



# Back to School Books

## For K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students



Adler, D. A. (2002). *Cam Jansen and the first day of school mystery*. (Illus. by S. Natti). New York: Viking.

On her first day of fifth grade, Cam Jansen uses her photographic memory to help the police find a car thief. (F-Adl)

Carlson, N. (2004). *Look out kindergarten, here I come! = Prepara'te, kindergarten! Alla 'voy!* (Trans. by T. Mlawer). New York: Viking/Penguin Young Readers Group.

Even though Henry is looking forward to going to kindergarten, he is not sure about staying once he first gets there. (468.6-Car)

Child, L. (2003). *I am absolutely too small for school*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick.

When Lola is worried about starting school, her older brother Charlie reassures her. (E-Chi)

Danneberg, J. (2005). *First day jitters*. (Illus. by J. Love). Watertown, MA: Whispering Coyote.

Sarah is afraid to start at a new school, but both she and the reader are in for a surprise when she gets to her class. (E-Dan)

Davis, K. (2005). *Kindergarten rocks!* Orlando, FL: Harcourt.

Dexter knows everything there is to know about kindergarten and is not at all scared about his first day there, but his stuffed dog, Rufus, is very nervous. (E-Dav)

Finchler, J. (2000). *Testing Miss Malarkey*. (Illus. by K. O'Malley). New York: Walker & Company.

Although the teachers, the principal, and parents say The Test is not important, their actions tell another story. (E-Fin)

Forward, T. (2004). *What did you do today?: The first day of school*. (Illus. by C. Thompson). New York: Clarion Books.

A child describes the events of the first day of school, from making sandwiches for lunch to holding a parent's hand on the walk home. (E-For)

Harris, R. H. (2003). *I am not going to school today*. (Illus. by J. Ormerod). New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books.

A little boy decides to skip his very first day of school, because on the first day one doesn't know anything, but on the second, one knows everything. (E-Har)

Henkes, K. (2000). *Wemberly worried*. New York: Greenwillow Books.

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. (E-Hen)

Jackson, E. (2003). *It's back to school we go! First day stories from around the world*. (Illus. by J. D. Ellis). Brookfield, CT: Millbrook Press.

In easy-to-read text, describes what the first day of school might be like for a child in Kenya, Kazakhstan, Canada, Australia, Japan, China, Peru, Germany, India, Russia, and the United States. (371-Jac)

McGhee, A. (2004). *Mrs. Watson wants your teeth*. (Illus. by H. Bliss).

Orlando, FL: Harcourt.

A first grader is frightened on her first day of school after hearing a rumor that her teacher is a 300-year-old alien with a purple tongue who steals baby teeth from her students. (E-McG)

Millman, I. (2000). *Moses goes to school*. New York: Frances Foster Books/Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

Moses and his friends enjoy the first day of school at their special school for the deaf and hard of hearing, where they use sign language to talk to each other. (E-Mil)

Ormerod, J. (2005). *When an elephant comes to school*. New York: Orchard Books.

When an elephant comes to school, it's fun for everyone! (E-Orm)

Pak, S. (2003). *Sumi's first day of school ever*. (Illus. by J. U. Kim). New York: Viking.

By the time Sumi finishes her first day of school, she decides that school is not as lonely, scary, or mean as she had thought. (E-Pak)

Pennypacker, S. (2003). *Stuart Goes to School*. (Illus. by M. Matje). New York: Orchard Books.

Worried about his first day at a new school, eight-year-old Stuart wears his magic cape and hopes that it will help him. (F-Pen)

Recorvits, H. (2003). *My name is Yoon*. (Illus. by G. Swiatkowska). New York: Frances Foster Books.

Disliking her name as written in English, Korean-born Yoon, or "shining wisdom," refers to herself as "cat," "bird," and "cupcake," as a way to feel more comfortable in her new school and new country. (E-Rec)

Rosenberry, V. (1999). *Vera's first day of school*. New York: Holt.

Vera cannot wait for the day when she starts school, but the first day does not go exactly as she has anticipated. (E-Ros)

Schwartz, A. (1988). *Annabelle Swift, Kindergartner*. New York: Orchard Books.

Although some of the things her older sister taught her at home seem a little unusual at school, other lessons help make Annabelle's first day in kindergarten a success. (E-Sch)

Slate, J. (1996). *Miss Bindergarten gets ready for kindergarten*. (Illus. by A. Wolff). New York: Dutton Children's Books.

Introduces the letters of the alphabet as Miss Bindergarten and her students get ready for kindergarten. (E-Sla)

Wells, R. (2000). *Emily's first 100 days of school*. New York: Hyperion Books for Children.

Starting with number one for the first day of school, Emily learns the numbers to one hundred in many different ways. (E-Wel)