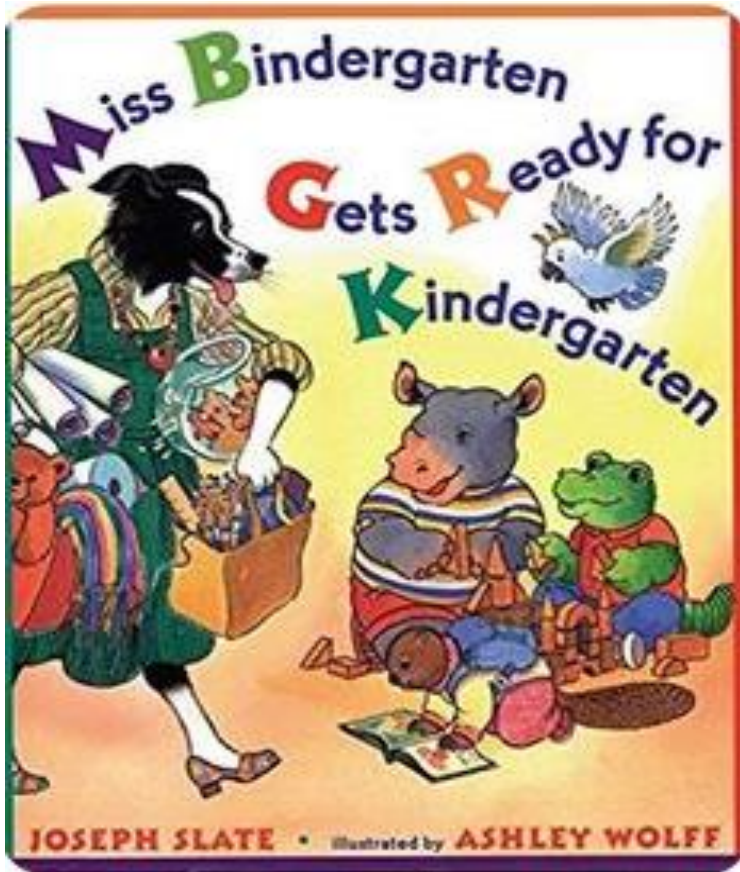




# Transition to Kindergarten

Special Edition





## Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten

A story written by Joseph Slate and illustrated by Ashley Wolff

Miss Bindergarten prepares her classroom for the first day of kindergarten. Her students, who each begin with a different letter of the alphabet, are also getting ready for the big day at home. Emotions are high, as the students and Miss Bindergarten anxiously prepare in this humorous alphabet book.

Click on the link to listen to this fantastic story!

[#storytimeMDCPS](#)





## **Talk about the book and the story!**

*Showing the front cover: Lets read together the tittle! What do you think this story is going to be about? Do you know what an author is? What is an illustrator?*

*Are you ready to read the complete story? Are you ready to go to Kindergarten?*

*Lets read together! What are some things that Miss Bindergarten is preparing? What animals are some of her students? What are some of them doing at home before going to their first day of Kindergarten? What happened at the end?*

# Language and Literacy Vocabulary



Activity:

- Observe the image. Describe what you see. What is Miss Bindergarten doing? What objects do you see there? What do you think is happening there? What is the parrot doing? What do you think are the months of the year on the wall for? Do you like the classroom? Why? Does it look like a fun place?

# Language and Literacy

## Conversation / Letter sounds and Rhyming



Activities:

- Invite your child to make paper bags puppets of some of the story characters! Recall the story pretending with the puppets. Talk about the letter sounds on all animals' names.

- Point out how each character's name rhymes with something they are doing. Use your creativity to make your own rhymes!
- Talk to your child about the different emotions students can experience during the first day of school. That about what means to be excited, nervous, uncertain, or happy.

Ask your child how he thinks he is going to feel the first day of Kindergarten. What is he expecting from the first day in Kindergarten.



