Children’s Books About the Transition to School

One way to help young children prepare for the transition to kindergarten is to read them books about starting school. There is great variety of books available for this purpose. Below are some examples of books about the transition to school. There may be others that you find as well.

Amanda Pig, Schoolgirl (Dial Easy-To-Read)
by Jean Van Leeuwen, Ann Schweninger (Illustrator), Jean Van Leeuwen
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers; (August 1997)
ISBN: 0803719809

Annabelle Swift, Kindergartner
by Amy Schwartz
Publisher: Orchard Books; Reprint edition (August 1991)
ISBN: 0531070271

Arthur’s Back to School Surprise
by Marc Brown (Illustrator)
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers; (June 24, 2003)
ISBN: 0375810005

Back to School for Rotten Ralph
by Jack Gantos (Author), Nicole Rubel (Illustrator)
Publisher: Harpercollins Juvenile Books; (August 31, 2000)
ISBN: 0064437051

Barbara Bunny Goes to Kindergarten
by L. E. Baptist
Publisher: Publish America, Inc.; (August 2003)
ISBN: 1413701779

Barnaby Goes to School
by Wendy Whitcomb Rouillard
Publisher: Cartwheel Books; (August 2002)
ISBN: 0439333067

Beginning School
by Irene Smalls-Hector, Toni Goffe (Illustrator), Irene Smalls
Publisher: Silver Pr; (August 1996)
ASIN: 0382393287

The Berenstain Bears Go to School
by Jan Berenstain (Author), Stan Berenstain (Author)
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers; (July 12, 1978)
ISBN: 0394837363

Blast Off Boy and Blorp: First Day On a Strange New Planet
by Dan Yaccarino (Author)
Publisher: Hyperion Press; (July 1, 2000)
ISBN: 0786805781
Blue's First 100 Days of School
by Sarah Albee (Author), Victoria Miller (Illustrator)
Publisher: Simon Spotlight/ Nickelodeon; (July 1, 2003)
ISBN: 0689854927

Boomer Goes to School
by Mary Whyte (Illustrator), Constance W. McGeorge
Publisher: Bt Bound; (October 1999)
ISBN: 0613100174

Busy Bear Goes to Kindergarten
by Hartmut Bieber
Publisher: Park Lane; Board edition (June 2004)
ISBN: 1593840497

Bye Bye!
by Nancy Kaufmann, Jung-Hee Spetter (Illustrator)
Publisher: Front Street Press; (April 2003)
ISBN: 1886910952

Chrysanthemum
by Kevin Henkes (Author)
Publisher: HarperTrophy; (September 20, 1996)
ISBN: 0688147321

Clifford Va a LA Escuela/Clifford's First School Day
by Norman Bridwell, Teresa Mlawer (Translator)
Publisher: Bt Bound; (October 1999)
ISBN: 0613169123

Clifford's First School Day (Clifford the Small Red Puppy)
by Norman Bridwell
Publisher: Scholastic; (August 1999)
ISBN: 0439082846

Countdown to Kindergarten
by Alison McGhee (Author), Harry Bliss (Illustrator)
Publisher: Silver Whistle; (August 1, 2002)
ISBN: 0152025162

Countdown to the First Day of School
by Annmarie Harris, Keiko Motoyama (Illustrator)
Publisher: Price Stern Sloan Pub; (July 2003)
ISBN: 0843104635

Cranberry First Day of School (Tales from Cranberryport)
by Wende Devlin, Harry Devlin (Contributor)
Publisher: Aladdin Library; (September 1995)
ASIN: 068980122X

Don't Eat the Teacher
by Nick Ward, Monica Gesue (Illustrator)
Publisher: Cartwheel Books; (August 2002)
ISBN: 0439374650
Don’t Go!
by Jane Breskin Zalben (Author)
Publisher: Clarion Books; (September 17, 2001)
ISBN: 0618072500

Dumpy At School Dumpy #2
by Julie/Hamilt Andrews-Edwards (Author)
Publisher: Hyperion Press; (September 30, 2000)
ISBN: 0786806109

Elizabeti’s School
by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen, Christy Hale (Illustrator)
Publisher: Lee & Low Books; (September 2002)
ISBN: 1584300434

Emily's First Day of School (Lift-The-Flap)
by Claire Masurel, Susan Calitri (Illustrator)
Publisher: Puffin; (July 2000)
ISBN: 014056716X

Emily's First 100 Days of School
by Rosemary Wells (Author)
Publisher: Hyperion Press; (May 1, 2000)
ISBN: 0786805072

Enrico Starts School
by Charlotte Middleton (Illustrator)
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers; (July 2004)
ISBN: 0803730179

First Day
by Dandi Daley Mackall (Author), Tiphanie Beeke (Author)
Publisher: Silver Whistle; (August 1, 2003)
ISBN: 0152165770

