MY FAVORITE CHARACTER IS...

WHAT DO YOU SEE ON THE COVER?

Let's TALK ABOUT ON THE FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN

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WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

WHAT LOOKS FUN?

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INFANTS:

Reading a book to your infant is a great chance to cuddle and bond, relax and sit comfortably with your baby on your lap. Point out pictures on the page and name what you are pointing to. You don't have to read every word! Sharing a book is an experience that helps your baby's brain to make important connections, laying the foundation for learning to read. Just because your baby is not talking, doesn't mean she isn't learning!

TODDLERS:

Talking and reading about kindergarten long before a child is ready to go to school helps children to imagine, and help prepare them for, the experience. On The First Day of Kindergarten has a repeating pattern that is predictable so your toddler will learn what comes next when you read the book over and over. The pictures show the fun things the girl loves about kindergarten. Talk about the pictures and describe what you are pointing to as you talk about what is happening. Point to the words as you read them. This helps your toddler learn what words are and where the words you are saying come from.

PRESCHOOLERS:

On The First Day of Kindergarten is a great book to read with preschoolers who are getting ready to go to kindergarten. The book has a repeating pattern and names twelve fun things about school that will help your child make the transition. Have your preschooler turn the pages as she tells the story, the predictable pattern makes this easy. Point out the pictures and ask your preschooler to tell you about what is happening. Preschoolers like to recite parts of a familiar story, especially if words rhyme or the story is predictable. Talk with your child about your favorite things you remember about kindergarten. Your lap is still the best place for your preschooler to be and the experience is helping your child to become a reader!