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Planet Kindergarten



Synopsis

This clever picture book will prepare young explorers to boldly go where they have never gone before: Planet Kindergarten. Hilarious and confidence-boosting, this exciting story will have new kindergarteners ready for liftoff!

Book Information

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creative way of looking at their new experiences, as explorers of a new frontier."--Jenny Brown, *Twenty by Jenny*"Visual excitement and madcap humor."-The New York Times"Sure to comfort and amuse many a new space traveler and the grateful teachers who will read this aloud over and over."--The Horn Book

Publishers Weekly--05/26/2014For one brave boy, kindergarten isn't just a grade—it's a destination. He gets to school via rocket (one that looks suspiciously like his father's hatchback), and considers his classmates to be aliens, including two that could be relatives of Cousin It. The boy adjusts to "zero gravity" ("We have to try hard to stay in our seats. And our hands go up a lot"), discovers that he likes space food, and freaks out during naptime: "Is the room running out of oxygen?" Prigmore's manic digital art gives a nod to Jetsons-era cartoons, while Ganz-Schmitt's metaphor will ring true with intrepid readers. Ages 3–5. Author's agent: Jennifer Unter, the Unter Agency. (May)"A genius way to ease kids into the new adventure that is kindergarten."--Kirkus Reviews, starred review"Kindergarten isn't just a grade—it's a destination."--Publishers Weekly"Both kids and parents will delight in the cheerful exuberance of Prigmore's style!" --Maureen Palacios, *Once Upon a Time*, Montrose, CAKirkus Reviews | 2014-05-14A genius way to ease kids into the new adventure that is kindergarten. In an imaginative ruse that's maintained through the whole book, a young astronaut prepares for his mission to Planet Kindergarten. On liftoff day (a space shuttle-themed calendar counts down the days; a stopwatch, the minutes), the small family boards their rocket ship (depicted in the illustrations as the family car), and "the boosters fire." They orbit base camp while looking for a docking place. "I am assigned to my commander, capsule, and crewmates." Though he's afraid, he stands tall and is brave (not just once, either—the escape hatch beckons, but NASA's saying gets him through: "FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION"). Parents will certainly chuckle along with this one, but kindergarten teachers' stomach muscles will ache: "[G]ravity works differently here. We have to try hard to stay in our seats. And our hands go up a lot." Prigmore's digital illustrations are the perfect complement to the tongue-in-cheek text. Bold colors, sharp lines and a retro-space style play up the theme. The intrepid explorer's crewmates are a motley assortment of "aliens"—among them are a kid in a hoodie with the laces pulled so tight that only a nose and mouth are visible; a plump kid with a bluish cast to his skin; and a pinkish girl with a toothpick-thin neck and huge bug eyes. Sure to assuage the fears of all astronauts bound for similar missions. (Picture book. 3-7)School Library Journal--07/01/2014PreS-K • A child bids farewell to his

parents (who are sent back to their own planets) and begins his first mission on Planet Kindergarten. He is joined by intergalactic aliens, all reporting to a commander whose desk is littered with apples. The gravitational field is different: "We have to try hard to stay in our seats. And our hands go up a lot." Projects include exploration outside the capsule, keeping logs, and, most challenging of all, extended rest time. "Abort mission," the homesick space traveler thinks. Then he remembers what's said at NASA: "Failure is not an option." Before he knows it, he's in splashdown—back home—and training for his next mission. Ganz-Schmitt exhibits a fine mix of sensitivity and pizzazz in approaching the challenges that children face. With the help of Prigmore's superpowered animation-style illustrations, she offers a story that will help readers understand that kindergarten really is out of this world.--Susan Weitz, formerly at Spencer-Van Etten School District, Spencer, NY --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

My grandson loved this book! He's really into space, planets, rockets, and everything associated. I got this for him about a week before he started kindergarten and he loved it! My suggestion is that you read it by yourself first and think about ways you can apply the concepts and images to your child before you read it to him/her. It will become a favorite and you can really create a bond through this book with your child's anxiety about beginning kindergarten. It's as much fun for you as it is for your child.

This is just the cutest story! I teach Kindergarten and can't wait to share it with my students the first week of school. It is told as if the boy is an astronaut but instead of launching into space, he's going to Kindergarten. My students who are obsessed with all things space will just adore this story!

I gave this to my nephew before he started kindergarten this year. My sister in law says this is one of his favorites. He's enjoyed having it read to him AND trying to learn to read it himself as they have been learning words and phonics at school.

I got this from my husband who knows the illustrator, I read it to my kinder class at the end of school, loved it. The other kinder teacher read it, her class loved it. It is definitely about starting kinder, but a good literature type discussion can happen at any time of the year. I would highly recommend this, it's cool, but gets the message across.

Excellent for the kid heading to kindergarten, my godson loved it and can't wait, beautifully done and

very engaging

My son absolutely adores this book! We've read it every night for almost 3 weeks, so much so he practically has it memorized. The illustrations are done so well and I really feel like it gives a good idea of what a day at Kindergarten is like.

Nephew loved it.

My 4 year old and 6 year old love this book! It's very popular with them as a bedtime book and remains entertaining even after MANY readings (for myself included!). I'm going to get it as a gift for my daughter's pre-K class as well!

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