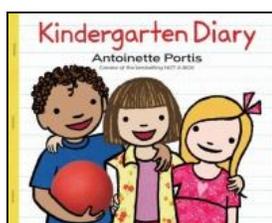
Davis, K. Kindergarten Rocks! Dexter already knows everything there is to know about kindergarten. His big sister, Jessie, told him all about it. So Dexter is not scared. Not even a little bit. But his stuffed dog, Rufus, is scared. Actually, he's terrified. But Dexter--er, Rufus--has nothing to fear: As he'll soon find out, kindergarten rocks!. jP Davis



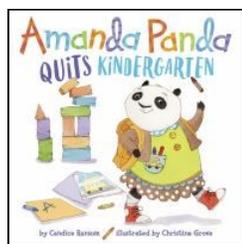
McGhee, A. Countdown to Kindergarten. It's just ten days before kindergarten, and this little girl has heard all there is to know--from a first grader--about what it's going to be like. You can't bring your cat, you can't bring a stuffed animal, and the number one rule? You can't ask anyone for help. Ever. So what do you do when your shoes come untied, if you're the only one in the class who doesn't know how to tie them up again? This lighthearted take on pre-kindergarten anxiety will bring a smile to the face of every child--and parent--having first-day jitters. jP McGhee



Penn, A. The Kissing Hand. School is starting in the forest, but Chester Raccoon is reluctant to go to kindergarten for the first time. To help ease Chester's fears, Mrs. Raccoon shares a family secret called the Kissing Hand to give him the reassurance of her love any time his world feels a little scary. jP Penn



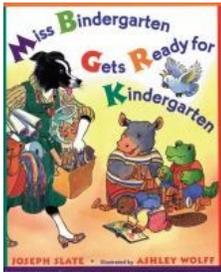
Portis, A. Kindergarten Diary. Starting kindergarten can be a little scary. But Annalina shows us there are lots of new and exciting things to look forward to--meeting your teacher, playing on the monkey bars, feeding the pet tortoise, and making new friends. Experience the ups and downs of the first days of kindergarten through Annalina's very own diary! jP Portis



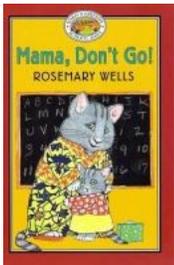
Ransom, C. Amanda Panda Quits Kindergarten. Amanda Panda has BIG ideas for her first day of school. But when things don't go according to plan, and when a pesky girl in a pink bow decides to be her best friend, she walks out on kindergarten and joins her brother in second grade. It takes an unlikely partner to fix Amanda's terrible day and to teach her about friendship, tolerance, and how to cope with life's ups and downs. jP Ransom

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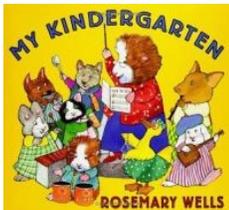
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Slate, J. Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten. It's the first day of kindergarten and Miss Bindergarten is hard at work getting the classroom ready for her twenty-six new students. Meanwhile, Adam Krupp wakes up, Brenda Heath brushes her teeth, and Christopher Beaker finds his sneaker. Miss Bindergarten puts the finishing touches on the room just in time, and the students arrive. Now the fun can begin! jP Slate

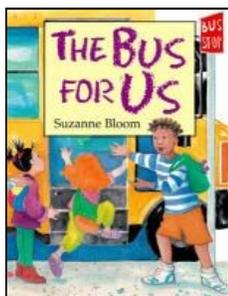


Wells, R. Mama, Don't Go! Yoko simply can't wait for her first day of school. She wants to make new friends, feed the goldfish, and string a necklace of colored beads. Once there, Yoko loves kindergarten, but she doesn't want her mother to leave--until her new friend helps her realize that "mothers always come back." jE Wells

