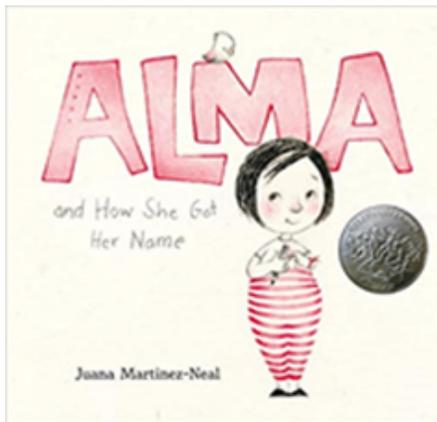


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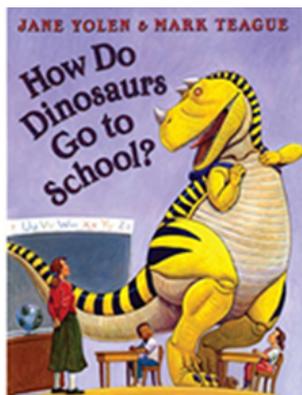
**First Grade**

Each of the books listed below would be a delightful addition to your child's bookshelf. All of these books will be used in class in the first two weeks of school. **First graders are required to have at least three of the books listed in order to participate in lessons.** It gives incoming first graders a feeling of familiarity and belonging at the beginning of the year. As the beginning of the new school year draws closer, your teacher will communicate with you about which books will be used on what days. A wonderful source for more books is the American Library Association's Annual List of Notable books: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>.



**Alma and How She Got Her Name, by: Juana Martinez Neal**

If you ask her, Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela has way too many names: six! How did such a small person wind up with such a large name? Alma turns to Daddy for an answer. As she hears the story of her name, Alma starts to think it might be a perfect fit after all — and realizes that *she* will one day have her own story to tell. In her author-illustrator debut, Spanish-language.



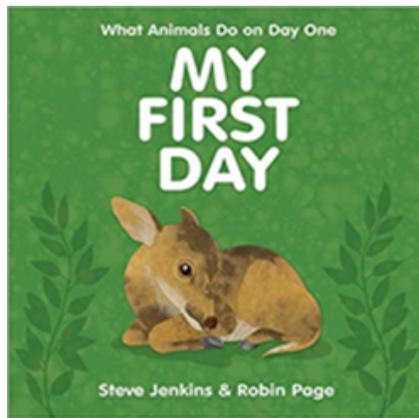
**How Do Dinosaurs Go To School?, by: Jane Yolen**

School has never been so much fun! Come along for a very unusual day and laugh out loud as the dinosaurs enjoy story time, show-and-tell and recess. We will use this book in the first two days of school when we create a list of classroom do's and don'ts.



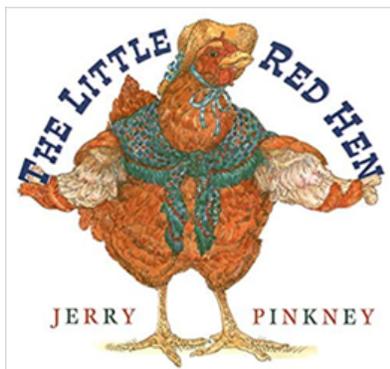
### **First Grade, Here I Come!, by: D.J. Steinberg**

First grade—it's The BIG Time! After all, it's a real honest to goodness grade. In verses that are both funny and full of heart, D.J. Steinberg celebrates big and small moments, ones that all young "scholars" will relate to—baby teeth that won't fall out, choosing the perfect library book, celebrating Pajama Day, and wrangling with the mysteries of spelling. From the first day of school to the last, this engaging anthology is essential reading for all soon-to-be first graders.



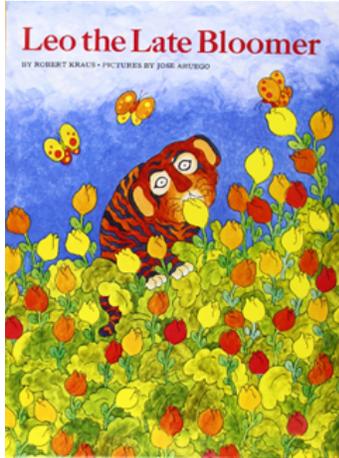
### **First Day, by: Steve Jenkins**

In keeping with the theme of new beginnings, I am including this delightful little nonfiction book to spark conversation about how we all have different needs and abilities. The first day of life is different for every animal. Human newborns don't do much at all, but some animals hit the ground running. Steve Jenkins and Robin Page reveal how twenty-two different species survive with or without parental help.



### **The Little Red Hen illustrated by Jerry Pinkney**

Jerry Pinkney is one of my all time favorite illustrators. He creates paintings that pull you into the world of the book's characters. This interpretation of the little red hen who can get no one to help her is no exception. The animal's names appear in color-coded font (red for the hen, brown for the dog, etc.), making it extra-easy even for pre-readers to chime in.



### **Leo the Later Bloomer, by: Robert Kraus**

Leo isn't reading, or writing, or drawing, or even speaking yet, and his father is concerned. But Leo's mother isn't. She knows her son will do all those things, and more, when he's ready. This story has been a staple for my first grade beginning-of-the-year curriculum for a long time now. Children easily relate to Leo's fears of not being good enough. This heart warming book also lets us appreciate that we are all on a different schedule when it comes to learning and growing.