

# SCRIPT for Kindergarten, Here I Come!

## *Mural of children's drawings of kindergarten:*

**NARRATOR:** Are you headed to kindergarten?  
I bet you have lots of questions about it, don't you?  
I wonder what a day at kindergarten is like?  
Well, let's find out!

**CHILDREN and NARRATOR:** Kindergarten, Here I Come!

## *Children's drawings of bus, feet, and cars*

**NARRATOR:** Okay, first things first. How am I going to get there?

## *All kinds of children arriving at school by bus, by car, on foot, with friends, with parents, on their own*

Music

## *Teacher greets children as they come to school*

**TEACHER SUSAN:** Let me get the door open.  
Hi, Nicole.  
Good morning.  
Hi.  
Hi. Last Ones. Hi kiddos.  
How are you doing?

## *Kids at group, waiting for the day to start*

**NARRATOR:** Here we are! So this is how a day at kindergarten starts.

**NARRATOR:** Now it's time to meet some teachers...I wonder what they'll be like?

## *Children describing teachers intermixed with footage of teachers and children together in the classroom...*

**Ian ON CAMERA:** She has black hair.

**Nancy ON CAMERA:** Mrs. Rhinehart has bright hair like down like that.

**Eric ON CAMERA:** He has golden hair and a mustache.

**Dahlia ON CAMERA:** One of them has blonde curly hair, a little wavy.

**Andres ON CAMERA:** Umm, she has some earrings.

**Dahlia ON CAMERA:** ...and the other one has short, straight, brown hair.

**Darby ON CAMERA:** She has gray hair and, um, she has brown skin like me.

**NARRATOR:** Teachers come in all shapes and sizes...but they all have friendly faces,  
and they're here to help you learn.

*Two girls playing together, one an English speaker, the other a Vietnamese speaker. Teacher translating from English to Vietnamese for two classmates.*

**GIRL:** How do you say "boy" in their language?

**TEACHER BINH:** Gun ji. (In Vietnamese)

**GIRL:** Gun ji.

**TEACHER BINH:** Uh huh, that's how you say it, Gun ji.

**GIRL:** Gun ji.

**TEACHER BINH:** That means boy.

**GIRL:** Gun ji.

**Serena ON CAMERA:** She likes to read stories.

*TEACHER SUSAN reading the book "Anansi" to group.*

**TEACHER SUSAN:** "So Anansi and Elephant went walking, walking, walking through the forest. And after a while, Anansi led Elephant to a certain place."

"Elephant, do you see what I see?"

Elephant looked. "Yes, I do Anansi. Isn't that a..."

**TEACHER SUSAN and CHILDREN:** "strange moss-covered rock? Kabong!"

**TEACHER SUSAN:** "Down fell Elephant. Anansi ran back to Elephant's house and made off with all his bananas."

**GIRL:** chuckles

**TEACHER SUSAN:** I like that picture of Elephant. "An hour later..." (she continues reading)

*Kids going into bathroom, washing hands, waving at the door, being silly*

**NARRATOR:** And of course the teacher can always help you find...the bathroom!

Two girls laugh.

**Casey ON CAMERA:** My teacher is really nice.  
Her name is Miss Rasmussen.  
She is a very nice teacher.  
She likes to, um, teach kids.

**Eric ON CAMERA:** He's nice

**Zach ON CAMERA:** He's really nice.

**Darby ON CAMERA:** She's nice.

**ALIJAH:** She's so nice.

**NISHAN:** She's a nice teacher.

**Jonas ON CAMERA:** She likes all the children in our class.

*Lots of smiling teachers.*

**Darby ON CAMERA:** Everyday she always, um, smiles.

*Children's drawings of grownups.*

**NARRATOR:** Okay, so now we know what the teachers are like, but who are all these other people we'll see at school?

*Children describe the adults they see at school, with footage showing lots of friendly adults.*

