

## READERS

Klein, Adria F. **Max Goes on the Bus.**

Max likes to ride the bus to and from school.  
(Also in Spanish)

Parish, Herman. **Amelia Bedelia's First Day of School.**

A literal minded first grader's first day of school is filled with confusing adventures, but she is still excited to come back to school again tomorrow.

Parr, Todd. **Otto Goes to School.**

Otto goes to school, where he makes friends and learns to wag his tail without knocking things over.

## PICTURE BOOKS FOR OLDER READERS

(in the Fiction collection)

Borden, Louise. **Off to First Grade.**

Each member of a first grade class, plus the principal, a teacher and the bus driver, express nervousness, excitement or hope as they get ready for the first day of school.

Howard, Elizabeth Fitzgerald. **Virgie Goes to School with Us Boys.**

A young African American girl, in the 1860s, is determined to prove that she can study just like her older brothers, walking 7 long miles to school.

## NON-FICTION

J 372 J133i **It's Back to School We Go! First Day Stories From Around the World.**

Fictional children from countries such as Kenya, Japan, Kazakhstan, and India talk about what it's like to go to school in their country.

J 599.789 R975p **Panda Kindergarten.**

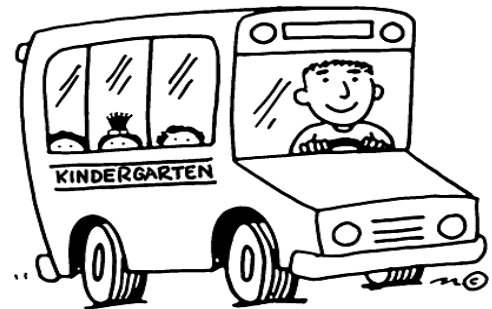
This is no ordinary kindergarten class! Meet sixteen young giant panda cubs learning skills that will help prepare them to be released into the wild.

J 811 C136k **Kindergarten kids: Riddles, Rebuses, Wiggles, Giggles and More!**

Illustrated poems about a wide variety of activities characteristic of kindergarten.

# OFF TO SCHOOL

**Books to read with children getting ready to start kindergarten**



## PICTURE BOOKS

Buzzeo, Toni. **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.

Child, Lauren. **I Am Too Absolutely Small for School.**

Lola is worried about going to school, but the presence of her imaginary friend, Loren Sorensen, convinces her that all will be well. (Also in Spanish)

Cuyler, Margery. **The Little School Bus.**

A happy little school bus and Driver Bob wake up early to pick up children, drop them off to school, then head to the garage for some minor repairs.

Davis, Katie. **Kindergarten Rocks!**

Dexter is not at all nervous about his first day of kindergarten. His stuffed dog Rufus, on the other hand, is very nervous.

Dannenberg, Julie. **First Day Jitters.**

Sarah is afraid to start school, but she and the reader are in for a big surprise when she gets to class!

Gaiman, Neil. **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.

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Ganz-Schmitt, Sue. **Planet Kindergarten.**

A young child imagines going off to kindergarten as a journey to another planet, complete with a rocket ship and space food!

Henkes, Kevin. **Wemberly Worried.**

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



Kleven, Elisa. **The Apple Doll.**

Lizzy makes a doll out of an apple to keep her company on the first day of school.

Ljungkvist, Laura. **Follow the Line to School.**

Encourages young readers to follow the line as it travels through a typical school day, including storytime, recess, library time, and show-and-tell.

Lloyd, Jennifer. **The Best Thing about Kindergarten.**

It's graduation day! Mrs. Appleby's class tries to answer the question "What's the best thing about kindergarten?" Mrs. Appleby has a secret answer of her own.

Millman, Isaac. **Moses Goes to School.**

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

Moreillon, Judi. **Ready and Waiting for You.**

Warm and friendly characters welcome a new student to the first day of school.

Pattison, Darcy. **19 Girls and Me.**

John Hercules is worried about being the only boy in his kindergarten class, but the girls match his sense of adventure!

Rusackas, Francesca. **I Love You All Day Long.**

No matter what Owen does throughout the day at school, his mother loves him while he's doing it.

Scotton, Rob. **Splat the Cat.**

Splat finds his first day at cat school to be much better than expected.

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

Miss Bindergarten and her animal students get ready for the first day of school in this humorous alphabet book.

Sturges, Philemon. **I Love School!**

A brother and sister describe the things they love to do during their day at kindergarten .

Stuve-Bodeen, Stephanie. **Elizabeth's School.**

Though she enjoys the first day of school, Elizabeth misses her family and wonders if it would have been better to stay home.

Uegaki, Chieri. **Suki's Kimono.**

No matter what her family say, Suki insists on wearing her blue kimono on the first day of school.

Wells, Rosemary. **Get Set for Kindergarten: Discover and Explore.**

In this series Timothy and his friends love kindergarten. There is so much to see and do in Ms. Jenkins's classroom, as they learn about a variety of topics.

Wells, Rosemary. **My Kindergarten.**

Miss Cribbage's kindergarten class does something interesting every day of the school year. Each month gives parents and their kindergarteners a chance to explore science, language, art, geography, music and holidays.

