



BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT KIT

Pirates Don't Go to KINDERGARTEN!

A picture book by Lisa Robinson & illustrated by Eda Kaban (Two Lions)

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ABOUT THE KIT

Emma, who loved her pirate-themed Pre-K classroom, is quite reluctant to move up to Kindergarten, where the classroom theme is Space. This kit was designed for librarians, educators, and parents who are looking for a piratical (or space piratical) way to soothe the back-to-school jitters. Best for ages 4-7.

The kit contains:

- Marketing: Event poster and suggested calendar copy
- Preparation: Step-by-step suggestions
- Decorations: Pennants
- Activity: Tattoo Template
- Activity: Pirate (And Space Pirate) Headband
- Activity: Pirate (And Space Pirate) Flag
- Activity: Pirate Spyglass
- Activity: Space Pirate Rocket
- Family Take-Away: How to Help Your Child Transition to Kindergarten and Beyond



ABOUT THE BOOK

Pirates Don't Go to Kindergarten!

by Lisa Robinson

Illustrated by Eda Kaban

Published by Two Lions

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Age Range: 4 - 7 Years

Pirate Emma is about to start kindergarten! But Emma's not so sure she's ready for a new captain and crew. Especially since Cap'n Chu—the roughest, toughest, awesomest preschool cap'n ever—is right down the hall. So Emma decides to head back to the preschool ship to see if she can stir up a mutiny against kindergarten! Is that what she really wants? Or does she just miss her beloved Cap'n Chu? Batten down the hatches, mateys, because the first day of school is going to be stormy!



"Kaban's illustrations perfectly capture Emma's defiance, sadness, and acceptance with sincerity and humor. Robinson's fun-to-read text is chock-full of pirate lingo and heart...Warning: The super cool pirate and space-themed classrooms may make both children and adults wish they could attend this school...A fun and raucous ride with great pirate lingo that reminds readers that change isn't bad, but it can be challenging."

—*School Library Journal*

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Lisa Robinson was born in Kampala, Uganda, to volunteers of the Peace Corps who later became world-traveling diplomats. When she was a child, her family moved frequently, so books became her best friends. She now works as a psychiatrist and writer. She holds an MFA in creative writing for young people from Lesley University. **Pirates Don't Go to Kindergarten!** is her debut picture book, and she has more books forthcoming, including **Pippa's Night Parade**, illustrated by Lucy Fleming. She lives in Massachusetts with her scientist husband, two daughters, and three cats. Learn more about Lisa at www.author-lisa-robinson.com.

Eda Kaban was born and raised in Turkey with a great passion for drawing, reading, and monkey bars. She has traveled the globe wearing a backpack slightly larger than herself. Her travels brought her to the States where she studied illustration. Her work can be seen in a variety of picture books and publications. When she is not drawing, you can find her climbing some rocks, or biking the hills of the Bay Area. She currently resides in Oakland happily with her husband and their two Siamese cats, where they continually water their plants too much. Learn more about Eda at <http://edakabanstudio.com>.

PREPARING FOR THE ACTIVITIES

You will, of course, create your own grand event or classroom activity! Following are simply suggested ways to prepare for an event or classroom experience.

___ Locate a copy of the picture book **Pirates Don't Go to Kindergarten** by Lisa Robinson and illustrated by Eda Kaban (Two Lions).

SHARING THE EVENT

___ If you list your events in print or online, here is some text that may assist you:

*School, Ho! Emma is not ready to give up her piratical pre-K classroom—or her former teacher, Cap'n Chu. Will she lead a mutiny against Kindergarten or accept her new Kindergarten's space captain? We will be reading the picture book **Pirates Don't Go to Kindergarten** by Lisa Robinson and illustrated by Eda Kaban (Two Lions) and pointing our spyglasses to the wonders of space.*

___ If this event is for the public, print out the event poster (page 7), add your date, time, and location, and duplicate it to advertise the event. If you prefer to adapt the poster in your design software, you can find a JPEG of the poster design on CuriousCityDPW.com. Simply search for “kindergarten” at CuriousCityDPW.com and navigate to the Event Kit listing. The fonts on the poster are DK Hobgoblin and Alegreya.



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___ There is also a “School, Ho!” social media image to help advertise your event. It is available at CuriousCityDPW.com. Simply search for “kindergarten” at CuriousCityDPW.com and navigate to the Event Kit listing.

DECORATING: AHOY KINDERGARTEN PENNANTS

Cap'n Chu has an “Aho!” pennant banner hanging in her piratical classroom. We have recreated that banner for you to hang in your space. If you want to add the word “Kindergarten” to your banner, there is a PDF of those pennants at CuriousCityDPW.com. Simply search for “kindergarten” and navigate to the Event Kit listing.

