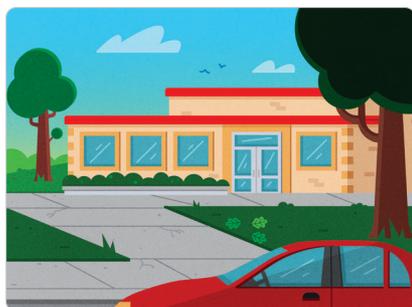




# Read-Aloud The First Day of School

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Today at last is your first day of school!  
New adventures all await.  
Many friends to meet and games to play.  
It is going to be just great!

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Sara wakes up with the sun,  
Excited to start her day.  
She watches the shapes the sunbeams make  
They dance and jump and play.

What other kids will Sara meet  
And which will be her friends?  
All this she wonders from her bed,  
watching as the sunlight bends.

 **Ask:** "What do you notice? What do you wonder?"

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Charlie's ready for his breakfast.  
Strong bodies need to eat.  
When he has a balanced meal  
There's no challenge he can't meet.

From the fridge he picks his favorite  
Fruit and eggs and grains  
To get the power that he needs  
To fuel his growing brain.

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Skye is working on his outfit,  
Smart and full of flair.  
Lots of polka dots add spark  
To whatever he wants to wear.

Shiny buttons, fancy shoes,  
A headband could be cool!  
This outfit's sure to turn some heads  
On the first day of school.

 **Ask:** "What do you notice? What do you wonder?"

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Dez and Lizzy patiently wait  
While Uncle Mo prepares  
A tasty and well-balanced lunch  
So both have their equal share.

And when the two kids wave goodbye,  
Mo wonders what they'll do.  
What fun things will be in store  
For his favorite niece and nephew?

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As Wanda watches from the bus,  
She sees so many things  
Brand-new houses, beams and bricks  
Mail trucks and tire swings.

Look how big this whole world is!  
Check out all those tools!  
She hopes to learn how it all works  
on her first day of school.

 **Ask:** "What do you notice? What do you wonder?"

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All these kids now come together  
To learn and laugh and grow.  
There's always more to wonder about,  
To add to what they know.

Now it's your turn. Now you're here!  
You've made it all this way.  
Get ready for a year of fun  
On this, your very first school day.