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Books about the First Day of School

• Chu's First Day of School by Neil Gaiman (picture book)

Chu, the little panda with a big sneeze, is feeling nervous about his first day of school. Will the other animals like him? Chu learns that everyone has special talents in this beautifully illustrated picture book.

• Monsters Love School by Mike Austin (picture book)

Join this colorful group of monsters some, balanced meals. as they attend monster school for the first time. The monsters learn new things, make friends, and sample Chef Octi's special School Gruel.

• Pete the Cat: Too Cool for School by Kim Dean (easy reader)

Pete the Cat can't decide what to wear for the first day of school. Help him decide what looks cool as he considers many colorful choices before finally deciding on his favorite outfit.

• The Exceptionally, Extraordinarily Ordinary First Day of School by Albert Lorenz (juvenile fiction)

John answers the librarian's questions about what his former school was like with fantastic stories such as attending classes in a castle and a lunch menu including worms.

• Ten Rules You Absolutely Must Not Break If You Want to Survive the School *Bus* by John Grandits (juvenile fiction)

Kyle feels worried about riding the school bus for the first time. His big brother tries to help him out by giving him a list of ten rules to follow on the bus. Kyle accidentally breaks all ten rules on his first ride, and discovers the rules may not be so important.

Lunch Box Recipe Books

• Choose Good Food! My Eating Tips by Gina Bellisario (juvenile non-fiction)

A picky eater learns about healthy food choices, visits the supermarket, Adventures in Homeschooling by Quinn and prepares a delicious snack.

• Weelicious Lunches: Think Outside the Lunch Box With More Than 160 Happier Meals by Catherine McCord (non-fiction)

popular Weelicious blog presents healthy recipes, meal planning, and make you laugh and make you think.

tips for picky eaters in this book of easy. flavorful lunches for kids of every age.

• Best Lunch Box Ever: Ideas and Recipes for School Lunches Kids Will Love by Katie Sullivan Morford (nonfiction)

This book is full of recipes, ideas, and strategies for packing creative and healthy lunches for kids. Author Katie Morford is a registered dietician and mom who understands the need for quick and simple solutions and whole-

• The Best Homemade Kids' Lunches on the Planet: Make Lunches vour Kids Will Love With More Than 200 Deliciously Nutritious Meal Ideas by Laura Fuentes (non-fiction)

The Best Homemade Kids' Lunches has recipes for every age and stage. The recipes are super-delicious, super-nutritious, and fun to make and eat. There are even entire lunchbox meals that are gluten-, soy-, and/or nut-free.

Books on Homeschooling

• The Homeschooling Handbook: On his first day at a new school, How to Make Homeschooling Simple, Affordable, Fun, and Effective by Lorilee Lippincott (non-fiction)

The thought of taking on your child's education and homeschooling can be overwhelming. Lippincott shows how simple homeschooling can be with some planning and dedication. The Homeschooling Handbook will guide vou in choosing a curriculum, scheduling time, and much more.

• College-prep Homeschooling: Your Complete Guide to Homeschooling Through High School by David P. Byars (non-fiction)

The College-Prep Homeschooling book provides parents with information about homeschooling their child through high school and helping to develop the learning skills needed to succeed in college.

• *The Year of Learning Dangerously:* Cummings (non-fiction)

In The Year of Learning Dangerously, popular blogger Quinn Cummings describes why her family made the decision to begin homeschooling. Part Catherine McCord, author of the memoir, part social commentary, and part how-not-to guide, this book will

