

# Summer Work for Pre-K 4

Hello! I'm so excited to have your child in my class this year. Below is the book I want you to read with your child before the start of school in August. What follows is a list of books that also deal with the first days of school and all your child's big feelings about this new adventure. In addition to this one book, I strongly encourage you to read to your child every day this summer. Reading stimulates a child's brain to grow and be more active. Reading widens a child's vocabulary and comprehension ability. Through reading, children develop their empathy, build confidence, and expand their imagination!

**The Kissing Hand** by Audrey Penn - Please read this book before our first day of school! (If you cannot find a copy of the book, feel free to watch the read aloud on YouTube!)

## Other Recommended Books

1. The Night Before Preschool by Natasha Wing and Amy Wummer
2. First Day Jitters by Julie Danneburg and Judy Love
3. Pete the Cat: Rockin in My School Shoes by Eric Litwin and James Dean
4. Froggy Goes to School by Jonathan London and Frank Remkiewicz
5. How Does a Dinosaur Go to School? by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague
6. The Pout Pout Fish Goes to School by Deborah Diesen and Dan Hanna
7. Mouse Goes to School by Kate Stone
8. Llama Llama Misses Mama by Anna Dewdney
9. Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson
10. Have You Filled a Bucket Today? by Carol McCloud and David Messing
11. I Got the School Spirit by Connie Schofield-Morrison
12. Howard B Wigglebottom Learns to Listen by Howard Binkow and Susan F. Cornelison
13. Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes
14. Recess Queen by Laura Huliska-Beith and Alexis O'neill
15. The Crayon Box That Talked by Shane Derolf and Michael Letzig

16. The Energy Bus for Kids by Jon Gordon
17. Our Class is a Family by Shannon Olsen
18. Monsters Love School by Mike Austin
19. Waiting is Not Easy! by Mo Willems
20. Your Name is a Song by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

\*Please note that all these books can be found as read alouds on YouTube!