Beginning a New School Year Books

Is your child anxious about starting school? These titles will show her that she is not alone. These titles are shelved in the Picture Book section by the first three letters of the author's last name unless otherwise noted.

Allard, Harry. Miss Nelson is Missing. (E ALL)

The kids in Room 207 take advantage of their teacher's good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a vile substitute.

Ashdown, Rebecca. Bob and Flo. (E ASH)

On her first day of preschool, penguin Flo loses her lunch bucket--and finds a funny new friend.

Austin, Mike. Monsters Love School. (E AUS)

Nervous monsters attending school for the first time learn new things, make friends, and sample Chef Octi's special School Gruel.

Brown, Marc. Monkey : Not Ready for Kindergarten. (E BRO)

Kindergarten is just a week away and Monkey is not ready, but with help and encouragement from family and friends, he begins to get excited.



Brown, Peter. My Teacher is a Monster! No, I Am Not. (E BRO)

Bobby thinks his teacher, Ms. Kirby, is horrible, but when he sees her outside of school and they spend a day in the park together, he discovers she might not be so bad after all.

Child, Lauren. I am Too Absolutely Small for School. (E CHI)

When Lola is worried about starting school, her older brother Charlie reassures her.

Cousins, Lucy. Maisy Goes to Preschool. (E COU)

Join Maisy and her friends for a busy day at preschool! Experience many school activities: painting, music, storytime, and more!

Dean, James. Pete the Cat Too Cool for School. (Easy Reader: ER PET)

Pete just can't decide which outfit to wear to school! He has so many options to choose from. Fans of Pete the Cat will enjoy Pete's creativity in choosing the coolest outfit.



Diesen, Deborah. The Pout-Pout Fish Goes to School. (E DIE)

Mr. Fish recalls how, on his very first day of school, he anxiously went to one classroom after another watching students do things he could not, until Miss Hewitt showed him to the room that was right for beginners.

Gaiman, Neil. Chu's First Day of School. (E GAI)

On the first day of school, a young panda learns about the special things his animal classmates can do.

Ganz-Schmitt, Sue. Planet Kindergarten. (E GAN)

A young child imagines going off to Kindergarten as a journey to another planet.

Henkes, Kevin. Wemberly Worried. (E HEN)

A mouse named Wemberly, who worries about everything, finds that she has a whole list of things to worry about when she faces the first day of nursery school.



Hest, Amy. Off to School Baby Duck. (E HES)

Baby Duck experiences fear on the first day of school, but with a little help from Grampa, everything turns out okay in the end.









London, Jonathan. Froggy Goes to School. (E LON)

Froggy is nervous about his first day of school, but, even though it's hard to sit still, he has a wonderful time.

McGhee, Alison. Countdown to Kindergarten. (E MCG)

Ten days before the start of kindergarten, a preschooler can not tie her shoes by herself and fears the worst.

Miller, Pat Zietlow. Sophie's Squash Go to School. (E PAR)

On her very first day of school, Sophie is reluctant to make friends with the other children, preferring to play with two squash she grew in her garden--but when a particularly persistent boy named Steven gives her a packet of seeds as an apology for accidentally ripping her picture, she realizes that it just takes time to grow a friend.



Rex, Adam. School's First Day of School. (E REX)

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

Saab, Julie. Little Lola. (E SAA)

After climbing aboard a school bus, a curious cat spends an enjoyable day at school.

Sauer, Tammi. Mary had a Little Glam. (E SAU)

Mary had a little glam that grew into a lot. And everywhere that Mary went, she wasn't hard to spot. But on the day she started school, she caught some by surprise. Sweet Mary shrugged and hugged her mom. "I must accessorize."

Shea, Bob. Dinosaur vs. School. (E SHE)

Fearless Dinosaur takes on new challenges as he starts preschool, from meeting new friends to pasting glitter and googly eyes, but one task requires assistance from everyone.

Silverman, Erica. Favorite Stories from Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa : School Days. (Easy Reader: ER SIL)

Wondering what they will do when Cowgirl Kate embarks on a new school year and goes off each day to a place where horses are not allowed to follow, Kate and Cocoa devise clever ways to keep their best friendship strong.

Torrey, Rich. Ally-Saurus & the First Day of School. (E TOR)

When Ally roars off to her first day at school, she hopes she'll meet lots of other dinosaur-mad kids in class. Instead, she's the only one chomping her food with fierce dino teeth and drawing dinosaurs on her nameplate. Even worse, a group of would-be "princesses" snubs her! Will Ally ever make new friends?

Wing, Natasha. The Night Before Kindergarten. (E WIN)

When a group of children prepares for and experiences the first day of kindergarten, the parents are the ones who have trouble adjusting.

Wing, Natasha. The Night Before Preschool. (E WIN)

In rhyming text based on "The Night Before Christmas," Billy is too nervous to sleep the night before he begins preschool, but a kind teacher and new friends fill the day with fun.





