

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 372.91 McCarney **The Way to School**

Children in some places travel to school by crossing rivers, mountains, and fields of ice but being able to learn makes it worth it.

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.



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OFF TO SCHOOL

Books to read with young children getting ready to start school



PICTURE BOOKS

Bean, Jonathan **This is My Home, This is My School**

A boy goes through the special rhythms and routines of a homeschooling day.

Berube, Kate. **Mae's First Day of School**

Mae feels nervous walking to school until she meets some new friends who show her that they can conquer their fears together.

Biggs, Brian. **Time for School!**

Everyone at her new school in Tinyville Town is kind and does his or her part to keep things running smoothly for Ellie Emberley on her first day.

Burris, Priscilla. **Hello School!**

Children have fun at school experiencing familiar classroom activities for the first time.

Carlson, Nancy. **First Grade, Here I Come!**

When Henry describes what he did and learned on his first day, he begins to realize that he might have enjoyed it after all.

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

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

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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.

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!



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.

Dewdney, Anna. **Llama Llama Misses Mama**

Will Llama Llama's mother come back to preschool to pick him up? Yes, after a fun day she does, of course.

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.

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.

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

It's graduation day! The 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.

Rex, Adam. **School's First Day of School**

The school building itself shares jitters with the students on the first day of school.

Rosenberry, Vera. **Vera's First Day of School**

The first day of school does not go exactly as Vera had anticipated.

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 students get ready for the first day of school in this humorous alphabet book.

Sparrow, Leilani. **My First Day**

A little boy bear experiences all the "firsts," from his first story to his first friend, and when it's time to leave, he can't wait for another day at school!

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

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

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

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.

Yum, Hyewon. **Mom, It's My First Day of Kindergarten**

A boy, ready and eager on his first day at "the big kids' school," must calm his very worried mother.



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 go back to school again tomorrow.