



Going to a New School





Tips for reading a book with your child:

1. Stop and talk about the pictures
2. Read with expression
3. Ask your child questions
4. Make connections to your surroundings
5. Sing a song
6. Let your child turn the page
7. Create a book together





When the summer ends, I will go to a new school.
I will be in Kindergarten.



Teacher



Principal



School Counselor



Parent Coordinator

At my new school, there are many people who will make sure that all of the kids are safe and able to learn.

I will have a teacher in Kindergarten. My teacher will take care of me and help me learn new things.



My teacher will read to my class during storytime.



My Kindergarten classroom will have areas where I will learn and play. There will be desks, a meeting rug, shelves with learning materials, blocks, and much more.

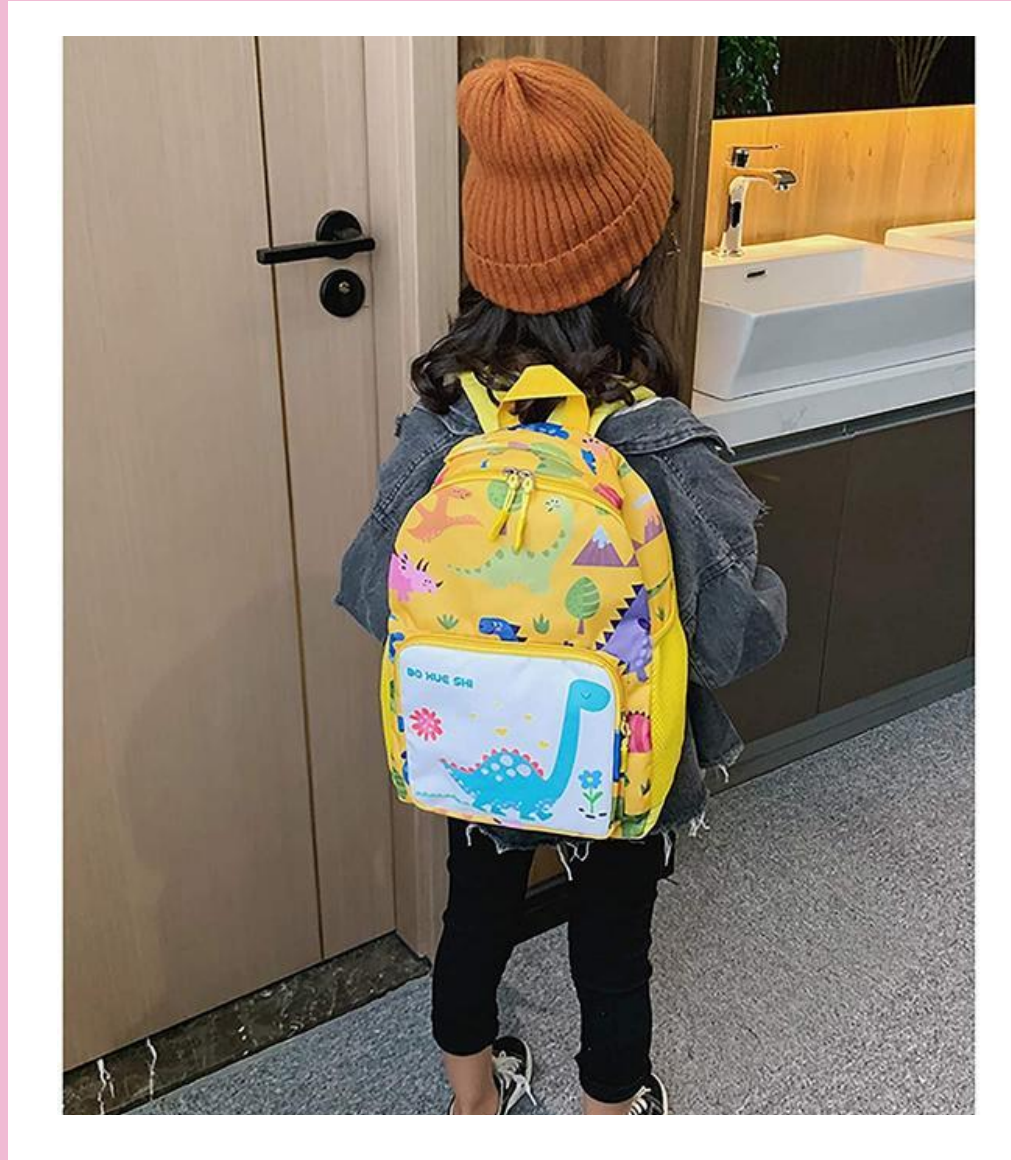
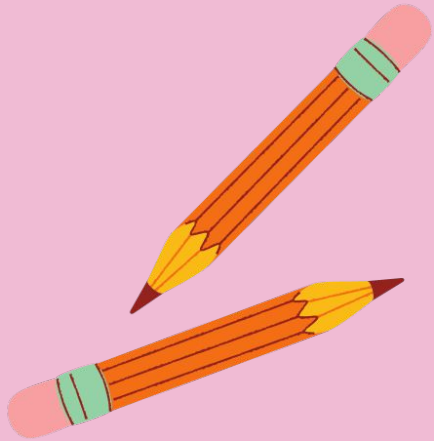