First Day
by Joan Rankin (Author)
Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry; (July 1, 2002)
ISBN: 0689845634

First Day (A Little Ark Book)
by Margaret Wild, Kim Gamble (Illustrator)
Publisher: Allen & Unwin (Australia) Pty Ltd; (April 1, 1999)
ISBN: 186448103X

First Day at School (Hughes, Monica. My First.)
by Monica Hughes
Publisher: Raintree/ Steck-Vaughn; (January 2004)
ISBN: 1410906434
The First Day of School (School Days Board Books)
by Michi Fjuimoto (Author), Ron Cohee (Illustrator), Todd Taliaferro (Illustrator)
Publisher: Paradise Press Inc.; (2002)
ISBN: 1576578682

First day fright
by Bonnie Bader
Publisher: Scholastic; (2000)
ASIN: 0439215536

First Day, Hooray!
by Nancy Poydar (Illustrator)
Publisher: Holiday House; (September 2000)
ISBN: 0823416305

First Day Jitters
by Julie Danneberg, Judith Dufour Love (Illustrator)
Publisher: Charlesbridge Publishing; (March 2000)
ISBN: 158089061X

First Day of School: All About Shapes and Sizes (Beastieville)
by Kirsten Hall, Bev Luedecke (Illustrator)
Publisher: Children's Press; (March 2004)
ISBN: 0516246542

Franklin Goes to School (Franklin Series)
by Paulette Bourgeois, Brenda Clark (Illustrator)
Publisher: Scholastic; (September 1995)
ISBN: 0590254677

Franklin Va a LA Escuela (Spanish Version)
by Paulette Bourgeois, Brenda Clark (Illustrator), Alejandra Lopez Varela
Publisher: Lectorum Pubns (Juv); (January 1, 1998)
ISBN: 1880507412

Froggy Goes to School
by Jonathan London, Frank Remkiewicz (Illustrator)
Publisher: Viking Childrens Books; (August 1996)
ISBN: 0670867268

Going to School
by Tammy J. Schleppber 2001)
Publisher: Cooper Beech Books; (October 2001)
ISBN: 0761322973

Going to School (Heinemann Read and Learn: First Time)
by Melinda Beth Radabaugh
Publisher: Heinemann Library; (February 2003)
ISBN: 1403402272
Grover Goes to School
by Sesame Street (Author)
  Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers; Reprint edition (April 12, 1982)
  ASIN: 0394851765

How Did You Grow So Big, So Soon? (Picture Books)
by Anne Bowen, Marni Backer (Illustrator)
  Publisher: Carolrhoda Books; (June 2003)
  ISBN: 087614024X

I Am NOT Going to School Today!
by Robie H. Harris, Jan Ormerod (Illustrator)
  Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry; (July 1, 2003)
  ISBN: 0689839138

I Am Too Absolutely Small for School
by Lauren Child
  Publisher: Candlewick Press; (August 2004)
  ISBN: 0763624039

I'll Go to School If
by Bo Flood, Ronnie Walter Shipman (Illustrator), Nancy Bo Flood
  Publisher: Fairview Pr; (July 1997)
  ASIN: 157749024X

It's OK: Tom's First Day at School
by Beth Robbins, Jon Stuart (Illustrator)
  Publisher: Dorling Kindersley Publishing; 1st American Edition edition (September 1, 2001)
  ISBN: 0789474220

It's the First Day of School! (Peanuts Gang)  Loop and Friends: The First Day of School
by Khary K. Williams
  Publisher: Vantage Press; (August 2002)
  ISBN: 0533141664

Jazzbo Goes to School
by Matt Novak
  Publisher: Hyperion Press; (September 1999)
  ASIN: 0786823399

The Kissing Hand
by Audrey Penn, Ruth E. Harper (Illustrator), Nancy M. Leak (Illustrator)
  Publisher: Child Welfare League of America, Incorporated (NBN); (December 1993)
  ISBN: 0878685855

Learning Is Fun With Mrs. Perez (Our Neighbourhood)
by Alice Flanagan, Romie Flanagan (Illustrator), Linda Cornwell
  Publisher: Children's Press; (March 1998)
  ASIN: 0516207741
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse
by Kevin Henkes (Author)
  Publisher: Greenwillow; (August 19, 1996)
  ISBN: 0688128971

Little Bear Goes to Kindergarten (Little Bear Brushes His Teeth)
by Jutta Langreuter, Vera Sobat (Illustrator)
  Publisher: Millbrook Press; (March 1997)
  ASIN: 0761301917

Little Cliff's First Day of School
by Clifton L. Taulbert, Earl B. Lewis (Illustrator)
  Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers; (July 2001)
  ISBN: 0803725574

Little Miss Spider at Sunny Patch School
by David Kirk (Illustrator)
  Publisher: Scholastic; (August 2000)
  ISBN: 0439087279