**ERIC:** Some of them are cooks, some of them are secretaries.

**NANCY:** My principal is Mrs. Neal.

**IAN:** Well, I know a couple of helpers.

**DARBY:** Sometimes, um, other moms come to our classroom.

*Smiling adults.*

**NARRATOR:** Your new school will be full of friendly people,

*Laughing adults.*

**NARRATOR:** they'll be there to laugh with you...

*Adults talking with children.*

**NARRATOR:** they'll be there to talk with you...

*Group is dancing. Adults check in with a girl who needs help. The girl feels better and gets back to dancing with the group.*

**NARRATOR:** And most of all, they're there to help you with all sorts of things.

**Tim ON CAMERA:** The library teacher help us how to read.

*Librarian helping children choose books in library.*

**LIBRARIAN:** Choose the one, or two, that you'd like to take home. Okay, you're going to have A Pocket for Corduroy, and The Bernstein Bears Go Camping.

*Music teacher demonstrating the xylophone to group.*

**Tim:** ...and the music teacher teach us how to, um, do, um, notes and stuff.

**MUSIC TEACHER:** All you need to know is when to play.

*Helpers working with children on papier-mâché project.*

**TIM:** Mr. Lamp do, help us learn how to do art.

**Tim ON CAMERA:** The gym teacher, I don't know what her do!

*Children getting ready for gym activity. Older children passing out streamers. Music starts and children begin skipping around gym, waving their streamers.*

**CHILD NARRATOR:** Our gym teacher shows us new games and songs. Sometimes she gets help from the older kids.  
I love to skip and wave my streamer.  
Our teacher always has something fun to do.

*Children's drawings of classroom activities--puzzles, blocks, recess, computers.*

**NARRATOR:** Here's an important question. What will we do in kindergarten?

*Children describing their favorite classroom activities intermixed with footage of those activities.*

**IAN:** You can make paintings. You can read books...and, ah, you get to do stuff.

**Jonas ON CAMERA:** Drawing and like baking stuff.

**Eric ON CAMERA:** Game center, art center, um, imagination station

**Serena ON CAMERA:** Have snacks.

**Andres ON CAMERA:** You just sing some songs...There are a lot of songs.

**Nancy ON CAMERA:** We write in our journals.

**Andres ON CAMERA:** Me gusta dibujar y pintar.

**Girl painting at table:** It's about time we do painting.

**Nishan ON CAMERA:** Going out to recess.

*Children on slides, swings, monkey bars. Children outside playing with parachute, planting seeds in a school garden.*

**NARRATOR:** Boy, even outside the classroom, there's fun stuff to do...Hey look, they're planting a garden.  
So many things to do, so little time...What's your favorite?

*Girl gets on painting smock and paints a picture on an easel. Teacher comes to ask about her painting, and then they hang it to dry.*

**CHILD NARRATOR:** My favorite time of the day is when we choose an activity.  
Sometimes I choose painting.  
I love all the colors--yellow is my favorite!  
When I'm finished, I tell my teacher all about my painting.  
Then we hang it to dry, so I can take it home.

*Kids concentrating, working with letters, numbers, books, projects.*

**NARRATOR:** Look at everyone working...its time to learn, kindergarten style!

*Children working with letter tiles.*

**BOY:** Y-E-S.

*Children playing alphabet bingo. Teacher is guiding them.*

**BOY:** P!

**TEACHER SUSAN:** P? Okay.

**BOY:** Do you have a P, do you have a P?

**TEACHER SUSAN:** Let me see...

**BOY:** You have a P!

*Children and teacher in group, clapping as they count.*

**TEACHER NANCY:** Let's count backwards.

**TEACHER NANCY and CHILDREN:** Ten, nine, eight, seven, six,  
five, four, three, two, one!

*Children working in small group on a reading activity, decoding words.*

**GIRL:** I've got one, Mr. Casquero. Fat.

**MR. CASQUIERO:** Fat?

**CHILDREN:** F-A-T!

*Kids examining sprouting seeds with magnifying glass.*

**NARRATOR:** Reading and writing, letters and numbers, science, math... Wow, you'll learn all kinds of things in kindergarten!

