

# Getting Ready for Kindergarten with books from the Carnegie Library of McKeesport

Check out these 10 great books about going off to school for the first time:

1. **“Clifford Goes to Kindergarten”** by Norman Bridwell - Emily Elizabeth is going to Kindergarten for the first time and is nervous about being away from home. Fortunately, her teacher has told the students they may bring something from home to help them feel more comfortable. Does that include gigantic red dogs? I guess we'll find out!
2. **“Tool School” by Joan Holub** - Five little tools are going to school for the first time, but all split up to work by themselves when its time to build. They soon learn that working together can help them get their tasks done even better.
3. **“Off to Kindergarten”** by Tony Johnston – Bill is getting ready for his first day at school and gathering everything he thinks he might need: his teddy bear, a pillow, books, maybe some mud? His mother is there to assure him that all he needs to bring is himself.
4. **“Kindergarten Countdown”** by Anna Jane Hayes – Learn to count down from seven to one as you recite the days of the week while a little girl imagines all the cool things she will do in her new classroom when Kindergarten starts in one week.
5. **“Kindergarten is Cool!”** by Linda Marshall - Written in rhyme, this book gives us a look at a typical day at Kindergarten with all the new friends you'll make.
6. **“Look out Kindergarten, Here I Come!”** by Nancy Carlson - Henry is excited for his first day at Kindergarten, imagining all the new things he'll learn and comparing them to things he already knows going in.
7. **“On the First Day of Kindergarten”** by Trish Rabe - Written to the tune of “The Twelve Days of Christmas”, this singalong book reminds you of all the joys kids will find as they return to Kindergarten each day.
8. **“Kindergarten ABC”** by Jacqueline Rogers – This book features the complete alphabet, giving parents plenty of vocabulary words to help their children link specific letters to the beginning sounds of words.
9. **“How to Dinosaurs Go to School?”** by Jane Yolen – The ever-popular dinosaurs are back and this time they're showing us how to (and how not to) behave when we're in school.
10. **“The Kissing Hand”** by Audrey Penn – A classic among picture books. A raccoon mother soothes and comforts her little one on the night before he goes off to school.