Little Monster Goes to School (Muppet Lift-The-Flap Book)
by Alison Inches, Richard Brown (Illustrator)
  Publisher: Puffin; (September 1997)
  ASIN: 0140562249

Little Witch Goes to School (Step into Reading, Step 3)
by Deborah Hautzig (Author)
  Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers; (August 4, 1998)
  ISBN: 0679887385

Little Rabbit Goes to School
by Harry Horse
  Publisher: Peachtree Publishers; 1st edition (September 2004)
  ISBN: 156145320X

Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come! (Picture Books)
by Nancy L. Carlson
  Publisher: Viking Childrens Books; (June 1999)
  ISBN: 0670883786

Miss Bindergarten Celebrates the 100th Day of Kindergarten
by Joseph Slate, Ashley Wolff (Illustrator)
  Publisher: Dutton Books; (September 1998)
  ISBN: 0525460004

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten
by Joseph Slate, Ashley Wolff (Illustrator), Puffin
  Publisher: Puffin; Reprint edition (July 2001)
  ISBN: 0140562737

Miss Bindergarten Plans a Circus with Kindergarten
by Joseph Slate, Ashley Wolff (Illustrator)
  Publisher: Dutton Books; 1st edition (July 2002)
  ISBN: 0525468846
Miss Malarkey Doesn't Live in Room 10
by Judy Finchler, Kevin O’Malley (Illustrator)
Publisher: Walker & Co; (September 1996)
ISBN: 0820774989

Molly Rides the School Bus
by Julie Brillhart
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Co; (April 2002)
ISBN: 0807552100

Mouse's First Day of School
by Buket Erdogan (Illustrator), Lauren Thompson (Author)
Publisher: Simon & Schuster (Juv); 1st edition (July 1, 2003)
ISBN: 0689847270

My First Day at School
by Harry W. Faircloth, Billie Anderson (Illustrator), Sr. Harry W. Faircloth
Publisher: Mr. Harry W. Faircloth; (September 1, 1999)
ISBN: 0966865030

My First Day at School
by Ruth Wickings (Illustrator), Erin Gathrid (Author)
Publisher: Golden Books; (June 15, 2000)
ASIN: 0307331032

My First Day at School
by Meredith Johnson (Illustrator), Nancy J. Skarmeas
Publisher: Candy Cane Press; (August 2001)
ISBN: 0824941985

My First Day of School
by Patrick K. Hallinan
Publisher: Ideals Childrens Books; (September 2001)
ISBN: 0824953053

My Name Is Yoon
by Helen Recorvits (Author), Gabi Swiatkowska (Illustrator)
Publisher: Farrar Straus & Giroux; (April 3, 2003)
ISBN: 0374351147

My Teacher Sleeps in School (Picture Puffins)
by Leatie Weiss, Ellen Weiss (Illustrator)
Publisher: Puffin; (November 1985)
ISBN: 0140505598

My Teacher's My Friend
by P. K. Hallinan
Publisher: Ideals Childrens Books; (September 1, 2001)
ISBN: 0824953088
**Murphy and Myrtle: The First Day of School**  
by Martha Atwater, Maggie Swanson (Illustrator)  
**Publisher:** Cartwheel Books; (August 2002)  
**ISBN:** 0439382106  

**Never Spit on Your Shoes (Orchard Paperbacks)**  
by Denys Cazet  
**Publisher:** Orchard Books; (August 1993)  
**ISBN:** 0531070395  

**The Night Before Kindergarten**  
by Natasha Wing, Julie Durrell (Illustrator)  
**Publisher:** Grosset & Dunlap; (July 2001)  
**ISBN:** 0448425009  

**Now I'm Big**  
by Margaret Miller (Author)  
**Publisher:** Greenwillow; 1st edition (March 21, 1996)  
**ISBN:** 0688140777  

**Off to School, Baby Duck!**  
by Amy Hest, Jill Barton (Illustrator)  
**Publisher:** Candlewick Press; (August 1999)  
**ISBN:** 0763602442  

**On the First Day of Grade School**  
by Emily Brenner (Author), Bruce Whatley (Illustrator)  
**Publisher:** Harperrcollins Juvenile Books; (July 1, 2004)  
**ISBN:** 0060510412  

**Owen**  
by Kevin Henkes (Author)  
**Publisher:** Greenwillow; (September 15, 1993)  
**ISBN:** 0688114490  

**Pete and Polo’s Big School Adventure**  
by Adrian Reynolds (Illustrator)  
**Publisher:** Orchard Books; (September 2000)  
**ISBN:** 053130275X  

**Pooh's First Day of School (My Very First Winnie the Pooh)**  
by Robbin Cuddy (Illustrator), A. A. Winnie-The-Pooh Milne, Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld  
**Publisher:** Disney Press; Reprint edition (July 1999)  
**ASIN:** 0786843489  

