

Subject: Adoption and School - Resources



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We've put together a great page of resources for adoption and school. With downloadable handouts and information for your child's teacher, inspiring ideas for adoption presentations and creative approaches to the family tree assignment, advice from experts about development and learning styles, suggested books to read and donate to your child's school, and more, make this your first source for back-to-school preparation.

*Featured article*

**[How I Explained Adoption to the First Grade](#)**

by Amy Klatzkin

*Using a favorite doll and a logic children can follow, one mother enlightens her daughter's curious class.*



Early in first grade at my daughter's school, each child is given a special day when she gets to help the teacher in prominent ways and make important choices. My daughter was the first of two adopted children in her class to have a special day, and inevitably questions about adoption came up....[read more](#) or [download PDF](#)

## **More About Making an Adoption Presentation at School**

[Becoming an Advocate at School](#)

[Can We Talk: Explaining Adoption in Middle School](#)

## **How to Explain Adoption to Teachers and Classmates**

[The Great Back-to-School Kit](#)

17 simple and effective ways to bring adoption into the classroom

[A Memo to My Fellow Teachers](#)

When it comes to adoption, instructors need to check their curriculum and their stereotypes.

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[What Your Child's Teacher Needs to Know](#)

by Lois Melina. [read more](#) or [download PDF](#)

[Adoption in the Classroom \(PDF\)](#)

A two-page clip-and-save guide for teachers on adoption in the classroom. Includes a resource guide for parents and recommended books for the school library.

[An Educator's Guide to Adoption](#)

[S.A.F.E. at School: Support for Adoptive Families by Educators](#)

[Teaching the Teachers](#) How one mother set out to educate her town

[Is Your Child Ready for School?](#)

She has her backpack, pencils, and notebook. But does she know how to field adoption questions that might come her way?

[Tips For Helping Your Child Cope with Intrusive Questions](#)

## **Sample Letters**

[Dear Teacher](#)

Even a teacher sensitive to adoption may benefit from having words to say. Here is a sample letter to help you compose your own. [read more](#) or [download PDF](#)

["I'm a Lot Like You"](#)

In a letter to her son's kindergarten class, a ghost-writing mom explains what it means to be adopted and to have cerebral palsy. [read more](#) or [download PDF](#)

## **Helping Kids Handle Tricky Assignments**

[Tackling Tricky Assignments](#)

Creative solutions to six common assignments. [read more](#) or [download PDF](#)

### [The Family Tree](#)

### [A Forest of Family Trees](#)

### [School Savvy](#)

Parents should expect school assignments that are difficult for their children. [read more](#) or [download PDF](#)

### [Stepping In, Stepping Back](#)

Parents always wonder how they'll cope with awkward school assignments, but they always do. [Star of the Week](#)

Fielding questions about adoption at school starts early. Is your child ready? [read more](#) or [download PDF](#)

### [Lucy's Family Tree](#)

### [W.I.S.E. Up! Powerbook](#)

## **Adoption and Learning**

### [Learn How Your Child Learns](#)

When you connect with your child's learning style, you help him feel more at home.

### [How to Read Your Child's Mind](#)

When it comes to the way kids learn, one size definitely doesn't fit all. [read more](#) or [download PDF](#)

### [Jesse's ABC's](#)

A child adopted at age four needed extra help with reading...

### [Clearing Hurdles to Learning](#)

For children with learning disabilities, early intervention can make the difference.

### [How to Get Help at School](#)

When a child has learning problems, often the first step is an Individualized Educational Program. Here's what you need to know. [Raising a Bilingual Child](#)

A practical guide to help your child connect to his language heritage.

## **Book Recommendations from AF Editors**

### [The Best Adoption Books to Donate to Your School or Library](#)

### [\*Adoption and the Schools: Resources for Parents and Teachers\*](#)

### [\*Best Friends, Worst Enemies: Understanding the Social Lives of Children\*](#)

### [\*Good Friends are Hard to Find: Helping Your Child Find, Make, and Keep Friends\*](#)

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