___ Print the pennants on pages 8-13 and follow the instructions to make a banner.

ACTIVITY: PIRATE (AND SPACE PIRATE) TATTOOS

Did you know that you can now buy temporary tattoo transfer paper for your laser printer? We love the “Rolurious 10 Sheets Laser DIY A4 Temporary Tattoo Transfer Paper.” We have reversed the tattoo images so you do not have to. If you like making temporary tattoos:

___ Print the Pirate (and Space Pirate) Tattoo Template (page 14).

___ Follow the instructions specific to your tattoo transfer paper.

___ Consider tattooing readers as they arrive at your event.



ACTIVITY: PIRATE (AND SPACE PIRATE) HEADBAND

Emma and her fellow mutineers wear a piratical headband. Would your readers like to be similarly decked out?

___ Print the Pirate (and Space Pirate) Headband sheet (page 15).

___ Pre-cut and connect the headband pieces into a strip so you might fit them to reader skulls.

ACTIVITY: PIRATE (AND SPACE PIRATE) FLAGS

One cannot resist illustrator Eda Kaban’s pirate (or is it space pirate?) flag. We have provided two flag images that when cut will fly back-to-back on your chosen flagpole.

___ Print the Pirate (and Space Pirate) Flag sheets (pages 16-17).

___ Locate “flagpoles” for your paper flags to attach to. The flags fit perfectly on an 11-12” wooden paint stirrer.

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ACTIVITIES: PIRATE SPYGLASS & SPACE PIRATE ROCKET

Pirate Emma, quite reluctant to move up to Kindergarten where the classroom theme is Space, relents and declares herself a Space Pirate. We have created a way for you to make a simple Pirate Spyglass with readers and then, with a few space-age tricks, transform the spyglass into a rocket ship.

You will need to source:

- ___ 11" paper towel roll or a 10-12 " cardboard craft tube, 1 for each pirate
- ___ 9 oz / 3.75 " paper cup (we like the Amscan Silver Paper Cups), 1 for each pirate
- ___ **For adult use only:** X-acto or craft knife
- ___ Glue stick
- ___ Clear tape
- ___ Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- ___ Craft tape or misc. items for decorating (optional)

You might also:

- ___ Follow the instructions on the Pirate Spyglass sheet (page 18) to prep the cups for your readers and to lead the activity.
- ___ Follow the instructions on the Space Pirate Rocket sheets (page 19-20) to lead the follow-up activity.



If you do not have time to make the spyglasses into rockets, consider sending your pirates home with the two rocket sheets for an at-home transformation.

FAMILY TAKE-AWAY: KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION ADVICE

Author Lisa Robinson is a practicing child and adult psychiatrist and psychotherapist and has prepared a sheet of advice for families to help their child transition to Kindergarten and grades beyond.

- ___ Print out the How to Help Your Child Transition to Kindergarten & Beyond guide (page 21) for all of your families.
- ___ Consider using the guide to shape a post-read dialogue about transitions.

DAY OF THE EVENT

- ___ Hang your pennant banner.
- ___ Gather sponges and water for temporary tattoo application.
- ___ Lay out your headbands and clear tape.
- ___ Lay out your pirate flag sheets, flag poles, and glue sticks.
- ___ Lay out your supplies to make Pirate Spyglasses and Space Pirate Rockets.
- ___ Lay out Family Take-Aways.

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- ___ Tattoo your pirates as they arrive and/or fit them with pirate headbands.
- ___ Read aloud **Pirates Don't Go to Kindergarten** by Lisa Robinson and illustrated by Eda Kaban (Two Lions) and lead a conversation on transitions.
- ___ Lead the Pirate Spyglasses and Space Pirate Rockets activities.
- ___ Send pirates home with the How to Help Your Child Transition to Kindergarten & Beyond sheet and any activities you choose.
- ___ Blast off, Cap'n. You now deserve a holiday on the deck on your choice.

OTHER RESOURCES

Enjoyed using this kit? Visit CuriousCityDPW.com for other story hour kits, event kits, treasure hunts, book club guides, book giveaways, and more ways to engage in children's literature with play, conversation, and social action.





