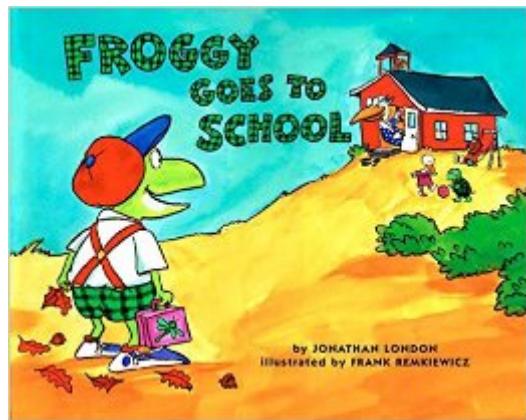


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# Froggy Goes To School



## **Synopsis**

Froggy's mother knows that everyone's nervous on the first day of school. "Not me!" says Froggy, and together they leapfrog to the bus stop -- flop flop flop. Froggy's exuberant antics, complete with sound effects, will delight his many fans and reassure them that school can be fun."This is a great read-aloud with sounds and words that encourage active participation....A charming story to calm those pre-school jitters." -- School Library JournalJonathan London is the author of many books for children, including *I See the Moon* and *the Moon Sees Me*, *Like Butter on Pancakes* and four other books about Froggy.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

If you want a light-hearted look at the first day of school, this is the perfect book. Froggy, who as you might guess is a frog, is nervous about the first day of school. So nervous, in fact, that he lets his imagination carry him away. First he has the dreaded dream about running late on the first day of school, nearly missing the bus, and arriving only to realize he's running around in his underwear! When he really does get to school, he's thrilled to find his name tag on his table. "He liked his name. It was the first word he knew how to read. It was the only word he knew how to read. He read it aloud, louder and louder. Frrroogggy." A little too loud, it turns out, as his teacher, Miss

Witherspoon, kindly informs him that it's time to pay attention. Later, as he gazes out the window, he's so impressed by the falling leaves that he topples out of his chair. Miss Witherspoon tells him, "Kindly stay in your seat, dear. . .We'll sit on the floor at circle time." At circle time, Froggy shares how he learned how to swim over the summer. He soon has the whole class going through the motions -- even the principal joins in! When his parents ask about his first day of school, he proudly informs them that he taught the principal how to swim! As Frank Remkiewicz draws him, Froggy is just your average little boy who happens to be a frog. He may have webbed feet, but he covers them with sneakers. Froggy's face is a mirror of his emotions -- wide-eyed terror when he awakens from a bad dream, pink-tinged embarrassment when he notices the principal watching his "swimming lessons."

This book is currently my five-year old's favorite! His kindergarten teacher read it to them the first week of school. The story line gives every one in our family the giggles. Our three-year old now refers to zip, zap, zap everytime she gets dressed. Cute story!

It's Froggy's first day of school and this ever enthusiastic little amphibian can't wait. He gets dressed, eats his flies and milk, catches the school bus and has no trouble finding his very own desk with his very own name on it. He's so thrilled to be able to read his name, the first word, he realizes, that he can read, that he reads it again and again, louder and louder and even louder, until his teacher informs him that he needs to keep his voice down and that it's time to be quiet and pay attention. But it's hard for him to sit still and listen and take turns, so hard, in fact that while looking out the window and day dreaming, he falls off his chair. His teacher gently reminds him to stay in his seat and that he'll be able to sit on the floor at circle time. When circle time finally arrives, Froggy has his moment. While telling the class about how he learned to swim during the summer, he starts to sing and dance, laugh and hop and pretty soon the whole class is "swimming" right along with him, including Mr Mugwort, the principal..... No one captures the essence of a busy little pre-schooler, with places to go, people to see and things to do, like Jonathan London. His funny, joyful text, full of energy, motion and silly sound effects is wonderfully depicted in Frank Remkiewicz's bright, bold, expressive artwork. Together, they show a successful first day of school, not perfect, but realistic and reassuring to youngsters getting ready for the big step. This story is just one in a delightful series of firsts and your kids will love each and every one of them. *Froggy Goes To School* is a winner and a good way to help prepare your children for all the fun that's ahead when school begins.

I think this is a wonderful book. I have read it to my children so many times that they know it by heart. I will sometimes intentionally misread a word (e.g. It was the LAST day of school), and my children immediately say "No, Mommy - It was the first day of school" and will laugh uncontrollably. I think that it is wonderful to be able to truly enjoy the gift of reading to my children with quality books such as this. As they get older, I am sure they will consider reading as something that is 'fun' and not a 'chore' because of wonderful memories that come from sharing books that have the ability to make them laugh. We own four of the Froggy books now, and I hope that more in this series are published.

Froggy has a dream about his upcoming first day at school ... and dreams he wears his pajamas to school. He then wakes up and realizes it was just a dream. This is very similar to any of us who have had anxiety about something and dreamed about showing up in our bedclothes. He ends up having a great day at school and comes home a happy camper. I just happened upon this book before my son started kindergarten and I was so glad. I have been preparing him for what to expect at school and that it's okay to feel a little nervous...everyone does. And that afterward he would wonder why he had been nervous at all. Great book for those starting preschool or kindergarten. Great illustrations too.

My last review of this book mentioned that sent it to some other address, so it wasn't allowed. I do want to say, though, that this one wasn't quite as fun as some of the other Froggy books. My grandson is crazy about "Froggy", but this one didn't hold his attention quite as much. He did get a good laugh out of Froggy going to school in such a hurry that he went in his underwear, though ;).

Children are sure to relate to Froggy's forgetfulness, impatience, and fears. His adventures are wonderful. The repetitive text and funny sounds will encourage readers who are sure to be attracted to the hilariously expressive illustrations. I love these books!!!

Who doesn't like Froggy, both of my kids like the Froggy books. They tell a story that you can relate a clear moral to and your children can understand. The books are well written and the illustrative art work is great. We have quite a few Froggy books as well as the Berenstain Bears. Both are good family books to read to you kids at the end of the day.

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