

BOOKS for K

Kicking off Kindergarten with a New Home Library



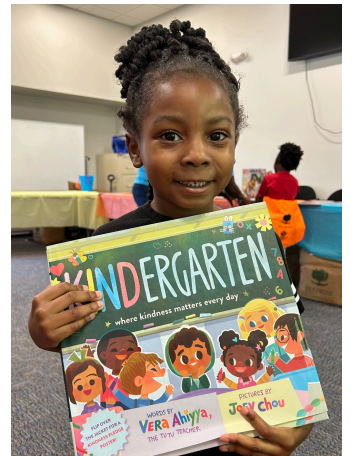
WHAT IS BOOKS FOR K?

Book Harvest's **Books for K** program welcomes kindergarten students to school with a joyful opportunity to select ten books of their very own to take home and keep forever. In partnership with schools and districts, programs and organizations, **Books for K** brings the delight of book selection and book ownership to kindergarten students so that the start of their formal education is filled with the joy of reading.

Books for K is an exciting way to help kindergarten students build their home libraries and share with their families, nurturing shared reading routines that support early literacy skills.

WHY BOOKS FOR K MATTERS

- School transition practices are related to improved academic achievement and increased parent-initiated school involvement during kindergarten. The impact of these practices is greatest for children who come from low-income families. [1]
- Books in the home are the single biggest predictor of a child's reading proficiency and long term success in school. [2]
- When parents and families have support during their child's transition to formal education settings, their child is more successful. [3]



HOW BOOKS FOR K WORKS

Book Harvest works in partnership with schools and districts, programs and organizations to deliver the **Books for K** experience for children entering kindergarten. Book Harvest provides all the books, materials, and training to ensure a magical **Books for K** experience for the students. Students take their books home in special bags filled with information about starting kindergarten and the importance of shared reading time together at home.

[1] Schulting AB, Malone PS, Dodge KA. The effect of school-based kindergarten transition policies and practices on child academic outcomes. *Dev Psychol.* 2005 Nov;41(6):860-71. .

[2] <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/05/100520213116.htm>

[3] Ahtola, A., Silinskas, G., Poikonen, P., Kontoniemi, M., Niemi, P., & Nurmi, J. (2011). Transition to formal schooling: Do transition practices matter for academic performance? *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*, 26, 295-302.

➡ For more information on Books for K and pricing, contact Rachel Stine at rachel@bookharvest.org.

ABOUT BOOK HARVEST

Book Harvest's mission is to provide books for every child, support for every parent, and literacy for every community. Since 2011, Book Harvest has provided more than 2.6 million books to families in North Carolina and beyond, ensuring that children grow up with abundant home libraries and parents have the tools and power to ignite and strengthen their children's literacy.