**Ian ON CAMERA:** I want to learn Spanish.

**Drew ON CAMERA:** P-p-pig, m-m-milk, b-b-bear.

**Nancy ON CAMERA:** (singing) ABCDEFG

**Casey ON CAMERA:** I like to learn how to read.

**Nishan ON CAMERA:** To write my name in lower case.

**Casey ON CAMERA:** I like to do early math.

**Nancy ON CAMERA:** Uno, dos, tres, cuatro, cinco, seis...

**Tim ON CAMERA:** My 1,2,3's, my A, B, C's, my adding, my take-a-ways...that all!

*Children doing floor activity building with cubes, making stacks and comparing sizes. They end up constructing a long line of cubes across the classroom.*

**CHILD NARRATOR:** In my class, we use cubes to measure. Look at how we stack up.

**GIRL:** Same!

**BOY:** Now, now, who's bigger? Now who's bigger?

**CHILD NARRATOR:** We just keep building and building, faster and faster. We can't stop! This is the longest line of cubes I've ever seen!

*Children's drawings of friends.*

**TEACHER and CHILDREN:** (singing) Friends, friends, one, two, three. All my friends are here with me. You're my friends, you're my friends, you're my friends, you're my friends. Friends, friends, one, two, three. All my friends are here with me.

*Smiling faces of children working, laughing, and enjoying each other.*

**NARRATOR:** I think I'll like this--making friends!  
I see familiar faces, and some new ones, too!  
There are a lot of friends here!

*Children name their friends as footage shows many different children.*

**NANCY:** Juego alla afuera con mis amigos.

**CASEY:** My friends' names are Cassie, Carly.

**TIM:** Edward, Aaron...and Tavis.

**NANCY:** Alicia, Morgan, Anu, and Natalie, and Austin, and...Alicia, and Anu, and Ariana, and Molly.

**IAN:** (laughs) I'm my own friend!

**NARRATOR:** That's what makes school great! Working with your friends...talking, laughing, figuring things out together!

**JONAS:** We do everything. We sit by each other in circle and we do everything.

*Two girls working together to build a farm with blocks.*

**CHILD NARRATOR:** Sometimes my friend and I work together with blocks. Look, we're making a home for the animals.

**GIRL:** They're trapped. Whoa!

**GIRL2:** (pretending voice) Can we get in, can we get in?

**GIRL:** And the zebra and all the little animals came in cuz they were scared.

**GIRL2:** Why, what were they scared of?

**GIRL:** Because of the volcano.

**GIRL2:** And they wanted to be safe?

**CHILD NARRATOR:** It's fun to pretend together.

**GIRL2:** She can go out and play for awhile. But in ten minutes she gets to come back!

**CHILD NARRATOR:** It's nice to have a friend at school.

**GIRL:** You said, "Where did you get all these friends?"

**GIRL2:** (pretending voice) Where did you get all these friends?

*Children in group singing a song together.*

**TEACHER and CHILDREN:** (singing) All my friends are here with me. You're my friends, you're my friends, you're my friends, you're my friends. Friends, friends, one, two, three. All my friends are here with me.

**GIRL:** You're my friend, you're my friend...

*Children lining up to go home.*

**NARRATOR:** Now that's what I call a full day! Meetin' teachers, makin' friends, working' and learnin' a lot!

**CHILDREN:** Bye, bye, bye-bye, bye...

**NARRATOR:** Wait...I wanted to ask one more question.  
What do you think of kindergarten?

*Children describing kindergarten, intermixed with special times in class.*

**SERENA:** Kindergarten's fun!

**CHILD NARRATOR:** I like it!

**ZACH:** It's really a good place.

**CHILD NARRATOR:** I love it!

**CASEY:** It's really fun.

**CHILD NARRATOR:** I'm learning!

**NANCY:** It's fun!

**CHILD NARRATOR:** I can't wait!

**ANDRES:** I have so much fun in my school.

*Group of children gathered on playground shout out together*

**CHILDREN:** Kindergarten's awesome!

*Girl climbs on the bus and waves goodbye to teachers*

**NARRATOR:** Alright! That's what I like to hear!

Now it's time to go home...hope you had fun!

And hey, be proud of yourself, cuz you're growing up!