

Transitioning to Kindergarten through Children's Literature

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One valuable way to help young children prepare for the transition to kindergarten is to read them books about starting school. These selected books span the experiences and emotions of children anticipating or taking part in their very first day of school. I encourage you to read those books that interest you before you choose which to introduce to your child. In addition, the greatest gift that I believe anyone can give a child is the opportunity to have their own library card. In most libraries, any child who has reached the age of five may get a library card. Happy Reading!



Adventure Annie Goes to Kindergarten

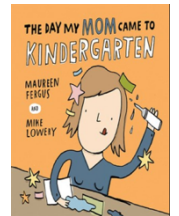
Toni Buzzeo

Even though there are rules to follow, Annie Grace, a little girl who loves adventure, has an exciting first day of kindergarten.

The Day My Mom Came to Kindergarten

by Maureen Fergus

The day Mom comes to kindergarten, she is so excited that she forgets all her manners, but her understanding daughter guides her through the day showing her the proper way to behave.



Eva and Sadie and the Best Classroom Ever!

by Jeff Cohen

Sadie, who is about to start second grade, decides it is up to her to make sure her little sister, Eva, is ready for kindergarten.



Is Your Buffalo Ready for Kindergarten?

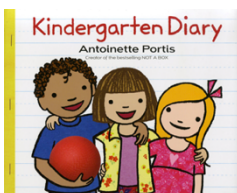
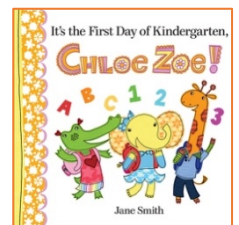
by Audrey Vernick

This is a hilarious book about the first day of kindergarten with one's own buffalo and first-day-of-school jitters. This book lays out some nice lessons about what to expect.

It's the First Day of Kindergarten, Chloe Zoe!

by Jane Smith

Kindgartener Chloe Zoe has a new backpack and matching lunch box and is so excited to see her friends Mary Margaret and George. Chloe Zoe discovers that Mary Margaret is in a different kindergarten class and wonders if kindergarten will be any fun without her best friend.



Kindergarten Diary

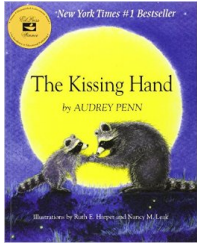
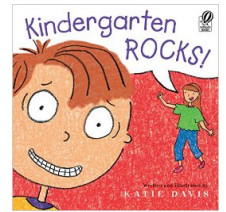
by Antoinette Portis

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.

Kindergarten Rocks!

by Katie Davis

Dexter is going to kindergarten. Is he nervous about it – or is it his dog, Rufus? His big sister helps them settle in.



The Kissing Hand

by Audrey Penn

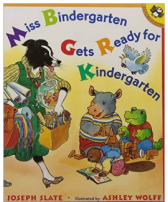
When Chester Raccoon tells his mother he is afraid to go to school, she tells him a secret about the Kissing Hand. Whenever he feels lonely or afraid during the day, he presses his hand to his cheek and feel his mother's kiss.



Look Out, Kindergarten, Here I Come!

by Nancy L. Carlson

Henry, the mouse, is excited about starting kindergarten – until he gets there. He is a little shy until he sees all the wonderful things to do and all the other happy children.



Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten

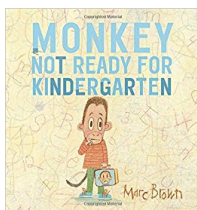
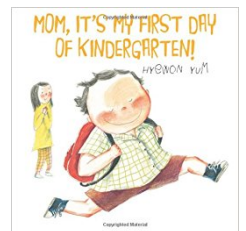
by Joseph Slate

Miss Bindergarten is an amazing kindergarten teacher and she can't wait to get her classroom ready for her 26 new students. Each student is an animal and has a name that matches a letter in the alphabet.

Mom, It's My First Day of Kindergarten!

by Hyewon Yum

A five-year-old, ready and eager for his first day of kindergarten at “the big kids’ school”, must calm his very worried mother and reassure her that everything will be fine.



Monkey: Not Ready for Kindergarten

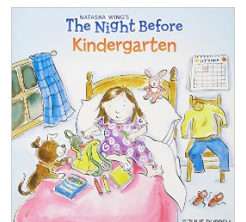
by Mark Tolon Brown

Kindergarten is just a week away and Monkey is not ready, but with the help and encouragement from family and friends, he begins to get excited.

The Night Before Kindergarten

by Natasha Wing

Based on the Clement C. Moore poem, this story follows the children as they get ready for the first day of kindergarten.





On the First Day of Kindergarten

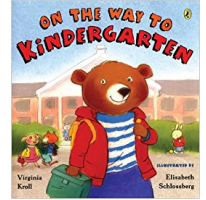
by Tish Rabe

A five-year-old recounts the cool new things that she got to do in the first twelve days of kindergarten.

On the Way to Kindergarten

by Virginia L. Kroll

A mother describes the increasing accomplishments of her five-year-old, from crying and sleeping to riding a tricycle, then preparing for school.



Planet Kindergarten

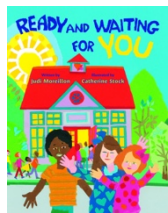
by Sue Ganz-Schmitt

A young child imagines going off to kindergarten as a journey to another planet.

Polka-Dot Fixes Kindergarten

by Catherine Urdahl

On the first day of kindergarten, Polka-dot uses the fit-it kit her grandpa has prepared for her to help make a friend.



Ready and Waiting for You

by Judi Moreillon

The bus driver, the principal, the teachers, and more wait behind the school doors ready to welcome new students. Each school setting offers warm and friendly characters perfect for reassuring any child nervous about starting school.



Ready, Set, Kindergarten!

by Paula Ayer

Follow one girl through the everyday activities that help her to prepare for the first day of kindergarten.

School's First Day of School

by Adam Rex

It's the first day of school at Frederick Douglass Elementary and everyone's just a little bit nervous, especially the school itself.



Welcome to Kindergarten (WFL, BPL)

by Anne Rockwell

Tim visits his kindergarten classroom before school starts. He worries that the classroom would be too big, but after exploring all the interesting things to see and do, he decides it is just the right size for him.