



**Title and Author: On the First Day of Kindergarten**

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**Genre/Text Type: Fiction**

**Theme/Idea:  
The First Twelve Days of Kindergarten**

**Vocabulary – Related Words for Discussion:**

- Cool: great; fine; excellent
- Race: a contest of speed
- Gym: a large room used for indoor sports
- Field Trip: a visit to another place (farm, zoo museum) by students and their teacher to learn more

**Before Reading:**

Questions to build predicting skills

- Based on the cover, what do you think this book is about?

**Go Back to the Story:**

Questions to lead into a classroom discussion about story

- Page 4 – How many of you ride the bus to school? *Answers may vary*
- Pages 7 and 8 - Have students count to 10 by pointing to the numbers
- Page 12: How do you think the students feel about kindergarten so far? *Answers will vary*
- Page 13 and 14 – Where are the kids in this picture? How do you know? *Answer: playground; recess; outside*
- Page 18 – What is the teacher reading a story about? How do you know? *Answer: whales; the ocean*
- Pages 25 and 26 – Where did the field trip take the kids? How do you know? *Answer: the zoo*

**Making Connections**

Story to Real World

- What are you most excited about going to kindergarten?