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<td>The boy from <em>Building Our House</em> takes us through a typically boisterous homeschooling day with his big family.</td>
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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.


Melvin Baxter is convinced now more than ever that his new teacher, Miss Martin, is a Martian.

N/A George, Lucy M. *Back to School, Tortoise*. Chicago, IL: Albert Whitman, 2011.

Summer is over and Tortoise must summon the courage to go back to school.


Before Kyle rides a school bus for the first time, his older brother gives him a list of rules he must follow but after breaking every single one the first day, Kyle discovers the rule his brother left out.


Marshall Armstrong is new to school and definitely stands out from the crowd. So when he invites everyone in class over for his birthday party, it's sure to be a disaster. Or is it?


Rhyming text describes the activities a child experiences on the first day of kindergarten.


A young sea monster experiences his first day of school and, after a rocky start, he makes friends and has fun.

The mismatched pals accidentally latch onto a big yellow bus and leave the cageless zoo for their first trip to school.


Izzy finds many things to be excited about on the first day of school.


Mrs. Raccoon shares a family secret called the Kissing Hand with her son, Chester, who is afraid of going to school.


It's the first day of school at Frederick Douglass Elementary and everyone's just a little bit nervous, especially the school itself. What will the children do once they come? Will they like the school? Will they be nice to him? The school has a rough start, but as the day goes on, he soon recovers when he sees that he's not the only one going through first-day jitters.


Birdie is both excited and nervous about starting school, but once she sees the classroom and meets her teacher, she knows that everything will be fine.


Mrs. Madoff's students compare notes about getting ready for their first day of school after vacation.


It is the first day of school for Tony Baloney, the macaroni penguin, and he wants to follow all the class rules, but Tony has a way of finding trouble.

Rhyming text with rebuses follows a group of animals through their first day of school.


On the first day of kindergarten, Polka-dot uses the fix-it kit her grandpa has prepared for her to help her make a friend.


A five-year-old boy, ready and eager on his first day at "the big kids' school," must calm his very worried mother.

**FICTION**


Humphrey the hamster is puzzled when unfamiliar students fill Mrs. Brisbane's classroom at summer's end, but he soon learns that his friends from last year are fine and that the new class needs his special help.


Claudia and Monica are brand new freshmen at Pine Creek High, and they are finding that relationships sometimes change as you grow up--will high school pull them apart or will they remain best friends?


Posey's fear of starting first grade is alleviated when her teacher invites the students to wear their most comfortable clothes to school on the first day.


Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a
lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and learned many important lessons.


It is the first day of third grade and sassy Sydney and the new boy Sidney are not only neighbors, they are in the same class, so mix-ups are inevitable—but they soon find they share some common interests, including a love for Halloween.


In her diary, Daphne Davis doodles, draws, and documents a series of disasters on her first two days of fourth grade, most of which result from her new teacher accidentally calling her Daffy.


Everything goes wrong for eleven-year-old Artie on his first day at Ardmore Middle School, from the moment his alarm goes off until the next morning, when everything is repeated exactly the same way.

**NONFICTION**


First experiences can be exciting but they can be worrying too. In this book, Roshaurn Lee tells you about his first day at school.


Learn about what happens at school.


Introduces typical activities a child might encounter at preschool.

Not your typical how-to manual for new teachers, this jargon-free guide offers a wide variety of tools and tactics for getting through every school day with grace and sanity.

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