



Hello, Goodbye!

Provide opportunities for children to greet or say goodbye to each other and you across the day, such as when working in a small group, during morning meeting, or as they sit together for a meal. Consider offering visuals to support children to choose from both verbal and non-verbal greetings.

More Support: Model greeting children and narrate what you are doing. Read children's cues (e.g., their mood, temperament, reactions) and adjust greetings based on their needs at that moment (e.g., a wave if they are feeling shy).

Example of Greetings/Goodbyes:

- ◆ Handshake
- ◆ High Five
- ◆ Fist Bump
- ◆ Hug
- ◆ Do-Si-Do
- ◆ Whisper Hello
- ◆ Wink
- ◆ Roll a ball across the circle to a friend
- ◆ Elbow tap
- ◆ Greet in another language
- ◆ Greet with a compliment
- ◆ Say hello in a low, deep voice
- ◆ Children invent a greeting or handshake