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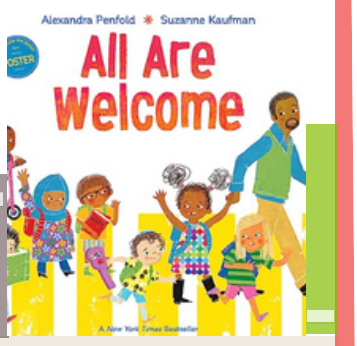
The King of Kindergarten
Derrick Barnes

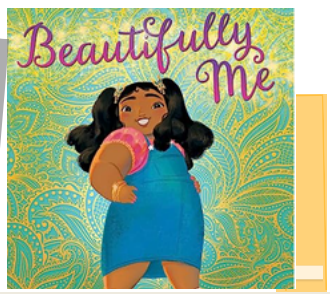
Sad, Sad Bear
Kimberly Gee

Kindergarten Countdown!
Marjorie Blain Parker



All Are Welcome
Alexandra Penfold

KINDergarten: where kindness matters every day
Vera Ahiyya



Beautifully Me
Nabela Noor

Family Activity: Ready for School Challenge

Consider the school readiness tips and activities below to get your little one ready for school!

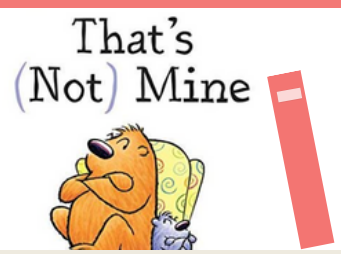
- **Talk & Listen.** For little ones, so much of school success involves caring relationships—with their teachers, with other children, and with you! Chat together about starting school, and set the stage for a great year.
- **Tell Your Stories.** Tell your child about your own school memories. Who was your favorite teacher? Your best friend? What was your favorite recess game?
- **Play Pretend.** Act out school scenes using stuffed animals and dolls. Notice what your child is saying and doing, and use it as a starting point for conversation. For instance, "Hmm…how can the elephant introduce himself to the other animals he sees playing together?"
- **Ask them to imagine how they will feel on the first day of school and draw it.** Think of words that describe the feeling they've drawn, and talk about why they might be feeling that way.
- **Talk it Through**. Explain any new or unfamiliar morning or afternoon routines, such as who will be doing pick-up and drop-off. Or what time they will be getting up to get ready for school.

Inspired by Sesame Street in Communities Activity, "Ready for School Challenge"

Family Reading Tip: Visit the Library

If possible, make library visits a part of your routine. Visiting weekly or biweekly is a great (and free!) way to keep a variety of books in your home. Changing up the books you read will keep your young reader excited about reading. Making library visits is also a wonderful way to show your child that reading is a part of other people's lives too.

The Name Jar
Yangsook Choi



That's (Not) mine
Anna Kang

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