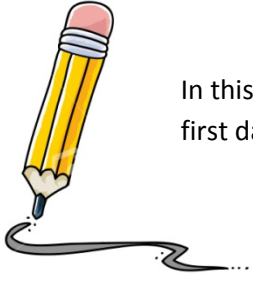
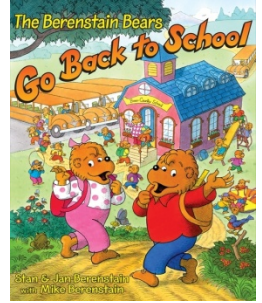


The Berenstain Bears Go Back To School

By Stan & Jan Berenstain

In this story, sister and brother bear are going back to school after summer vacation. Their first day at school is very exciting, meeting new teachers and having fun outside at recess.



Before:

Introduce the story by talking about the book. Help the children get engaged in story time by asking questions like, “What do you think sister and brother bears’ first day back will be like? Do you think they will have fun at school?””

During:

Take time, while reading, to observe the illustrations and ask questions. Talk about what changes have been made over the summer, are there any new teachers? Point out any “rare words” and help the children relate the word in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words in *The Berenstain Bears Go Back To School*

Wielded: to hold and use

Torrents: strong and fast moving usually water

Naughty: badly behaved

Allegiance: loyalty or commitment to a superior

Whine: high-pitched complaining cry

Condor: a large New World vulture with a bare head and mainly black plumage, living in mountainous country and spending much time soaring

After:

Discuss the story. Ask Questions...

- The “too tall gang” was teasing the new students, who stopped them?
- Why was Mrs .Polly nervous to be at school?
- Do you think the first day of school will be fun or scary?
- Do you/will you take a bus to school?



Let's Talk About The Berenstain Bears Go Back To School

In this story sister and brother bear are excited to go back to school. Do you get excited to go to school? What kind of things do you do to prepare yourself to return to school? Do you buy a new back pack or get a new hair cut?

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10 Ways to Prepare Your Child for School

Banish first-day jitters for your child and for yourself! Here are some helpful ways to prepare your child for her first day of school:

1. Let your child know what his schedule will be like. Tell him what time school begins and ends each day.
2. Ask your child about her feelings -- both the excitement and the concerns -- about starting school.
3. Visit the school with your child to see his new classroom and meet his new teacher before school officially starts.
4. Point out the positive aspects of starting school. It will be fun and she can make new friends.
5. Let your child know that all kids are nervous about the first day of school.
6. Leave a note in your child's lunchbox that will remind him you're thinking of him while he's at school.
7. Reassure your child that if any problems arise at school, you will be there to help resolve them.
8. Try to have your child meet a classmate before the first day of school so she will already have a friend when school starts.
9. Arrange for your child to walk to school or ride together on the bus with another kid in the neighborhood.
10. Find out about after-school activities that your child can join. Will there be a back-to-school party? Can she join a sports team?

Back to School Poem

Today I hurry off to school,
To work and learn and play
I'm in a brand new grade this year.
What a happy day!!!!



What's inside the kit

- *I like Apples* Song
- *Five Little Apples* Felt Story
- All About Apples Page
- Apple Number Puzzle
- Apple Number Clip Cards
- School Letter Clip Cards
- School Picture Match
- Apple Match
- Apple Alphabet Match
- Apple Colour Match

