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Teaching Resources Center, Joyner Library A Selective Annotated Bibliography

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Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
BIG BOOKS		
PreK - 2	Yolen, Jane. <i>How do Dinosaurs go to School?</i> New York: Holt McDougal, 2009. Explains how little dinosaurs should behave during a typical school day.	BB Y78H
EASY		
K	Amado, Elisa. <i>What Are You Doing?</i> Toronto; Berkeley: Greenwood Books/House of Anansi Press; Berkeley: [Distributed in the USA by] Publishers Group West, 2011. Before he leaves on his first day of school, Chepito plays outside and encounters many different people in his neighborhood who are all reading, and each person has a different response when Chepito asks them "Why?"	E AM12W
PreK - 1	Bean, Jonathan. <i>This is My Home, This is My School.</i> New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2015. The boy from <i>Building Our House</i> takes us through a typically boisterous homeschooling day with his big family.	E B375T

PreK	Dean, James. <i>Pete the Cat: Too Cool for School</i> . New York, NY: Harper, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, 2014.	E D3449PT
	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.	
K	Fisher, Colleen Murray. <i>Miss Martin is a Martian</i> . Watertown, MA: Mackinac Island Press, 2011.	E F5319M
	Melvin Baxter is convinced now more than ever that his new teacher, Miss Martin, is a Martian.	
PreK - 2	George, Lucy M. <i>Back to School, Tortoise</i> . Chicago, IL: Albert Whitman, 2011.	E G2936B
	Summer is over and Tortoise must summon the courage to go back to school.	
K - 3	Grandits, John. <i>Ten Rules You Must Absolutely Not Break if You Want to Survive the School Bus</i> . New York: Clarion Books, 2011.	E G764TE
	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.	
K - 2	Mackintosh, David. <i>Marshall Armstrong is New to Our School</i> . New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2011.	E M2167M
	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?	
PreK - K	Marshall, Linda Elovitz. <i>Kindergarten is Cool!</i> New York: Cartwheel Books, 2016.	E M3569K
	Rhyming text describes the activities a child experiences on the first day of kindergarten.	
PreK - 2	Messner, Kate. <i>Sea Monster's First Day</i> . San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2011.	E M5641S
	A young sea monster experiences his first day of school and, after a rocky start, he makes friends and has fun.	

1 - 3	Michalak, Jamie. <i>Joe and Sparky Go to School</i> . Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2013.	E M58228JGO
	The mismatched pals accidentally latch onto a big yellow bus and leave the cageless zoo for their first trip to school.	
PreK - 1	Neubecker, Robert. <i>Wow! School!</i> New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2007.	E N391WS
	Izzy finds many things to be excited about on the first day of school.	
N/A	Penn, Audrey. <i>A Kissing Hand for Chester Raccoon</i> . Terre Haute, IN: Tanglewood Pub., 2014.	E P38KI
	Mrs. Raccoon shares a family secret called the Kissing Hand with her son, Chester, who is afraid of going to school.	
PreK - 1	Rex, Adam. <i>School's First Day of School</i> . New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2016.	E R3292S
	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.	
PreK - 1	Rim, Sujean. <i>Birdie's First Day of School</i> . New York; Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 2015.	E R46B
	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.	
K - 2	Rockwell, Anne F. <i>First Day of School</i> . New York: Harper, 2011.	E R593FI
	Mrs. Madoff's students compare notes about getting ready for their first day of school after vacation.	
PreK - 3	Ryan, Pam Muñoz. <i>Tony Baloney: School Rules</i> . New York: Scholastic Press, 2013.	E R957TS
	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.	

- K Sierra, Judy. *We Love Our School! A Read-Together Rebus Story*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2011. E
SI176WE
- Rhyming text with rebuses follows a group of animals through their first day of school.
- PreK - K Urdahl, Catherine. *Polka-dot Fixes Kindergarten*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2011. E
UR198P
- 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.
- PreK - K Yum, Hyewon. *Mom, It's My First Day of Kindergarten!* New York: Frances Foster Books, 2012. E
Y917M
- A five-year-old boy, ready and eager on his first day at "the big kids' school," must calm his very worried mother.

FICTION

- 3 - 4 Birney, Betty G. *School Days According to Humphrey*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2011. F
B538SCH
- 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.
- 4 - 8 Gallagher, Diana. *New Firsts*. North Mankato, MN: Stone Arch Books, 2012. F
G1352N
- 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?
- K - 1 Greene, Stephanie. *Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2010. F
G835PR01
- 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.
- 1 - 3 Henkes, Kevin. *The Year of Billy Miller*. New York: Greenwillow Books, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, 2013. F
H3893Y

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.

2 - 4 Jakubowski, Michele. *Sydney & Sidney: the Third Grade Mix-Up*. North Mankato, MN: Picture Window Books, 2013. F J214S01

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.

N/A Moss, Marissa. *Daphne's Diary of Daily Disasters*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2011. F M8553DAN

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.

3 - 5 Stine, R.L. *It's the First Day of School – Forever!* New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2011. F ST5603I

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

N/A Hunter, Rebecca. *My First Day at School*. London, UK: Evans, 2000. 371 H918M

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

1 - 2 Guillain, Charlotte. *My First Day at a New School*. Chicago, IL: Heinemann Library, 2011. 371.002 G9452M

Learn about what happens at school.

PreK Codell, Esmé Raji. *It's Time for Preschool!* New York: Greenwillow Books, 2012. 372.21 C6485I

Introduces typical activities a child might encounter at preschool.

PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION

Kriegel, Otis. *Everything a New Elementary School Teacher Really Needs to Know (but didn't learn in college)*. Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing, 2013. 371.14
K893E

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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