

# Books help children and their families ease their way into kindergarten

*\*These books were chosen because they are still  
in print and easily available (Jan. 2004)*

*There are many other old favorites available at the library.*

## The Kissing Hand by Audrey Wood

Chester Raccoon does not want to go to school. He wants to stay home with his mother. She tells him a family secret that will make school seem as cozy as home.

## Do You Want to Be My Friend? by Eric Carle

This book shows how Little Mouse seeks and eventually finds a friend.

## Will I Have a Friend? by Miriam Cohen

Illustrations show the diverse and completely real antics of a kindergarten classroom.

## Tom Goes to Kindergarten by Margaret Wild

Tom can't wait to start kindergarten! His family walks him to school and decide to stay with him. Now they love school too. Vibrant watercolor animal characters.

## Tiptoe Into Kindergarten by Jacqueline Rogers

A preschooler tiptoes into her older brother's classroom to find paints, puzzles, blocks, and books. A perfect book to introduce a young child to the school experience.

## School Bus by Donald Crews

The school bus can be a new and sometimes a scary experience for young children. Colorful illustrations.

## Friends at School by Rochelle Bunnett

Children learn what they live. Beautiful photographs which convey the importance of inclusion from a child's perspective. Experience a great day in a wonderful kindergarten classroom.

## When you Go to Kindergarten by James Howe

Beautiful photographs give children a peek into what life as a kindergartner is really like. This book addresses everything from bus rides to fire drills to the life in the classroom.

## Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come! by Nancy Carlson

Henry Mouse discovers that kindergarten is even better than he thought it would be.

**WHO:** early education and care teachers and staff,  
elementary school teachers and staff,  
Families, Community members and Librarians

**WHAT:** Books help children and their families ease their way into kindergarten

**WHEN TO USE:** Use books all the time.

Books help children and families work through the challenges of change.  
Remind them that many of these books  
are available at the library

## Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate

It's the first day of kindergarten and Miss Bindergarten has to get the classroom ready. Her twenty-six students are an ABC bunch of rhymes and laughs. See also-Miss Bindergarten Celebrates the 100th Day

## Owen By Kevin Henkes

Owen has a blankie that he fondly names Fuzzy. With kindergarten just around the corner, his mother finds the perfect way for Owen to hang onto his blankie.

## Sheila Rae, the Brave by Kevin Henkes

Sheila Rae is not afraid of anything.....until she gets lost on the way home from school.

## Vera's First Day of School by Vera Rosenberry

Spunky Vera is off to her first day of school in this encouraging story about new adventures.

## Annabelle Swift, Kindergartner by A.Schwartz

Annabelle Swift has been tutored for kindergarten by her older sister, Lucy.....will it help?

## Harry Gets Ready for School by Harriet Ziefert

Is school ready for Harry? Is Harry ready for school? Everyone has a lot to do before the first day of school.

## First Day Jitters by Julie Danneberg

A new spin on the sheer terror suffered by millions of children as the first day of school approaches..... but this turns out to be a teacher who is afraid of HER first day!

## The Night Before Kindergarten by Natasha Wing

" 'Twas the night before kindergarten, and as they prepared, kids were excited and a little bit scared. They tossed and they turned about in their beds, while visions of school supplies danced in their heads....."

## The Twelve Days of Kindergarten....a Counting Book

by Deborah Lee Rose