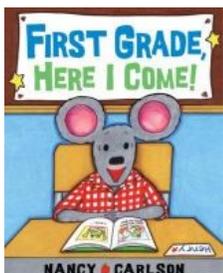


Wells, R. My Kindergarten. Organized into monthly segments, and accompanied by bright, appealing artwork, this one-of-a-kind complete kindergarten book offers parents, teachers, and children a special way to share the most important school year in a child's life. j 372 Wells

First Day of First Grade/New School Year:



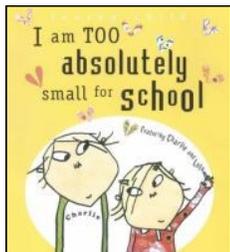
Bloom, S. The Bus for Us. Today is Tess's first day of school and her very first ride on a school bus. As a multitude of vehicles passes by, Tess eagerly asks, "Is this the bus for us, Gus?" Young readers will particularly enjoy knowing more than Tess as they identify all of the vehicles that pass by, and they will laugh at the ridiculous antics of all of the kids waiting at the bus stop. jP Bloom



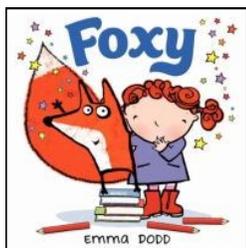
Carlson, N. First Grade, Here I Come! After the first day of first grade, Henry's not sure how he feels about it. The teacher isn't like his kindergarten teacher, and the fifth-graders hog the monkey bars. But as Henry tells his mother about a new friend who likes soccer and about how he'll learn to read books, he begins to realize that maybe first grade won't be so bad after all. jP Carlson

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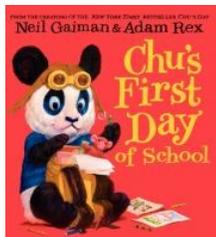
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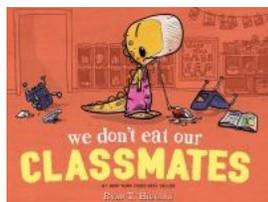
Child, L. I Am Too Absolutely Small for School. Lola is not so sure about school. After all, why would she need to count higher than ten when she never eats more than ten cookies at a time? And why write letters when you have a telephone? Once again, it's up to ever-patient big brother Charlie to persuade Lola that school is worthwhile. Lauren Child's delightful sibling duo returns to tackle first-day-of-school jitters with their own special brand of energy and humor jP Child



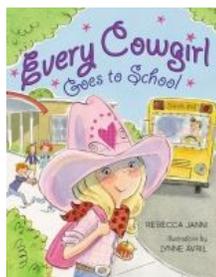
Dodd, E. Foxy. In a reassuring tale about first-day-of-school jitters, a girl commiserates with a magical but accident-prone fox. Curly-haired Emily is sleepless beneath her flowered comforter when Foxy prances through her window. Emily admits she might need a pencil and eraser to start school properly. Foxy confidently waves his "magic tail," producing a penguin and an elephant. Before long, Emily giggles at Foxy's errors and nearly forgets her anxiety. Foxy is tucking the penguin and other supplies back into his voluminous tail when Emily ventures, "What if nobody likes me?" "Now, you don't need my magic for that, Emily," Foxy replies. "I know you'll make plenty of friends." jP Dodd



Gaiman, N. Chu's First Day of School. Chu, the adorable panda with a great big sneeze, is heading off for his first day of school, and he's nervous. He hopes the other boys and girls will be nice. Will they like him? What will happen at school? And will Chu do what he does best? jP Gailman



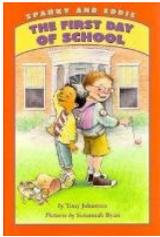
Higgins, R. We Don't Eat Our Classmates! It's the first day of school for Penelope Rex, and she can't wait to meet her classmates. But it's hard to make human friends when they're so darn delicious! That is, until Penelope gets a taste of her own medicine and finds she may not be at the top of the food chain after all. . . . jP Higgins



