

Starting School

Books available at the Columbus Metropolitan Library

PICTURE BOOKS

- Rock What Ya Got** by Samantha Berger, 2018 Picture Book BERGER
An artist, displeased with her drawing, tries to make it better but the figure, Viva, comes to life and proclaims that she is happy just as she is. (Grades PreK-3)
- Lena's Shoes are Nervous** by Keith Clabrese, 2018 Picture Book CALABRESE
Lena is excited about starting kindergarten but her favorite shoes are not until, with the help of her father and a very special headband, she convinces the shoes and herself to be brave. (Grades PreK-3)
- Click, Clack, Quack to School!** by Doreen Cronin, 2018 Picture Book CRONIN
When Farmer Brown and the animals are invited to Farm Day at school, he instructs them to be on their best behavior, forgetting that school can be like a barnyard. (Grades PreK-3)
- Crunch, the Shy Dinosaur** by Cirocco Dunlap, 2018 Picture Book DUNLAP
Crunch is a lovely and quiet brontosaurus who has hidden himself in some shrubbery and is rather shy. He would like to play, but it will require some gentle coaxing from you! If you are patient and encouraging, you will find yourself with a new friend! (Grades PreK-2)
- We Don't Eat Our Classmates** by Ryan Higgins, 2018 Picture Book HIGGINS
When the class pet bites the finger of Penelope, a tyrannosaurus rex, she finally understands why she should not eat her classmates, no matter how tasty they are. (Grades PreK-K)
- Big Boys Cry** by Jonty Howley, 2019 Picture Book Howley
On his way to the first day of school, Levi sees many "big boys" crying for different reasons, and learns that it is okay for big boys to cry. (Grades PreK-2)
- 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)
- Giraffe Problems** by Jory John, 2018 Picture Book JOHN
Giraffe feels his neck is too long and turtle feels his neck is too short. A good story to teach kids about being positive and learning to like themselves. (Grades PreK-2)
- The Color Monster: A Story About Emotions** by Anna Llenas, 2018 Picture Book LLENAS
Color Monster wakes up feeling very confused. His emotions are all over the place; he feels angry, happy, calm, sad and scared all at once! To help him sort them out, a little girl shows him what each feeling means through color. (Grades PreK-3)

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)

Kindergarten Countdown: 10 More Sleeps Until School Starts!

By Marjorie Blain Parker, 2017

Picture Book PARKER

Snacktime! Art time! Naptime! Recess! Help your child countdown to their first day of school and prepare for the excitement of learning and friends. (Grades PreK-K)

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)

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

School by Erica Donner, 2018

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Beginning readers learn about school by taking a field trip to an elementary school with realistic pictures showing readers what to expect their first day. (Grades PreK-1)