

TRANSITION SONGS for CIRCLE TIME

"Hello Song" (Tune: "Skip to My Lou")

Hello, How are you?
Hello, How are you?
Hello, How are you?
How are you this morning?

I am fine and I hope you are, too.
I am fine and I hope you are, too.
I am fine and I hope you are, too.
I hope you are too this morning.

(Point to self, then a child) Turn to your neighbor and shake their hand.

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Shake their hand this morning. (Shake hands with children.)

Continue singing the song by inserting children's names. For example, "Hello Carla, how are you? Hello Peter, how are you? Hello Kia, how are you? How are you this morning?"

"I Like to Come to School" (Tune: "The Farmer in the Dell")

I like to come to school.
I like to come to school.
I like to learn and play each day.
I like to come to school.
(Ask the children what they like to do, then sing it in the song.)

I like to play with blocks.
I like to play with blocks.
I like to learn and play each day.

I like to play with blocks.

"Surprise Sack" (Tune: "I'm a Little Teapot")

What's in the surprise sack, who can tell?
Maybe it's a book, or maybe it's a shell.
What's in the surprise sack, who can see?
It's something special for you and me!

(Have children guess what they think is in the bag, then remove it and share it with them.)



TRANSITION SONGS for CLEAN-UP

"Clean Up Game" (Tune: "Shortnin' Bread")

Let's all clean up, clean up, clean up.
Let's all play the clean up game.
Put away the blocks, blocks, blocks.
Let's all play the clean up game.

(Insert words for other items that need to be picked up.)

Reinforce children who are being good helpers by singing their name in a tune like this:

"Jolly Good Helper" (Tune: "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow")

(Name) is a jolly good helper.
(Name) is a jolly good helper.
(Name) is a jolly good helper.
They're picking up the toys.

TRANSITION CHANT for LINE UP

"I'm Ready"

I'm looking straight ahead of me.
My arms are at my side.
My feet are quiet as can be.
I'm ready for outside.

(Change the words to fit different activities.)

ATTENTION-GETTER SONG

"Henry Hush" (Tune: "London Bridge")

Henry Hush says, "Please be quiet.
Please be quiet. Please be quiet."
Henry Hush says, "Please be quiet.
Sh! Sh! Sh!"

IN BETWEEN SONGS

"Nursery Rhyme Bop" (Tune: "100 Bottles of Beer on the Wall")

*Jack and Jill went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water.
Jack fell down and broke his crown,
And Jill came tumbling after.*

(Every nursery rhyme can be inserted in this tune and sung. Give it a try!)

"Clap Your Hands" (Tune: "Row Your Boat")

*Clap, clap, clap your hands.
Clap your hands with me.
Clap, clap, clap your hands,
Oh, so merrily.*

(Sing other variations, such as "roll your hands," "dance around," "jump up and down," or ask children to suggest different movements.)

CELEBRATE SONG

"Special Me" (Tune: "Twinkle Little Star")

*Special, special, special me.
I'm as special as can be.
There is no one quite like me.
I'm as good as I can be.
Special, special, special me.
I'm as special as can be!*

GOOD-BYE SONG

"Good-Bye Friends" (Tune: "Frerer Jacques")

*Good-bye friends; good-bye friends.
Time to go; time to go.
Thank you for playing; thank you for helping.
Love you so, love you so.*