

Activity Sheet



“On the First Day of Kindergarten”

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This engaging adaptation of “The 12 Days of Christmas” convinces children that there is no place cooler than a kindergarten classroom. On the first day of kindergarten, there’s so much to do! From making new friends, jumping rope, riding the school bus, there are lots of exciting firsts to look forward to.

Before you read this book:

Ask the child to look at the cover of the book and ask, “Where are the children?” and “Does this look like a fun place to be? Why?”

While you read this book:

After reading about riding the bus, sing “The Wheels on the Bus” song. On the counting page ask the child what number is upside-down. As you read the story ask the child to help with the repeating parts (e.g., making lots of _____ (friends), counting to _____ (10). Name the instruments in the story. On the lunch page ask, “What do you like to eat for lunch?” On the field trip page ask, “Where did the children go for their field trip?” and “What animals do you see?”

After you read this book:

- Ask the child what their favorite activity at school is. Ask them to share details about why it’s their favorite.
- Do one or more of the activities from the story (e.g., counting, sorting shapes, painting a picture, etc.), or if possible, the child’s favorite activity from school.

Try this at home:

- Ask the child where they would like to go on a field trip?
- Then ask them to draw a picture of themselves there.
- If possible, take a field trip of your own. When you get home, ask your child to draw their favorite part of the day.

Additional Resources:

“Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come” by Nancy Carlson

“Planet Kindergarten” by Sue Ganz-Schmitt

“Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten” by Joseph Slate