

## Hello and Good-bye Songs and Chants

### Hello

*Singing Hello and Good-bye songs every day adds consistency to your routines and helps the children feel they are an important part of the group. Starting circle time with a hello song stimulates children's brains and helps them get ready for learning! Songs are traditional or of unknown origin unless otherwise specified.*

#### *“Clap, Clap, Clap Hello” (BB CD#3 – Track #16)*

Clap, clap, clap hello, clap hello together,  
Clap, clap, clap hello, clap hello together.  
(Change “clap” to other movements and repeat)

#### *“Friends, Friends, 1,2,3” (From WolfTrap)*

Friends, friends, one, two, three, all my friends are here with me.  
You're my friend, you're my friend, you're my friend, you're my friend.  
Friends, friends, one, two three, all my friends are here with me.

#### *“Friend, Oh Friend” (Tune - “Skip To My Lou”) (BB CD#3 – Track #17)*

Friend oh friend, how do you do?  
Both my hands I give to you.  
'Round we go, 'round and then  
Off to find another friend!  
(end with “Off to find just one more friend,” then “Sit back down, this is the end!”)

#### *“Good Day Everybody” (BB CD#3 – Track #18)*

Good day everybody, good day everybody, good day, good day, good day.  
Let's smile everybody, let's smile everybody and chase those blues away.  
Shake hands everybody, shake hands everybody and make a friend today!

#### *“Hello” (Tune: “Good-night Ladies”) (BB CD#1 – Track #2)*

Hello Sara, Hello Justin, Hello Quinisha, it's time to say hello

#### *“Hello and How Are You?” (BB CD#3 – Track #19)*

Hello, (clap, clap) and how are you? (clap, clap),  
Hello, (clap, clap) and how are you? (clap, clap)  
Well I'm okay, yes I'm okay and how are you?  
Hello, (clap, clap) and how are you? (clap, clap)  
(In French - “Bonjour”, Spanish - “Hola”, German - “Gutentag”, etc.)

#### *“Hello There” (BB CD#1 – Track #6)*

Hello there, (echo, hello there)  
How are you? (echo, how are you)  
It's so good (echo, it's so good)  
To see you (echo, to see you)  
We'll sing and (echo, we'll sing and)  
Be happy (echo, be happy)  
(everyone sings) That we're all here together again!

#### *“Hi There, Friend” (Chant) (revised –from Jean Feldman – see [drjean.org](http://drjean.org) – it's a great resource!)*

Hi there friend, what do you say?  
It's going to be a happy day.  
Shake my hand and boogie on down,  
Jump, jump, jump and turn around.

*"I Have a Friend" (Tune - begins like "Ten Little Indians") (BB CD#3 – Track #20 and 21)*

I have a friend whose name is Charles,  
Stand up, Charles, wave hello, Charles,  
You're our friend!

*"Like It Bein' Me" – (BB CD#3 - Track #22)*

Well I like it bein' me, well I like it bein' me,  
Shake my hand 'cause I'm a special person,  
And I like it bein' me.

*"It's So Good To See You" (BB CD#3 – Track #23)*

It's so good to see you, I really couldn't wait, (Change "clap your hands" to other motor  
Won't you clap your hands and count to 8! movements chosen by children; also sing to 8  
on scale for some movements)

*"Let's Clap To Say Hello" – M. Speranza (BB CD#3 – Track #24)*

Let's clap to say hello, let's clap to say hello,  
Let's clap xx, let's clap xx, let's clap to say hello.  
(continue with various motions, replacing "clap" with shake hands, high-five, etc.)

*"Little Red Box" (Tune – "Polly Wolly Doodle") (BB CD#3 – Track #25 and 26)*

Oh, I wish I had a little red box to put Ashley in,  
I'd take her out and \*\*\* and put her back again. (Pretend to take her out of a box, pucker  
lips, and pretend to kiss her three times on \*\*\* - or use words like "shake her hand," "give a  
high five," or "give her a hug")

*"Make a Friend" – M. Speranza (Tune – "Make New Friends") (BB CD#3 – Track #27)*

Make a friend at school today, smile and ask, "Do you want to play?"  
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*"Oh, It's Time to Say Hello" (BB CD#1 – Track #9)*

Oh, it's time to say hello for today, Oh, it's time to say hello for today. (or good-bye)  
Can you wave your hand like this, Can you blow a little kiss?  
Oh, it's time to say hello for today.  
Hello Sara, hello Justin, hello Quinisha,  
It's time to say hello.

*"We Are Friends," M. Speranza and D. Ondishko (based on Peacekeeping Skills – I Care  
Cat Poster)*

*(Tune – "London Bridge") (BB CD#3 - Track #28)*

My ears are listening, listening, listening, my ears are listening, we are friends.  
My hands are helping, helping, helping, my hands are helping, we are friends.  
My words are caring, caring, caring, my words are caring, we are friends.  
I care about your feelings, feelings, feelings, I care about your feelings, we are friends.  
I am responsible, responsible, responsible, I am responsible for what I say and do.

*"We're All Here Today" (Tune - "Farmer in the Dell")(BB CD#3 – Track #29 and 30)*

We're all here today, we're all here today,  
Clap your hands together 'cause we're all here today.  
Quinisha's here today, and Jada's here today.  
Christopher and Jonathan, they're all here today.

## Good-bye

*“Let’s Say Good-bye” (Tune - “Do Lord”) (adapted, The Everyday Song Book) (BBCD#3- Tr.#66)*

Let’s say good-bye now, it’s time for us to go, (repeat 3x)

Au revoir, adios, good-bye!

*(Change languages)*

*“Oh, It’s Time to Say Good-bye” (BB CD#3 – Track #67)*

Oh, it’s time to say good-bye for today, oh it’s time to say good-bye for today.

Can you wave your hand like this, can you blow a little kiss?

Oh, it’s time to say goody-bye for today.

Good-bye Jackson, good-bye Alexis, good-bye Madison, it’s time to say good-bye. *(etc.)*

*“You Are My Family” adapted, Carrie Haymond-Hasketh (Tune - “You Are My Sunshine”) (BB CD#3 – Track #69)*

You are my family, my Pre-K family

And I will miss you when we’re apart.

But I will love you, and I’ll think of you,

And I will keep you here in my heart.

*M. Speranza (Tune – “Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah”) (BB CD#3 – Track #70)*

Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah, Zip-a-Dee-A

My, oh my we had a wonderful day!

Plenty of learning, plenty of play,

Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah, Zip-a-Dee-A!