# Mathematical Thinking

## Spatial Relationships



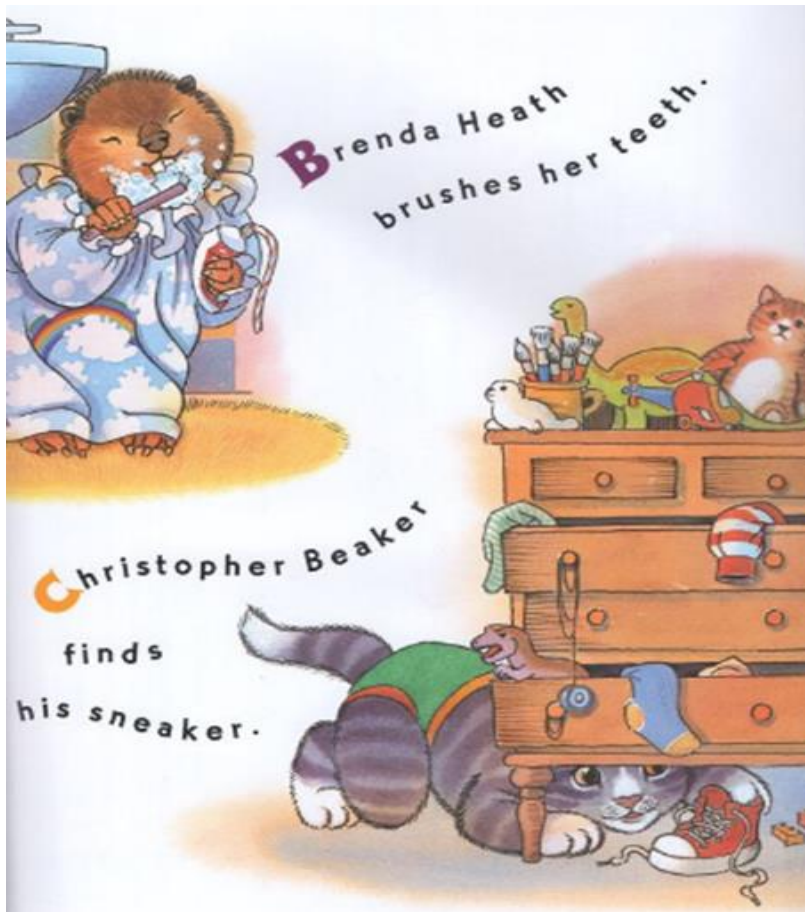
Activities:

- Invite your child to describe relationships between objects and locations with words like **beside**, **next to**, **between**, **below**, **over**, **in**, **on**, and **under**.

Observe the image and model an example for your child "Christopher Beaker is under the drawer" "Can you tell me where the dinosaur is?"

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- Walk around your house and ask your child about the places where different objects are at, and the relationships between others.





# Music Activity

## Let's Celebrate with a Drum!

### Materials needed:

Recycled oatmeal or coffee containers with lids  
Butcher or construction paper (color of your choice)  
Washable Liquid Tempera Paint  
Glitter Glue Painters  
Recycled newspaper

Sponges  
Glue  
Painting bowl  
Scissors

### Before you begin:

1. Cover a workspace with recycled newspaper.
2. Set out a bowl of paint with your favorite colors. Make sure there's enough paint to cover the bottom of each bowl.
3. Cut several sponges into star shapes and place them next to the paint.
4. Measure and cut the butcher or construction paper to fit over the lidded oatmeal or coffee containers.

### Directions:

1. Encourage your child to dip the sponges in the paint and stamp the star shape onto the sheets of paper. He can stamp as many or as few stars as he likes!
2. Set the sheets aside and allow the paint to dry overnight.
3. When paint is dry, allow your child to decorate with glitter painters.
4. Help your child glue his sponge-painted sheets around the outside of their oatmeal/ coffee container.
5. And then... **Let's play this [surprise song](#) while tapping our drums with the beat of the song and let's celebrate your **Transition to Kindergarten!****







**THANK  
YOU!**



**SEE YOU  
IN YOUR  
1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF  
KINDERGARTEN!**

