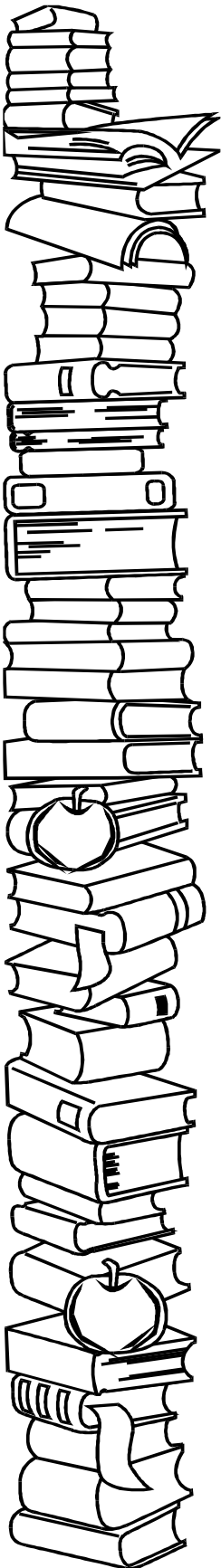


BOOKS THAT WILL EASE THE TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN



***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.

***Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten*, by Joseph Slate** (Dutton, 1997). Miss Bindergarten is preparing her classroom as her soon-to-be students awaken and anxiously prepare for the first day of school.