**Riding the School Bus With Mrs. Kramer (Our Neighborhood (New York, N.Y.))**  
by Christine Osinski (Illustrator), Alice K. Flanagan  
**Publisher:** Children's Press; (September 1998)  
**ASIN:** 0516207792  

**Rosie's First Day at School (Talking It Through)**  
by Rosemary Stones, Chris O'Neill (Illustrator)  
**Publisher:** Happy Cat Books Ltd; (September 7, 2000)  
**ISBN:** 1899248196
Sally's First Day at School (Scarry, Richard. Best Board Books Ever.)
by Richard Scarry
  Publisher: Simon Spotlight; (October 1997)
  ISBN: 0689815530

Sam and Gram and the First Day of School
by Dianne L. Blomberg PhD, George Ulrich (Illustrator), Dianne L. Blomberg
  Publisher: Magination; (May 1999)
  ISBN: 1557985626

Sam Goes to School (Kids Can Read)
by Mary Labatt, Marisol Sarrazin (Illustrator)
  Publisher: Kids Can Press; (March 2004)
  ISBN: 1553375645

Sam Starts School
by Nicola Smee (Illustrator), Barbara Taylor Cork
  Publisher: Peter Bedrick Books; (May 23, 2002)
  ISBN: 1577689895

School Mouse
by Dick King-Smith (Author)
  Publisher: Disney Press; Reprint edition (January 1997)
  ISBN: 0786811560

The School Trip
by Tjibbe Veldkamp, Philip Hopman (Illustrator)
  Publisher: Front Street Press; (May 10, 2001)
  ISBN: 1886910707

Sheila Rae, the Brave
by Kevin Henkes (Author)
  Publisher: HarperTrophy; (April 25, 1996)
  ISBN: 0688147380

Spot Goes to School
by Eric Hill
  Publisher: Putnam Pub Group Juv; Board edition (July 2001)
  ISBN: 0399237194

Stuart Goes to School
by Sara Pennypacker, Martin Matje (Illustrator)
  Publisher: Orchard Books; (July 2003)
  ISBN: 0439301823

Sumi's First Day of School Ever
by Soyung Pak, Joung UN Kim (Illustrator)
  Publisher: Viking Childrens Books; (July 2003)
  ISBN: 067003522X
Tibili: The Little Boy Who Didn't Want to Go to School
by Marie Leonard, Andree Prigent (Illustrator)
Publisher: ranky Nell Books; Illustrated edition (March 2002)
ISBN: 1929132204

Tom Goes to Kindergarten
by Margaret Wild, David Legge (Illustrator), Wendy McClure (Editor), Denise Shanahan
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Co; (April 2000)
ISBN: 0807580120

Vera's First Day of School
by Vera Rosenberry (Author)
Publisher: Henry Holt & Company, Inc.; Reprint edition (July 1, 2003)
ISBN: 0805072691

Wanda's First Day
by Mark Sperring (Author), Pope Twins (Illustrator)
Publisher: Chicken House; (July 1, 2004)
ISBN: 0439627737

We Share Everything!
by Robert N. Munsch, Michael Martchenko (Illustrator)
Publisher: Cartwheel Books; (September 1999)
ASIN: 0590896008

Wemberly Worried
by Kevin Henkes (Author)
Publisher: Greenwillow; (July 25, 2000)
ISBN: 0688170277

What Did You Do Today? : The First Day of School
by Toby Forward (Author), Carol Thompson (Illustrator)
Publisher: Clarion Books; (August 23, 2004)
ISBN: 061849586X

When Kangaroo Goes to School
by Sonia Levitin, Jeff Seaver (Illustrator)
Publisher: Rising Moon; (September 2001)
ISBN: 087358791X

When You Go to Kindergarten
by James Howe (Author), Betsy Imershein (Illustrator)
Publisher: Harpercollins Juvenile Books; Revised and Updated edition (August 24, 1995)
ISBN: 0688143873

Where Is the Bear at School?
by Bonnie Larkin Nims, Madelaine Gill (Illustrator), Kathy Tucker (Editor)
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Co; (December 1989)
ASIN: 0807589357
Who's Going to Take Care of Me?
by Michelle Magorian, James Graham Hale (Illustrator)
Publisher: Harpercollins Juvenile Books; 1st edition (September 1990)
ASIN: 0060241055 | All Editions

Will You Come Back for Me?
by Ann Tompert, Robin Kramer (Illustrator), Kathleen Tucker (Editor)
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Co; Reprint edition (April 1992)
ISBN: 0807591130

Will I Have a Friend?
by Miriam Cohen (Author), Lillian Hoban (Illustrator)
Publisher: Aladdin Library; Reprint edition (August 31, 1989)
ISBN: 0689713339