

Every child experiences its first day of school or their first time on a bike. And every parent should share in these joys, whether you are at home or at sea. The following list was initiated by the **USS Belleau Wood Home Front Coordinator 2002** as a resource to help you share in your child's "firsts." Consider taking one of these special books with you so that even at sea, your child knows you are sharing in their exciting experience.

FIRST BOOKS TO READ ALOUD

- Barnyard Banter-Fleming
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See-Martin Jr.
- Good Night Moon or Buenas Noches Luna- Brown
- 1, 2, 3 to the Zoo - Carle

LOSING A TOOTH AND CARE OF TEETH

- Brush Your Teeth Please – McGuire
- The Real Tooth Fairy – Kaye

FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL

- First Day-Mackall
- The Kissing Hand – Penn
- Oliver Pig at School – Van Leeuwen
- What Did You Do Today? – Forward, Toby
- Will I Have a Friend? - Cohen

POTTY TRAINING

- On Your Potty - Miller

DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT OR HOSPITAL VISIT

- The Berenstain Bears Go to the Doctor – Berenstain
- When I See My Doctor – Kuklin
- A Trip to the Hospital:A Little Bill Story) - Watson

DENTIST APPOINTMENT

- A Visit to the Dentist (A Little Bill Book) – Fremont
- The Berenstain Bears Visit the Dentist – Berenstain

BIRTHDAY

- Birthday-Brown, Marc
- Happy Birthday Everywhere – Erlbach
- Hello, Amigos! – Brown, Tricia (Mex.-Amer.)
- Happy Birthday - Bailey

RIDING A BIKE

- Curious George Rides a Bike – Rey
- Duck on a Bike – Shannon
- Annie Flies the Birthday Bike - Dragonwagon

NEW BABY (FOR THE OLDER SIBLINGS)

- I'm a Big Brother – Cole
- I'm a Big Sister – Cole
- A Pocket Full of Kisses - Penn

NEW BABY

- Love You Forever - Munsch
- What Shall We Do With the Boo-Hoo Baby? – Cowell
- Wishes for You - Tobias

MILITARY DEPLOYMENT

- When Dad's at Sea – Pelton
- You are Away – Spinelli

MOVING DAY

- Boomer's Big Day- McGeorge, Constance
- Moving - Rogers

EDUCATIONAL FIRSTS

- Hissss! –Inkpen (Problem-solving)
- Ten Little Ladybugs – Gerth (Counting)
- Emily and Alice- Champion (Best Friends)
- Ira Sleeps Over – Waber (Best Friends)
- Color Zoo – Ehlert
- Amazing Grace – Hoffman (Performing in a Program)
- Whose Shoes Are These?A Learn to Tie Your Shoelace Book – Barnes & Noble
- Iris and Walter: the Sleepover – Guest
- One Monkey Too Many – Koller (Unsafe Situations)
- Shortcut – Crews (Train Track Safety)
- Owen – Henkes (Giving up a favorite blanket)
- Bunny My Honey (Jeram, Anita (Getting lost,then found)
- Flying-Crews (Plane flight)

PETS

- Bingo – Wells (Dog)
- Hondo and Fabian – McCarty (Dog and Cat)
- Little Whistle – Rylant (Guinea Pig)

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