

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