BOOKS TO READ WITH CHILDREN ABOUT MOVING

Pre-Kindergarten (up to 5 years)

A book of pictures. Great as a stimulus for discussions.

A delightful book with familiar characters who are moving to an unfamiliar place.

Franklin’s friend, Otter, has moved away and nothing seems the same without her.

"To have a friend, you must be a friend." A delightful puppy makes friends with farm animals. Outstanding whimsical characters and beautiful illustrations.

A child’s picture book about an immigrant family who comes to the United States and the Hindu holiday they celebrate.

The saga of a hermit crab’s quest for a perfect house. The pictures inspire laughter, and the rhyming text appeals to a sense of rhythm.

Moving to a new home in the suburbs as seen through the eyes of Boomer, the family dog. Beautiful pictures.

When Janey moves, her friend misses her but remembers good times they shared in the past.

Beginning Readers (5-8 years)

The pleasure and joy of a reunion. Robert’s best friend is doming to visit.

A well-photographed essay of a bilingual family moving to a new home.

“I’ll go to school if I can ride on the back of a lion!” declares a young boy upon entering a new school.

A story with a happy ending about a new boy at school.

An African-American brother and sister capture the excitement and wistfulness that saying good-bye can mean.

Best friends must part when Annie moves away. This story describes the impact of the move on the friend who stays behind.
Mei Mei isn’t happy with her family’s move from Hong Kong to New York. She moves to Chinatown where everybody looks and speaks like she does. But at school, everything is in English, a strange new language Mei Mei refuses to speak.

A single parent and her children have to move.

When her mother decides to move, eight-year-old PK uses her imagination and storytelling to help her older sister and younger sister adjust to the circumstances.

A young boy keeps a journal of his move from Oregon to Washington, D. C.

A first airplane ride and a new home make life exciting for a little girl. Then a lost doll makes adjustment difficult in the new home until a new friend is found.

Young Readers (7-10 years)

Biale, Rachel. *We are Moving.* Berkley, CA: Trycicle Press, 1996
A guided scrapbook project between a parent and child illustrates how a parent can acknowledge and do something about the anxieties of moving.

Ramona moves and experiences a new school, new teachers, and making new friends.

Justin and Amber are best friends, When Justin moves to Alabama in the third grade, Amber feels the loss.

Tommy is upset about leaving his good friends. But when he is in the attic packing, he finds old photos and old toys and realizes that memories last forever.

Mike is a rich boy new at school. His parents are too busy to pay attention to him, and the kids think he is a snob.

A humorous tale regarding a man’s attempt to move a mountain away from a house.

Marta finds that having a cat helps her adjust to a new house.

The story of a boy moving and being the “new kid on the block.” He felt it was the most humiliating and scary time of his life.

A cross-country move where imagination creates a situation for worse than reality.

Bibliography information from “Sailing New Seas” by Norma Frank.