

# Recommended Reads

## 1st Day of School



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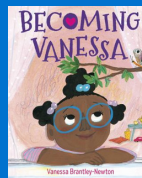
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BARN, D**



The King of Kindergarten  
Derrick Barnes

Instilled with confidence by his parents, a young boy has a great first day of kindergarten.

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BRAN, V**



Becoming Vanessa  
Vanessa Brantley-Newton

Vanessa is nervous she will not fit in on her first day of school, but she hopes a special outfit will show her new classmates she is someone they should know.

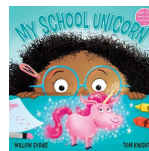
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DAVI, N**



Princess Power  
Natalie Davis

When a young girl wakes up for her first day at a new school, she doesn't know what's in store. When she asks herself "What would a princess do?" she finds the strength within to rule the first day of school-- just like a princess!

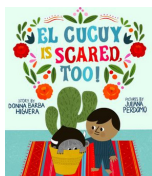
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EVAN, W**



My School Unicorn  
Willow Evans

It's almost time for Evie to go to school, but thinking about it makes her feel all wobbly and anxious. But when Evie puts on her new school uniform, she makes a magical discovery. Hidden inside the pocket of her jumper is Bobby, a tiny school unicorn! Bobby has a very important job - helping children feel brave when they go to school.

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HIGU, D**



El Cucuy is Scared, Too!  
Donna Barba Higuera

Ramón is worried about his first day at a new school, but it helps to remind El Cucuy, the monster who lives in his cactus pot, of how brave and strong they both are.

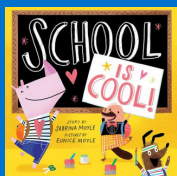
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JOHN, J**



First Day Critter Jitters  
Jory John

It's almost the first day of school, and the animals are nervous. When they all arrive at their classroom, though, they're in for a surprise: Somebody else is nervous too. It's their teacher, the armadillo! He has rolled in as a ball, and it takes him a while to relax and unfurl. But by the next day, the animals have all figured out how to help one another through their jitters.

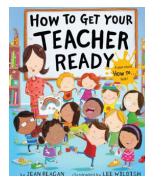
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MOYL, S**



School is Cool!  
Sabrina Moyle

This energetic picture book prepares young readers for their first day of school with humor and encouragement.

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REAG, J**



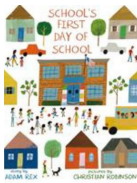
How to Get Your Teacher Ready  
Jean Reagan

A class of adorable students gives tips and tricks for getting a teacher ready for the first day of school, and all the events and milestones that will follow (picture day, holiday concert, the 100th day of school, field day!). And along the way, children will see that getting their teacher ready is really getting themselves ready.

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REX, A**

School's First Day of School  
Adam Rex

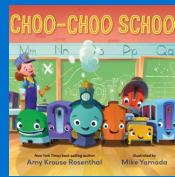
It's the first day of school at Frederick Douglass Elementary and everyone's just a little bit nervous, especially the school itself.



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ROSE, A**

Choo Choo School  
Amy Krouse Rosenthal

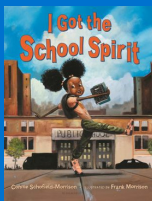
No racing in the haul-ways! From the late, beloved author Amy Krouse Rosenthal, a look at seven adorable train cars on their first day of school.



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SCHO, C**

I Got the School Spirit  
Connie Schofield-Morrison

As a new school year begins, a young girl is filled with school spirit as she zips her book bag shut, rides the bus, enjoys her classes, and eagerly anticipates the next day.



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YOLE, J**

School of Fish  
Jane Yolen

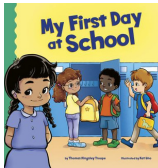
A young fish confidently begins his first day of school, but soon faces fear, anger, and other emotions by counting to ten, thinking of calm seas, and making a new friend.



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TROU, T**

My First Day at School  
Thomas Kinglsey Troup

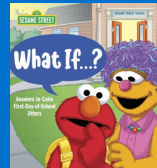
What's the first day of kindergarten like? Covering all the basics, from lockers and bathroom etiquette to playground rules and lunchtime, My First Day of School walks young readers through a typical first day of school, complete with kid-friendly, 1st-person narration and playful yet realistic illustrations that embrace diversity.



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FRY, S**

What If...?: Answers to Calm First-Day-of-School Jitters  
Sonali Fry

Young children can have lots of anxiety, especially when faced with something new, such as starting school. Luckily, Elmo and his Sesame Street friends are here to relieve those first-time jitters! This picture book answers common questions (What if I don't like my teacher? What if I don't know where the bathroom is?) to ease your little one's worries.



## MORE FIRST DAY BOOKS:

Isabel and Her Colores Go to School | P Alessandri

School is Coming | P Aubert

Llama Llama Misses Mama | P Dewdney

The Giggles Are Coming! | P Eliopoulos

Tool School | P Holub

Pirates Don't Go to Kindergarten | P Robinson

The Pigeon Has to Go to School | P Willems