Sometimes I will visit other classrooms to learn about things like art, music, and exercise from different teachers. I will go to these classes with all of my Kindergarten friends.

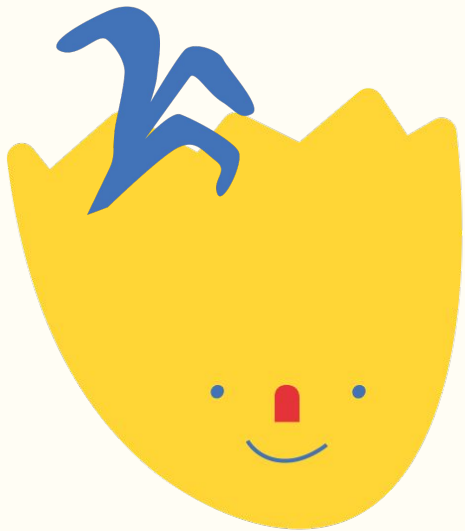


In my new school, I might eat lunch with my friends in a large room called a cafeteria. My teacher will show me and my friends where to sit, and there will always be lunch teachers around to help.

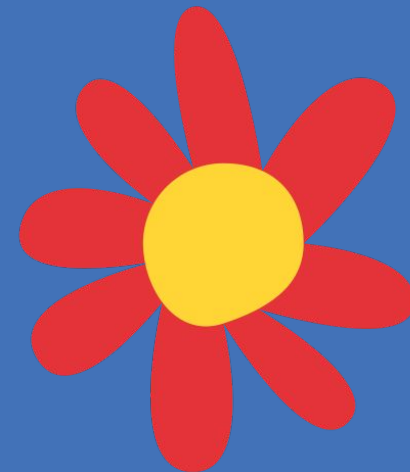




I will have a backpack to bring between home and school. I will carry important things like my lunch/snack and my homework in this bag. I need to take good care of this bag and always keep it in a safe place.



At the end of the school day, my teacher will tell me if I have homework to do at home. I will put all of my things into my backpack.



When school is done each day, someone who cares for me will come to pick me up. I will be picked up by _____ (name who will pick up your child).

Going to a new school means you get to meet a lot of new people and do a lot of new things. How do you feel about going to your new school?



*** A note for parents ***

Going to a new school can bring up a lot of emotions and questions for children. You can help your child feel more at ease by inviting them to talk with you about how they feel and by encouraging them to ask whatever questions they may have. Here are a few conversation starters that you may want to use with your child.

"Going to a new school can bring up a lot of different feelings. How are you feeling about going to your new school?"

"Do you have any questions about your new school?"

"I am excited for you to go to a new school and this is why..."

"What do you hope to learn in your new school?"

"Would you like to hear about what I remember about my first school? Some things were the same as what you will have in your school and some things were different."





One last tip!



20 Questions

When you're reading or telling a story to your child at bedtime, ask them questions about the story. Pause the story and ask: "What do you think will happen next? How do you think the character feels? What would you do if that happened to you?"

Suggested Age

2 1/2 years - 5 years

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Asking questions (what, where, when, who, why) helps your child learn to focus and pay attention to the details of the story and use critical thinking skills. These questions also build their memory.

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