

This letter introduces Ducky Lucky, our mascot for this year, to the children and their parents:

Dear Kindergarten Kids,

Meet Ducky Lucky, our new kindergarten friend! Ducky Lucky is so excited to be in our class, and best of all, he will get to come home with each of you about once a month to meet your families too. We will take turns getting to take home Ducky Lucky and his bag of fun. Each time he will be bringing something special for you and your family to do together.

Ducky Lucky came home with me last night. It took us a long time to choose what book to put in his bag. We must have read a dozen books before we chose this one just for you. Hope you like it! Ducky Lucky said it was his favorite because it was about starting school. We know that's exciting!

This book is called "The Kissing Hand" by Audrey Penn. It's about Chester, a little raccoon who is starting school for the first time. He's afraid that if he goes to school, he might miss his mom a whole lot. Maybe you felt like that too. Have someone in your family read this book to you to find out how Chester's mom helps him deal with his feelings.

Then in the journal you and your family can write about your first day of school. You may want to draw the pictures to tell how you were feeling while your family helps you write about your feelings. Mom and Dad can write to tell us how they felt too! Make sure you bring the bag, Ducky Lucky, the book, the journal, and the art supplies back to school tomorrow so you can share your journal entry with the class. We can hardly wait to hear you share about your first day of school!

When everyone in our class has had a chance to have Ducky Lucky come to visit them, we'll make our journal entries into a book for our classroom. You will all be authors!

Have fun with Ducky Lucky! Be sure to bring the bag back to school tomorrow!

Love,
Mrs. Hamner