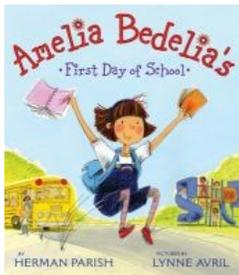
Janni, R. Every Cowgirl Goes to School. Nellie Sue is looking forward to a great school year. But when new girl Maya sits next to her best friend, Anna, and she finds her new desk is sandwiched between the rough and wild J-Twins, Nellie Sue realizes that this day is NOT going her way. Can this trusty cowgirl dust herself off and use her high-flying spirit to turn the day around and make a brand-new friend? jP Janni

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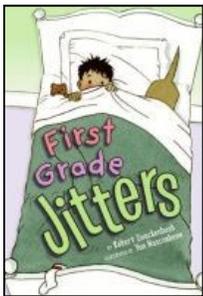
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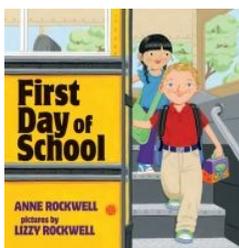
Johnston, T. Sparky and Eddie: The First Day Of School. Sparky and Eddie are next-door neighbors. One is tall, the other is short, one has freckles, one doesn't. One likes bugs, the other trees, but both are excited about starting school. Then they find out that they are going to be in different classrooms.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



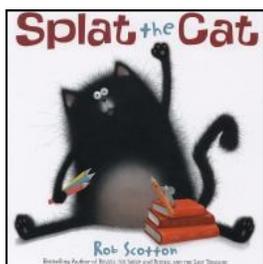
Parish, H. Amelia Bedelia's First Day of School. Amelia Bedelia is sure that she will absolutely love school. But after hopping on the bus "just like a bunny" (hurry up, sweetie!), confusing her name tag with a game (we are not playing tag), and gluing herself to her seat (oh, dear), Amelia Bedelia discovers that what she takes for granted is not always the way the world works. Still, friendships are formed, lessons are learned, and projects are completed, and through it all Amelia Bedelia's teacher, Mrs. Edwards, offers gentle guidance and an open heart. jP Parish



Quackenbush, R. First Grade Jitters. Here is the story of a young boy who is about to enter first grade and doesn't know quite what to expect. Will his friends be there? Will he have to know how to read and spell? What if he can't understand anything his teacher says? Looks like a case of first grade jitters! This reassuring story is sure to chase away those jitters for any soon-to-be first grader. jP Quackenbush



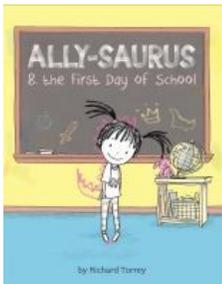
Rockwell, A. First Day of School. Kids will understand the excitement and nervousness of the children in Mrs. Madoff's class as they get ready for the first day of school after summer vacation. They've all changed a little. Nicholas has a grown-up new haircut. Jessica has learned how to make her own lunch. And Ethan has his very own house key! As the kids get into their back-to-school rituals, they know one thing for sure: this year is sure to be great! jP Rockwell



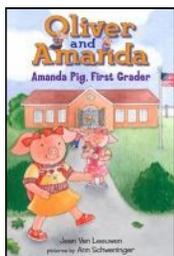
Scotton, R. Splat the Cat. It's Splat's first day of school and he's worried. What if he doesn't make any new friends? Just in case, Splat decides to bring along his pet mouse, Seymour, and hides him in his lunchbox. The teacher, Mrs. Wimpydimple, introduces Splat to the class and he soon starts learning all his important cat lessons. But then Seymour escapes and the cats do what cats do (chase mice)! Just in time, wise Mrs. Wimpydimple takes charge and teaches everyone an important new lesson. Maybe Cat School is going to be okay after all! jP Scotton

