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Hey, I'm Austin, and I'm gonna show you...oh wait

Hold on
This is my monster
He's cool

Do you like spending time with your monster? I do.

So, that is why I'm gonna teach you how to sneak your monster into school, because we spend like half our life there.

Just follow these steps (you might want to write them down):
Step 1: Wake up one hour before your parents (they don’t need to know you’re bringing a monster to school)

(focus, these are important steps)
Step 2: Wake up your monster (try to stay away from his rear end. It will most likely be very stinky)

(spray room with your sister's perfume)
Step 3: Tickle your monster (this will help him wake up faster)

(beware of his tail smacking you in the head)
Step 4: Feed your monster bananas and muffins (bananas will give him energy and muffins will make him poop)

(bran muffins work best)
Step 5: Give your monster milk with a fancy straw (make sure he doesn't blow bubbles in his glass)

(tell him he's being a good little monster)
Step 6: Brush your monster’s tooth (make sure he doesn’t spit toothpaste in your face)

(remember to floss as well)
Step 7: Tell your monster to go to the bathroom (make sure he doesn’t drink the toilet water)

(don’t forget to use the bathroom spray)
Step 8: Put sunglasses and pink wig on your monster (this is so that no one will recognize that you brought a monster to school)

(put some of your dad's aftershave on his armpits)
Step 9: Put extra left over pizza in your lunch bag (monsters like pizza with pineapple and worm guts.)

(Caution: don't store worms in your sister's underwear drawer)
Step 10: Grab morning paper from the front step (this will be used later on the bus.)

(leave the sports section on the table for your dad)
Step 11: Give your monster a jar of sticky peanut butter and tell him to wait on front step (peanut butter is like glue and will help keep your monster quiet while he waits outside)

(make sure he doesn't swallow the jar)
Step 12: Kiss your parents goodbye and tell them you love them.

(your parents will be so happy you kissed them that they won't even notice there is a weird monster eating peanut butter on the front door step)

(make a note to buy more peanut butter and toilet paper)
Step 13: Take umbrella from the closet, put bright red clown nose in your backpack and pick flowers from Mrs. Oldermean's garden (these are for later as well)

(throw peanut butter jar in recycling bin)
Step 14: Wait at bus stop with your monster (make small talk, maybe ask him why he likes to eat worms on his pizza...cuz that's just gross)

(or why he snores like a hippo)
Step 15: When bus arrives, give Mr. Turnwheel the driver a high five (this will distract the driver from seeing your monster walk onto the bus)

(tell him you like the furry caterpillars above his eyes)
Step 16: When sitting on the bus, give your monster the newspaper to read so that he doesn’t look suspicious (don’t pull Maddie Taddler’s ponytail and make sure your monster doesn’t eat the comics)

(if you do pull her ponytail, give her one of the flowers)
Step 17: When bus arrives to school thank Mr. Turnwheel and give him another high five (this will distract him from seeing your monster getting off the bus)

(tell him you like the furry caterpillar above his lip)
Step 18: While waiting for the entry bell to ring, stand 10 feet away from your monster and frantically wave your arms around (this will attract attention to you so that the children don’t notice your monster).

(maybe pretend there is a bumble bee in your pants)
Step 19: When the bell rings, find your line on the blacktop and stand in front of your monster with umbrella opened (this is so that Mrs. Chalkstone doesn’t see him, if it’s not raining and anyone asks, just say you don’t want birds to poop on your head)

(or you’re allergic to the sky)
Step 20: When you walk past Mrs. Chalkstone tell her she looks pretty and give her the flowers (she will be so shocked she won't see your monster walk into the classroom)

(maybe tell her you like her hair)
Step 21: If your monster passes gas, put on your bright red clown nose and apologize to the teacher (if this happens more than once, just say you're clowning around)

(or blame it on your table partner, Oliver Stinklet)
Final Step: Smile (you just sneaked your monster into school)

(good luck sneaking him home)
The End

(Oh by the way, that wasn't me kissing my mom.

That was a stunt double)

(and the peanut butter was nut-free)
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