



Starting School

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PICTURE BOOKS

Isabel and her Colores go to School by Alexandra Alessandri, 2021

Spa Picture Book ALESSANDRI

This bilingual picture book tells the story of Isabel, who loves learning, but is scared to go to school where they only speak English. Using her art skills, though, she is able to make new friends, even if they don't share the same language. (Grades K-3)

The Queen of Kindergarten by Derrick Barnes, 2022

Picture Book BARNES

A brand-new kindergartener has a great first day of school, thanks to the positivity and confidence her parents shower on her. (Grades PreK-K)

First day of School by Esther van den Berg, 2021

Picture Book BERG

Robin isn't sure he wants to go to school, but Mom is sure he'll have fun. After a full day of snacks, stories, and crafts, Robin isn't sure he wants to go back home! (Grades PreK-1)

We Will Rock Our Classmates by Ryan Higgins, 2020

Picture Book HIGGINS

Penelope, a T-Rex, wants to participate in her school's talent show, but can T-Rexes rock-and-roll? A good story about embracing a child's interests and talents. (Grades PreK-3)

First Day Critter Jitters by Jory John, 2020

Picture Book JOHN

The first day of school can be worrisome! All the animals are nervous but to their surprise they learn that everyone feels that way on the first day of school. The animals join forces and help each other figure out how to overcome their worries together. (Grades PreK-3)

The Color Monster Goes to School by Anna Llenas, 2020

Picture Book LLENAS

It's Color Monster's first day of school! At first he's scared, but then he meets all his new classmates and goes to music class, storytime, and recess, and learns how fun school can be! (Grades PreK-1)

Lola Goes to School by Anna McQuinn, 2019

Picture Book MCQUINN

Join Lola on her first day of school. She prepares her clothes and food the night before and is very excited! On her first day of school she says good bye to Mommy and makes new friends while reading, playing outside and pretending to be a superhero. (Grades PreK-K)

My First Day by Phùng Nguyễn Quang, 2021

Picture Book PHUNG

A young boy is nervous about traveling by himself to school, but he reminds himself that “what you know can...turn the unfamiliar into family.” (Grades 1-4)

Choo-Choo School by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, 2020

Picture Book ROSENTHAL

What happens on a train’s first day of school? They have classroom rules too: work hard, play fair, be kind. Read a long as the trains start their first day of school where they do math, get exercise and sing the alphabet song! (Grades PreK-2)

This is a School by John Schu, 2022

Picture Book SCHU

What is a school? It’s “librarians and coaches, helpers and staff, principals and teachers, kids and friends.” A great book for helping kids feel like they belong at school. (Grades PreK-2)

That’s Not My Name! by Anoosha Syed, 2022

Picture Book SYED

Mirha is so excited to start school, but once she gets there, no one can pronounce her name – not even the teachers! What should she tell everyone when they say her name wrong? (Grades K-3)

The Pigeon Has to Go to School! by Mo Willems, 2019

Picture Book WILLEMS

The pigeon must go to school, but frets about math, learning the alphabet, heavy backpacks, and what the teacher and other birds will think of him. (Grades PreK-K)

NON-FICTION

What if...? by Sonali Fry, 2021

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This nonfiction title uses the friendly faces from Sesame Street to talk through some of the worries that children may have about starting school. Also includes tips for caregivers. (Grades PreK-1)

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