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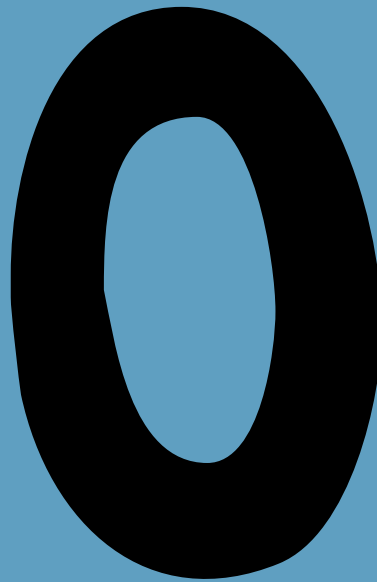
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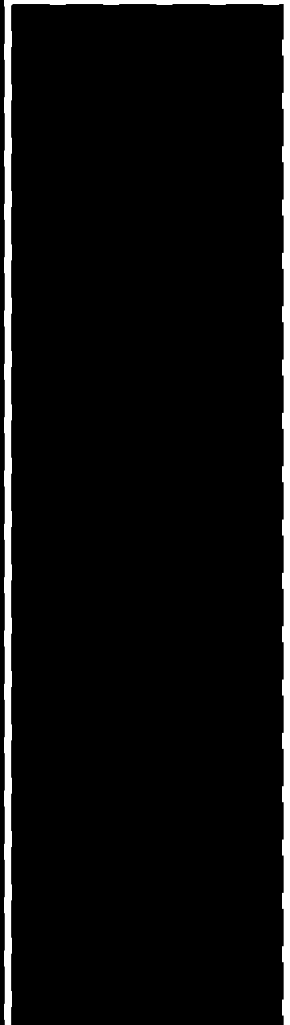
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Pirate (Space Pirate) Headband

To make a skull
headband for
your own skull:

- 1) Print-out of this page
and cut out the strips
- 2) Attach two strips to
make a longer strip
- 3) Fit to a pirate skull
(across the forehead)
and tape closed
- 4) Use the extender
below if needed



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Pirate (and Space Pirate) Flag 1

Cut out this flag and glue it back-to-back with the opposite-facing flag. Keep an inch on the left side of the flags unattached. Slide a paint-stirrer or other stick between the left edges of the flags and affix the flags to the "pole."



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Pirate Spyglass

Spyglass Parts:

- Print-out of this page
- 11" Paper Towel Roll or 10-12 " Cardboard Craft Tubes
- Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
- Glue stick
- Clear tape
- 9 oz / 3.75 " paper cup
- Craft tape for decorating (optional)
- **For adult use only:** X-acto or craft knife

Spyglass Building:

For Adult Pirate Captains Only

- 1) Rest the cup upside down
- 2) Trace the circumference of the paper tube onto the bottom of the cup.
- 3) With X-acto or craft knife, make four cuts within the traced circle like this: ✱

Spyglass Building: For Young Pirates

- 1) Color the right side of this sheet.
- 2) Cover the entire backside with glue
- 3) Lay the tube on the backside of the paper (on this end of the paper)
- 4) Roll so that paper sticks to the tube
- 5) Consider securing the seam with clear tape
- 6) Push the tube into the bottom of the cup
- 7) Now see what new adventures you can see through your spyglass

Want to be a Space Pirate now?

Turn your spyglass into a rocket ship with the next activity. If you do not have the activity sheet there, look for the instructions on CuriousCityDPW.com. Search "pirates don't."

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Space Pirate Rocket: Fins

Rocket Fin Parts:

- Print-out of this page
- Pirate Spyglass*
- Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
- Scissors
- Clear tape

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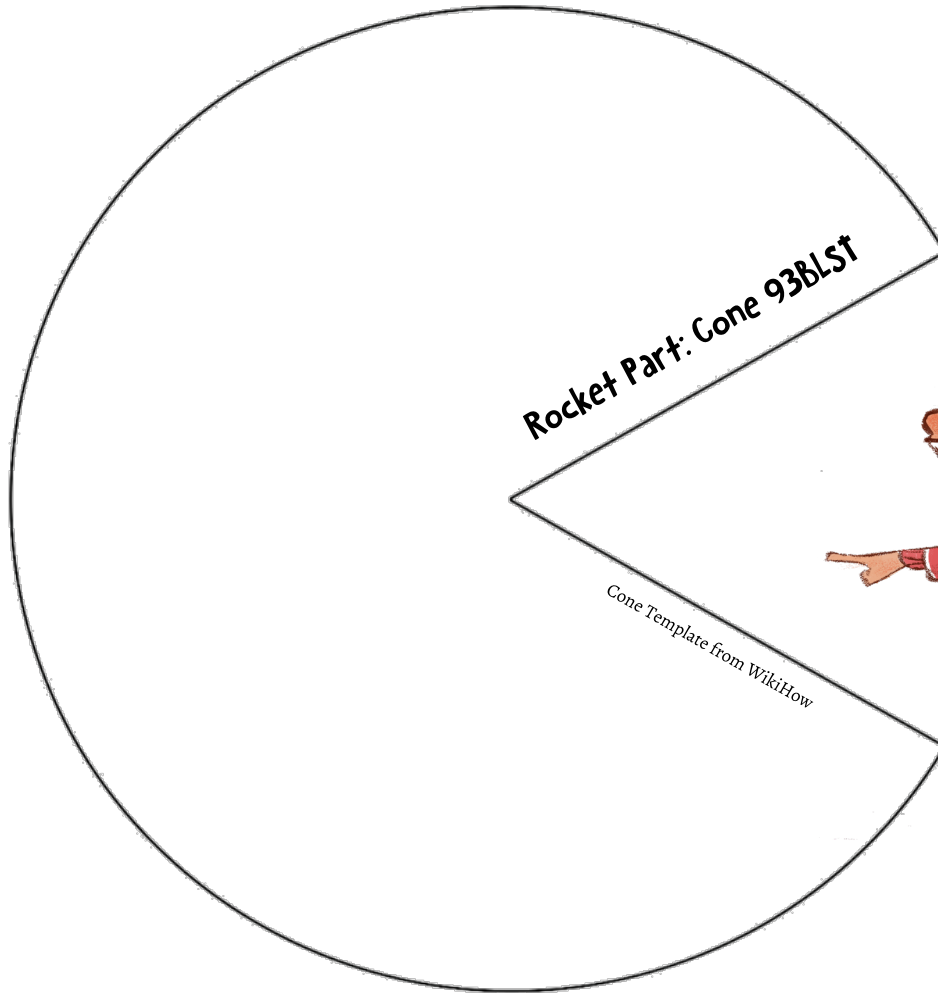
Rocket Building: For Young Space Pirates

