

## School-Year Reading List

Learning the ABCs and 123s might not be the biggest challenge your child faces this fall. Prepare him for the classroom with these books that teach important life skills.

### Dealing With the Jitters

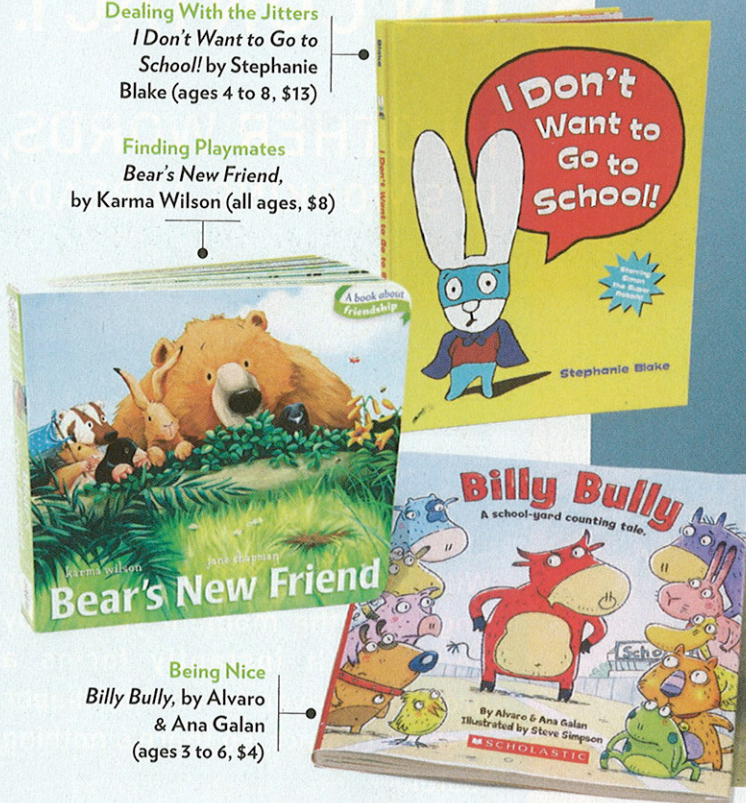
*I Don't Want to Go to School!* by Stephanie Blake (ages 4 to 8, \$13)

### Finding Playmates

*Bear's New Friend*, by Karma Wilson (all ages, \$8)

### Being Nice

*Billy Bully*, by Alvaro & Ana Galan (ages 3 to 6, \$4)



Send him off with social know-how.

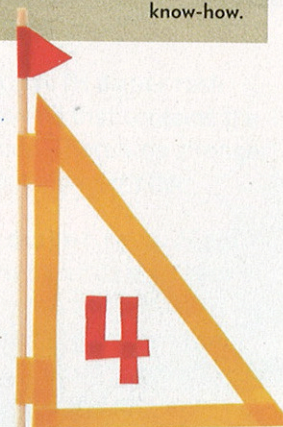
## MUSIC YOU'LL BOTH DIG

If your kid's playlists aren't exactly music to your ears, then check out jitterbug.tv. The hip "kindie" tunes and videos are for kids of all ages, but the rockin' selection of artists, from Dog on Fleas to Jack Johnson, may inspire you to bookmark the page too!

## Ahoy, Matey!

Turn a kid's juice box into a cute boat that floats. Crafter Brooke Reynolds tells you how. (Check out her blog at [inchmark.squarespace.com](http://inchmark.squarespace.com).)

- 1 Cover the straw hole with tape.
- 2 Cut a 4"-high by 3"-wide triangular sail from a Tyvek envelope (we used a USPS Priority Mail one). Decorate with colored tape. Add a number or an initial with tape, use fun stickers, or make a little flag.
- 3 Push a small wooden skewer through both sides of the box so that it sticks out underneath about an inch and a half.
- 4 Use tape to attach sail.



A sea of adventure awaits your creative little captain.



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