

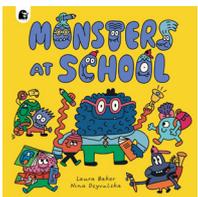
# Getting ready to start school

Enjoying and having fun sharing stories and books is one of the best things you can do to help your child get ready for school.

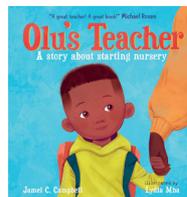
## Reading with your child helps them get ready for school by:

- Helping you both **feel closer and more connected** as they get ready for change
- Building **stronger social skills** as they get ready to meet and make new friends
- Developing their **speech and language** to support their learning and communication
- Helping them feel more **comfortable and confident** as they become familiar with school life and routines
- **Opening up conversations** to share how they're feeling about starting school.

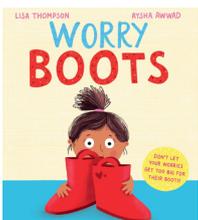
## Why not try one of these great books?



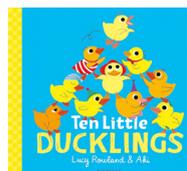
**Monsters at School** is a fun and silly story full of laughs!



**Olu's Teacher** is a sweet story which shows a boy's first experience of school and the great fun he has.



**Worry Boots** is an excellent book for helping with conversations about feelings to do with starting school.



**Ten Little Ducklings** is a brilliant interactive book which encourages lots of joining in.

## Three top tips for reading at home

1. Include a bedtime story in your night time routine
2. Help your child find books or characters they love
3. Make reading fun! Try giving characters silly voices!

Don't forget to carry on reading together once your child starts school!



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