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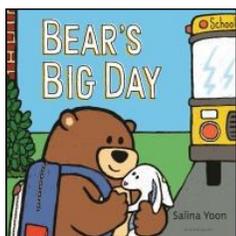
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Torrey, R. Ally-Saurus & the First Day of School. When Ally roars off to her first day at school, she hopes she'll meet lots of other dinosaur-mad kids in class. Instead, she's the only one chomping her food with fierce dino teeth and drawing dinosaurs on her nameplate. Even worse, a group of would-be "princesses" snubs her! Will Ally ever make new friends? jP Torrey

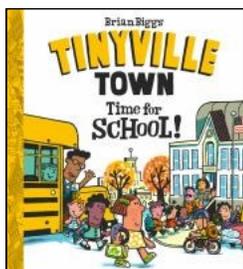


Van Leeuwen, J. Amanda Pig, First Grader. Amanda Pig is going to be a first-grader! This year she won't have to take naps, she'll play on the big playground, and, best of all, she'll learn how to read. But something is wrong, because when Amanda tries to read, she can recognize the letters but not the words! Is first grade going to be harder than Amanda thought? Will she ever be able to read? jE Van Leeuwen

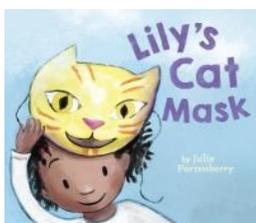


Yoon, S. Bear's Big Day. It's Bear's very first day of school! He wants to be grown up, so he leaves his stuffed bunny Floppy at home along with all his familiar things. But being away from his best friend is hard--and the first day doesn't turn out quite how like Bear wanted it to. Bear learns that 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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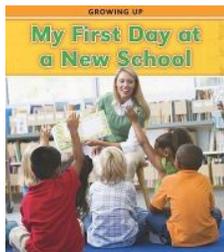
Biggs, B. Time for School! Even though she has just moved to Tinyville Town, everyone at her new school, from Principal Paul to the lunch lady, is kind and does his or her part to keep things running smoothly for Ellie Emberley on her first day of school. jP Biggs



Fortenberry, J. Lily's Cat Mask. Armed with a vivid imagination and her trusty cat mask, Lily can take on anything--even a new school... But when her teacher tells her no masks allowed in class, Lily worries, can she make friends without it? Anyone who has been daunted by a new experience, or struggled to put on a good face, will relate to Lily. jP Fortenberry

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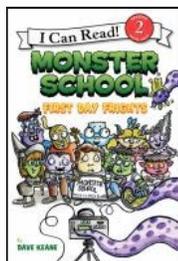
Guillain, C. My First Day at A New School. All children experience at least one first day of school. Most have more than one. This book presents a very general introduction to school settings. Colorful photographs show children in a variety of school environments. Includes a list of "Dos and Don'ts at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

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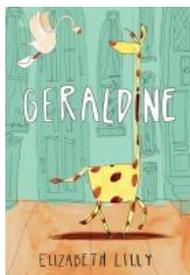
Hall, K. My New School. A young boy shows the reader, and his younger sister on a tour of his school; pointing out the different rooms, demonstrating things he has learned to do, and sharing his favorite book. This is a perfect book for a quick introduction to school. The final sentence of encouragement to the younger sibling is perfect for readers who are not in school yet.

jE Hall



Keane, D. Monster School: First Day Frights. Norm is just plain normal—until he finds himself in a new school. His headless principal, Cyclops-like teacher, and monstrous classmates are welcoming, but Norm has trouble connecting with anyone. Then one of his classmates points out that Norm is unique, just like the monsters. Finally, he feels he may be happy at Monster School after all.

jE Keane



Lilly, E. Geraldine. Geraldine is NOT moving. Not to this new town where she's the only giraffe. Not to this new school where she has no friends. Not to this new place, where everyone only knows her as That Giraffe Girl. But soon Geraldine meets Cassie, a girl who is just as much of an outcast as she is, and as time goes by, she realizes that being yourself and making one really good, unusual friend can help someone who literally stands out fit right in.

jP Lilly

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