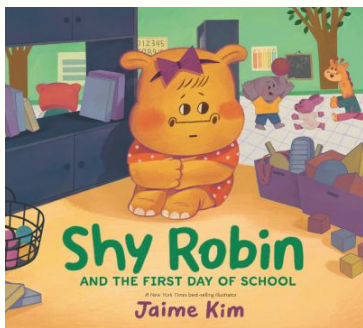


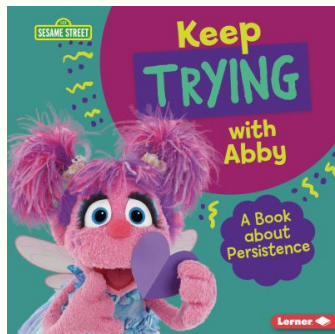
Preschool Pages: Back-to-School Edition

*Book Recommendations, Early Literacy Tips, and More
from the Deerfield Public Library Youth Services Department*

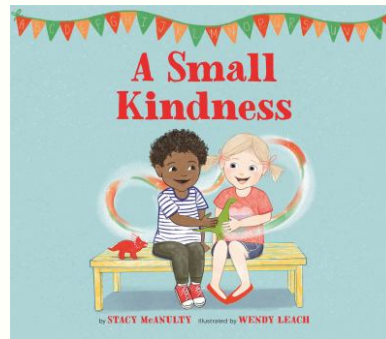
Book Recommendations



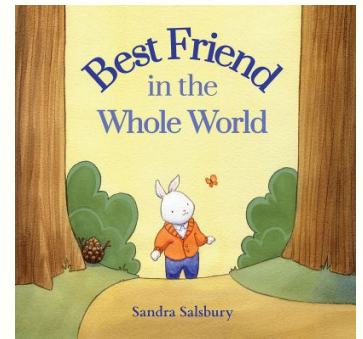
Robin is super brave at home! But in the outside world... she gets very shy. Robin's mom gives her a purple headband to give her confidence on her first day of school. Read as Robin learns to be brave at school and also makes a friend with another shy kid. A great story about finding a friend and helping them, even when you're scared, too.



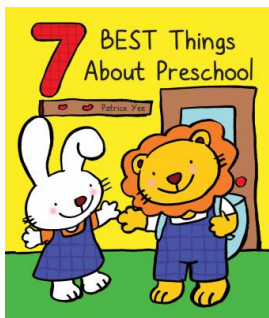
Starting school is exciting! But it also brings lots of new challenges. It's hard to learn so many new things at once! Sesame Street has a great nonfiction series on different topics, including this one on persistence. If your child is having a hard time, this book can help remind them that it's ok to make mistakes and to keep trying.



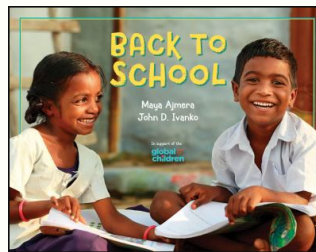
Kindness spreads from one small act to another throughout the day in this school, adding color and smiles to children and adults alike. A great introduction to the idea of "paying it forward," this book can spark a conversation about how we can all share kindness.



Roland's quiet loneliness is cured when he finds Milton, a pine cone who turns into the perfect best friend. Unfortunately, Milton is missed by its first best friend, and Roland must do what's right. Will Roland find friendship again? Imaginary friends, loss, and empathy are all beautifully rendered in text and watercolor illustrations.



This simple board book is perfect for your youngest kids going to preschool! Get them excited to play, make art, read, and take naps with new friends.

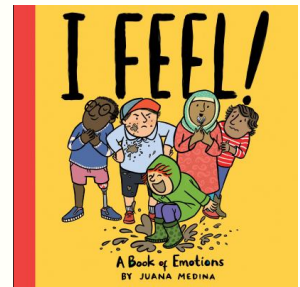
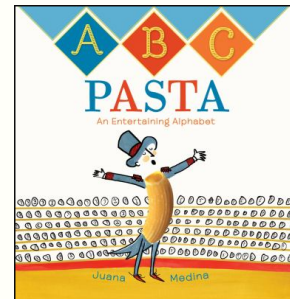
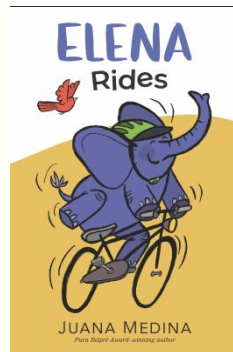
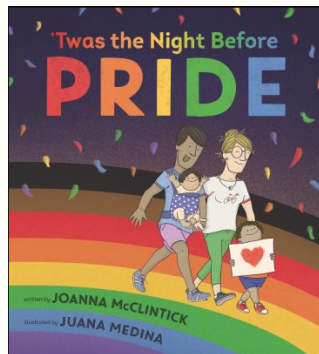
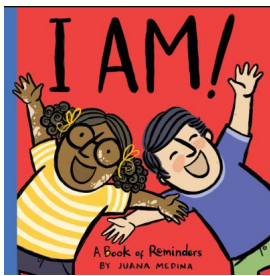


Although more for elementary students, this book shares global commonalities and differences, including getting to school...but on a camel! The beautiful photographs and informative captions lend themselves to questions: how do YOU get to school? What do you do in school that's the same as or different from these students?

Author/Illustrator Spotlight

JUANA MEDINA

Sometimes an author or illustrator has so many great titles, we wish we could name them all! This month, we want to highlight the work of Juana Medina. Medina's bold, colorful illustrations grace the pages of her own picture books, Early Readers, and Early Chapter books, but also fun titles by other authors. Medina creates art and stories that she hopes will allow children from all walks of life to see themselves represented.



Early Literacy Tips

Books often show us wonderful, heartfelt, silly, and amazing stories. They can take us to new places. But they also can mirror our lives and help us solve problems. You can use different stories to help your child work through various scenarios. Are they afraid of the first day of school? Do they worry about making friends? Did they have an argument and need help working it out? Reading a story and talking about how a character solves a problem can help your child handle a similar situation later. Ask us about a scenario, and we probably have a book for you!

We often highlight picture books in this newsletter, but non-fiction picture books are equally important to your preschooler! Whether it's a book about friends all around the world, about how to be a friend, or how to apologize when the need arises, our non-fiction collection is filled with books that are perfect for this back-to-school time. Ask us for help finding the titles your child needs!