- 1) Cut out the four triangles on the dashed lines.
- 2) Fold the triangles on the solid lines with the skulls on the outside
- 3) Place your Pirate Spyglass cup-side down
- 4) Tape the fins to the edges of the cup with skulls at the base
- 5) Before you blast off, make a rocket cone with the rocket parts on the next page



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Space Pirate Rocket: Cone

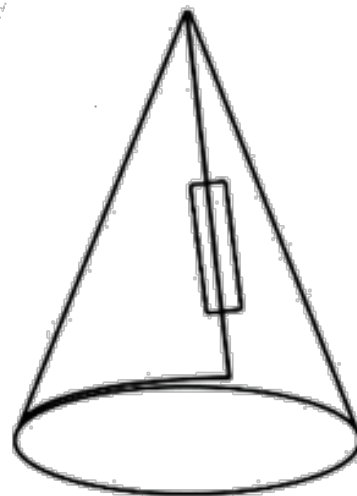


Rocket Cone Parts:

- Print-out of this page on cardstock
- Pirate Spyglass*
- Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
- Scissors
- Clear tape

Rocket Building: For Young Space Pirates

- 1) Cut out Rocket Part: Cone 93BLST
- 2) Roll into cone shape (right) until it is the right size to slide into the top of your tube.
- 3) Let the cone expand a little until it is a tight fit
- 4) Tape in place
- 5) Blast off, Space Pirate!



Cone Shape

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How to Help Your Child with the Transition to Kindergarten & Beyond

Most children are excited about going to kindergarten and other grades. At the same time, it's normal for children to have jitters and feel nervous about a new school and teacher. It's *also* normal for parents to have worries and concerns! Here are some tips for easing the transition:

TAKE A DEEP BREATH. Parents have many feelings about this transition, and it's important to attend to them, too. Use stress management techniques—breathing, meditation, exercise—to alleviate any anxiety you may be feeling so you can be positive and affirming to your child about this upcoming experience.



VISIT the new school or classroom if you can. Familiarize your child with the building, their classroom, the bathrooms, and the playground. If possible, meet the new teacher. Ask the school if they can give you a schedule of a typical school day; review it with your child.

MEET other students. See if you can arrange a playdate with fellow students. Some schools arrange a group playdate for incoming kindergarteners.

VALIDATE FEELINGS. Although you know it will be okay, validate your child's feelings as real and appropriate. Do not brush off concerns. You can tell them you know it will be fine while also giving them the space to express fears. (Lots of kids feel afraid or worried, and that's okay.)

READ books about going to kindergarten. There are a lot of back-to-school books out there! Read to your child and take it slow—make sure to leave room for your child to ask questions and express concerns. Make observations about the characters and ask what your child thinks the characters are feeling or thinking. Sometimes talking about storybook characters rather than themselves allows children to express feelings more openly.

ROLE-PLAY school situations. Playing with stuffed animals or dolls is another way to talk about feelings. Many children enjoy playing out a back-to-school scenario. You can initiate a play session by starting a scene—by saying, for example, *Bunny's going to her first day of kindergarten. I wonder what she's feeling*—and then seeing how your child responds. Once you've introduced the scene, let the child direct the storytelling. Sometimes children have concerns that are different from what we expect, and an open-ended strategy allows for those to come out. If children don't want to role-play, try drawing or making up a story instead.

TALK TO EXPERTS. If your child has an older sibling or a friend who can describe their kindergarten experience in a positive way, seek them out and ask them to talk about it with your child.

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