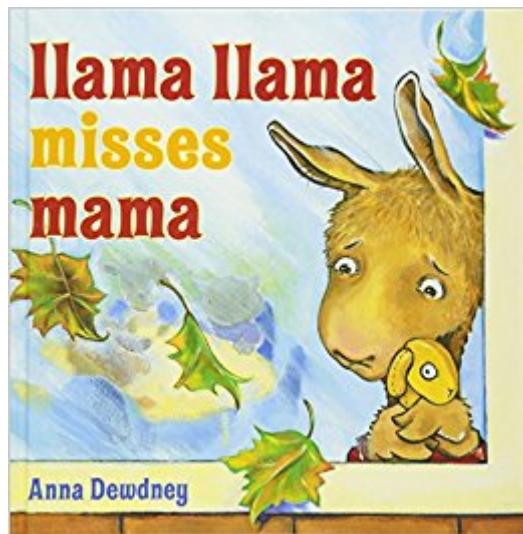


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# Llama Llama Misses Mama



## Synopsis

Strange new teacher. Strange new toys. Lots of kids and lots of noise! What would Llama like to do? Llama Llama feels so new . . . It's Llama Llama's first day of preschool! And Llama Llama's mama makes sure he's ready. They meet the teachers. See the other children. Look at all the books and games. But then it's time for Mama to leave. And suddenly Llama Llama isn't so excited anymore. Will Mama Llama come back? Of course she will. But before she does, the other children show Llama Llama how much fun school can be! Activities for Llama Llama Misses Mama by Anna Dewdney Watch a Video

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## Customer Reviews

Anna Dewdney was a teacher, mother, and enthusiastic proponent of reading aloud to children. She continually honed her skills as an artist and writer and published her first Llama Llama book in 2005. Her passion for creating extended to home and garden and she lovingly restored an 18th century farmhouse in southern Vermont. She wrote, painted, gardened, and lived there with her partner, Reed, her two daughters, two wirehaired pointing griffons, and one bulldog. Anna passed away in 2016, but her spirit will live on in her books.

We started reading "Llama Llama Misses Mama" after my daughter had a bad first day at preschool to facilitate a conversation about her feelings. She loved the story, but FIVE WEEKS into preschool she was still crying (loudly) for an HOUR each day. Her teacher was stumped because she was fine at drop off and for the first hour but then cried for an hour in the middle, refused to eat a snack, and then was fine for the last hour. She was making friends and said that she liked preschool, but her crying was so disruptive that we were getting to the point that we needed to remove her from school. Then I had a lightbulb moment. My daughter thought she was Llama. Everyday she followed the exact same pattern as Llama. That night I rewrote the story to be "Llama Llama Loves Preschool!". The next day she quit crying all together. Eventually, she started eating snacks with the kids too and now she is a totally happy preschooler. So if anyone else has a little Llama, here is the new story: Llama Llama, warm in bed, Wakey, Wakey, sleepyhead! Llama has school today! Time to Learn and time to play! Make the bed and find some clothes. Brush the teeth and blow the nose. Eat some breakfast. Clean the Plate. Whoops! Oh my- we're running late! Drive to school and park the car. Teacher says, "there you are!" Kate says, "hi." Corinne does too. "We've been waiting to play with you!" Hang the coat and your pack. After recess mom comes back! Mama Llama goes away. Llama Llama gets to stay! Llama loves her teacher and Llama loves the toys. And Llama gets to see her favorite girls and boys! What would Llama like to do? So many choices! What to choose? Build a castle out of blocks? Make a rocket from a box? Here's a little chugga-choo with a captain and a crew. Would the Llama like a ride? Llama Llama jumps inside! Reading stories on the rug. Kids are cuddled, sitting snug. Would the Llama like to look? Llama Llama loves that book! Time for lunch! Now find a seat. Llama Llama wants to eat. Yummy, yummy, is that cheese? Llama Llama says, "yes please!" (skip the crying pages) Llama's teacher is so proud! You're such a happy Llama now! At preschool Llama never needs to fuss. Her friends say, "come and play with us!" ...and keep the rest of the story :) I hope this helps anyone who is having the same trouble as us!

I enjoy this one as much as my toddler. As usual, Dewdney's book tugs at the heart strings. I got this because my toddler is going through a separation anxiety phase at daycare dropoff. I only wish it came in board book format since my toddler isn't exactly old enough to be careful with paper pages yet. I'd buy the paperback again if I had to though since I like it. On a side note, the used copy I ordered had writing inside. But I know there's an inherent risk with purchasing used kids books.

I wish I would have had this book sooner, when my son started day care, but he'll be starting

kindergarten next year so this book will be helpful. This book describes what kids go to on their first day (sometimes first week or month) at school. It helps to validate feelings children have and helps them realize they aren't alone. The best part is that mama always comes back. I love the illustrations in these books.

My 4 year old loves this book. He struggles somewhat with anxiety, and it was helpful for him to see that he is not the only one. It gave us the opportunity to talk about his feelings and that fact that mommy and daddy always come back, without the pressure of being his personal experiences.

I love Anna Dewdney and I miss her already. I bought these books for my daughter 12 years ago and have gifted them to every child for baby showers, birthdays, holiday presents, ANY TIME I can. These will be a BIG hit if you buy them. I just love them.

My daughter is 4 and is currently dealing with separation anxiety in Preschool. This book has really helped, and she immediately was able to relate to it. When Llama Llama breaks down and cries during his lunch, my daughter looked surprised, pointed at the page and said "that's just like me!" I have noticed a big difference in her attitude towards going to school after reading this book to her (along with a lot of other practices that we are trying for goodbye time). I would recommend this book highly to anyone who has a young child who is struggling with being away from her loved ones while at school.

These books are so cute! Our 8 month old liked the Llama, Llama Red Pajama, so we bought this one as well. Let's be honest though, mom & dad actually like the books even more. Very cute!

The book is about Llama Llama who goes to school for the first time, and he misses mama. He holds it together for a while then starts crying. He is reminded that his "mama will come right back to you." Later, the other students win him over and he makes friends and plays together and has so much fun he almost does not notice that his mother has returned. When he sees her rushes over with a "Mama Llama, you came back!", acknowledging that she did what she and the teacher promised, she came back. My two year old son just started preschool and a few weeks before the start of class I bought this book and read it to him. He doesn't talk that well yet, but he did memorize the phrases, "Miss mama", and "Mama come back to you!" When he started preschool, he cried a lot (it's his first time away from home) but when I came to pick him up he would repeat the line from the book,

"Mama come back to you." I think the book really helped him prepare him for preschool (a fun place but you might feel sad that mama isn't there with you), and helped him process his fears and anxieties during the first few weeks of school. I highly recommend using this book to prepare a young child for school. On top of that, the drawings are just adorable. The faces and expressions are right on, especially Llama Llama's little pout. The rhymes are well done, the story cute, and the lesson it teaches is great. Nowadays whenever my son hears a baby crying, he turns around and says, "Mama come back to you!" He thinks it is the way to soothe every baby's fears.

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