Beginning Chapter Books: School

**Roscoe Riley Rules series**  
By Applegate, Katherine

Follow the adventures of first-grader Roscoe Riley in this series.

**The One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo**  
By Blume, Judy

Lately second grader Freddy Dissel has that left-out kind of feeling. Life can be lonely when you're the middle kid in the family who feels like "the peanut butter part of a sandwich," squeezed between an older brother and little sister. But now for the first time it's Freddy's chance to show everyone how special he is and, most of all, prove it to himself!

**Cory Coleman, Grade 2**  
By Brimner, Larry Dane

Cory is turning seven, and his best friend convinces him to "investigate" the birthday present his mother has hidden away. But when they open it and it doesn't work they're afraid they've broken it! As if that isn't bad enough, the class bully tries to ruin Cory's birthday party at the skating rink. It looks as if second grade is off to a bad start for Cory Coleman.

**Jake Drake, Teacher's Pet**  
By Clements, Andrew

Mrs. Snavin looked right past all those waving hands. She looked right at me and she smiled and said, "I think I'll have Jake take it." Then Mrs. Snavin said, "but be sure to hurry right back, Jake, because we're going to work on our number-line project, and you have to be my "special" computer helper, okay?" And I could feel every kid in the class looking at me. They weren't saying anything. They weren't even whispering. But right then, I heard what they were thinking anyway. They were thinking, "teacher's pet."

**Amber Brown series**  
By Danziger, Paula

Amber Brown is excited to be starting second grade--and a little nervous. She's worried that the new teacher might not be as nice as she hopes. She is going to be ready for whatever happens. And second grade had better be ready for Amber Brown! Full color.
Zigzag Kids series
By Giff, Patricia Reilly

NUMBER ONE KID: That's what Mitchell McCabe's favorite T-shirt says. He'd like to be Number One at the Zigzag Afternoon Center, where there are lots of fun activities to choose from: swimming, nature walks, field trips, art, even homework help. But Mitchell is worried. What if he's the only kid who doesn't get a prize on Prize Day? Luckily, Mitchell realizes he's a winner at something terrific.

My Weird School Daze! series
By Gutman, Dan

The teachers at Ella Mentry School are driving A.J. crazy! Miss Daisy eats bonbons! Mr. Klutz “kisses” pigs! Mrs. Roopy sings silly songs! And Ms. Hannah wears dresses made out of pot holders! “Pot holders?” How is A.J. ever going to learn “anything”? These just might be the funniest stories in the history of the world! Check out the whole series!

Pinky and Rex series
By Howe, James

It's time for the school play, and Pinky has his heart set on playing the lead role in "Davi, Boy of the Rain Forest". Rex, on the other hand, does "not" want to try out for a part. But when Pinky asks her to go along with him to the tryouts for support, Rex can’t say no to her best friend. Full color.

Horrible Harry series
By Kline, Suzy

Third grade brings lots of surprises, but one thing hasn't changed -- Harry and Sidney are still sworn enemies. And their relationship only gets worse when Sidney accidentally kills Harry's pet spider. But while on a class trip to a scary old prison and a creepy copper mine, Harry comes up with a horribly funny way to get revenge. …More

George Brown, Class Clown series
By Krulik, Nancy

The creator of the Katie Kazoo, Switcheroo books begins a brand-new series for boys, starring Katie's pal George Brown. On his second day of school, George is suddenly seized by uncontrollable burps. These are not normal burps, they are magic burps. Illustrations.

Sideways Stories from Wayside School
By Sachar, Louis

Wayside School was supposed to be built with 30 classrooms all next to each other in a row. Instead, the classrooms were stacked one on top of the other--30 stories tall! Here are some hilarious and fun stories about the school, the teachers, and the students.