

Lamont Books Standing Order

February 2013

Teacher Notes and Activities

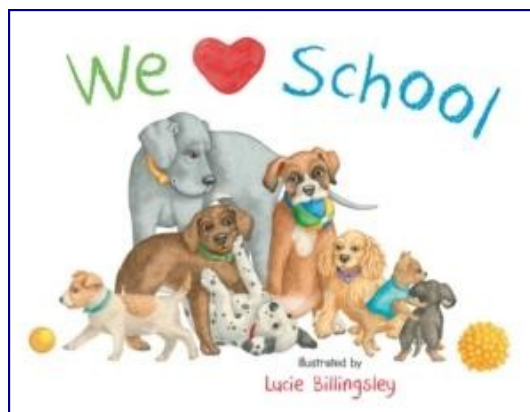
We Love School

Illustrated by Lucie Billingsley
ISBN 9780734411563
\$24.99

The perfect starting-school book! A class of adorable puppies discover the fun of school.

Today's the day, it's the first day of school. It's a little bit scary, but it could be cool.

In *We Love School*, seven adorable puppies are having their first day at school. From art time, to lunch, to storytime, this book covers all the parts of a typical school day, to help teach kids what to expect at school. Lucie Billingsley's puppies are both endearing and realistic.



Themes:

- Starting School
- Making friends

Discussion Points & Activities:

- Before reading the book: What is school like? What do we do at school? Who goes to school? Why do we go to school? How do we feel about school? Using different media types, such as video diaries, posters, interactive whiteboards, create a brainstorm which can be reviewed and compared at the end of the year.
- Use the book as a guide for the school day and refer to it throughout the day.
- What do the puppies see when they go for a walk around the school? What can we see when we go for a walk around our school?
- The puppies chase balls and chew bones at playtime. What things can we do? (This might be a good time to discuss playground rules, areas, as well as who to ask for help from when in the playground).
- The puppies read a big book. Use as a guide for manners/appropriate behaviour when sitting on the mat. ie: looking at the teacher and being quiet - not sleeping like some of the puppies!
- What are you going to tell your family about your day?
- Look at the puppies in the boxes on page 1. How do you think each of them is feeling about the first day of school?
- What do the puppies eat for lunch? What do we eat for lunch? Look at the different foods we're eating and what we like to eat.