Books to Ease First Day Jitters

Starting school is a big deal, especially for kids with special needs or anxiety.

These books help make transitions feel safer, softer,

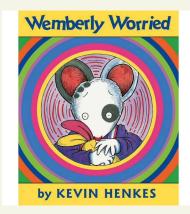
and way less scary.

For Separation Anxiety



by Audrey Penn
A little raccoon carries love
from home to school.
Beautiful for separation
anxiety.

Talk about Nervous Feelings



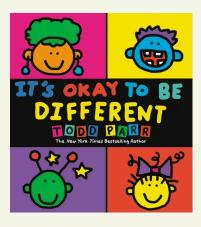
by Kevin Henkes
For kids with big feelings.
Helps normalize
nervousness.

Routine and Reassurance



by Simon Spotlight
Routine, structure, and sweet
reminders that grown-ups do
come back.

Build Confidence



by Todd Parr

Bold, fun, and self-affirming. Helps kids feel proud of who they are.

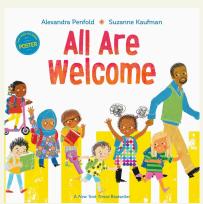
Feelings



by Mo Willems

It is about a pigeon who must go to school, but frets about math, learning the alphabet, heavy backpacks, and what the teacher and other birds would think of him

Celebrates Everyone



By Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman Bright, inclusive, and celebrates neurodiversity. Every child feels seen.