

Books to help ease the transition into school

Do You Want to Be My Friend? by Eric Carle (Harper, 1987). This book shows how Little Mouse seeks and eventually finds a friend.

Will I Have a Friend? by Miriam Cohen (Macmillan, 1967). During Jim's first day at school, nearly everyone seems to find a friend. In the end, so does Jim.

Ruby the Copy Cat, by Peggy Rathman (Scholastic, 1991). Ruby doesn't know how to make friends at her new school, so she mimics what others do. She finally finds her own way to be friendly.

Welcome Roberto! Bienvenido, Roberto! by Mary Sefozo (Follett, 1969). The story of Roberto's first day at school is written in both English and Spanish.

Annabelle Swift, Kindergartner, by Amy Schwartz (Orchard Books, 1988). Annabelle is getting ready to start kindergarten, so her older sister gives her some advice.

Willy Bear, by Mildred Kantrowitz (Macmillan Child Group, 1989). A child prepares for the first day of school with his stuffed animal. When school time comes, he leaves the animal behind.

Chrysanthemum, by Kevin Henks (Green Willow Books, 1991). Chrysanthemum is a mouse who loves her name. She learns to ignore the other mice who think her name is silly.

Berenstain Bears Go to School, by Jan Berenstain (Random House, 1978). The Berenstain bears are off to school and have many fun adventures.

Boomer Goes to School, by Mary Whyte (Chronicle Books, 1996). A golden retriever comes for show-and-tell.

When You Go to Kindergarten, by James Howe (Morrow, 1994), Children can learn what to expect from school in this comforting book.