

Theme: Going to School

The Learning Triangle is TV that teaches + storybooks + activities—all related to one idea or skill. Parents and educators use the Learning Triangle to help children learn by encouraging them to interact with people and objects around them. Use the information below to create a Learning Triangle about going to school.

TV that teaches

Caillou: #132—Grown Ups and Me

Mister Rogers' Neighborhood: #1461—Mister Rogers Visits Kindergarten

Mister Rogers' Neighborhood: #1465—Mister Rogers Rides a School Bus

Sesame Street: #4047—Social Interactions

Reading Rainbow: #1114—Owen

Storybooks

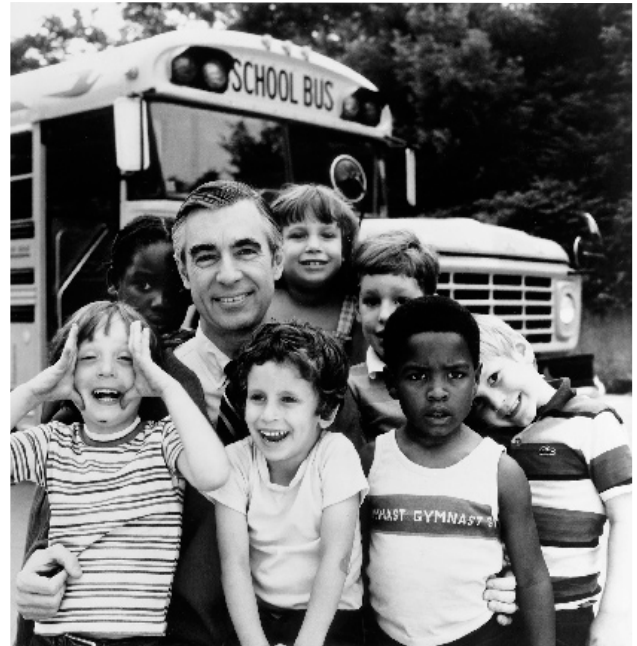
Friends at School by Rochelle Bunnett

Look Out Kindergarten Here I Come! by Nancy Carlson

Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes

Welcome to Kindergarten by Anne Rockwell

Ricardo's Day by George Ancona



Activities

- 1. What Will We Do?:** Making the transition from day care or home care to school is a big step for your child. Read one of the suggested storybooks and talk about different activities your child may do in school. Help your child know what to expect.
- 2. Field Trip:** If possible, take a field trip to your child's school. Call the school ahead of time to see when would be a good time to visit. While you are there, check out the kindergarten classrooms, playground, bathrooms, cafeteria, and library. Ask the school what forms you will need to fill out before your child can attend.
- 3. Play School:** Let your child pretend to be the teacher and act out parts of the school day. Encourage your child to "read" books to you or stuffed animals. Let your child lead an art project, song, or game. Acting out the school day will ease your child's fears and make her feel more in control of the situation.
- 4. Supplies:** If your school supplies a list, take your child to the store to shop for the items! Help your child pack the supplies in a backpack. Talk about each item as you put it in the backpack.
- 5. Are You Scared?:** Allow your child to voice any fears and/or concerns they have about their first day of school. Talk about your first day of school and what your family did to help you out with this new adventure. Reassure your child that it is okay to be excited and scared at the same time.

WILL has many resources that support the education of young children. For more information, contact our educational outreach coordinator at **217-333-1070** or e-mail delaney1@will.uiuc.edu.

