



Aloha, Friend!

Provide opportunities for children to greet or say goodbye to each other across the day, such as when working in a small group, during morning meeting, or as they sit together for a meal.

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
- ◆ Children invent a greeting
- ◆ Elbow tap
- ◆ Greet in another language
- ◆ Greet with a compliment
- ◆ Say hello in a low, deep voice
- ◆ Say hello in a high, squeaky voice
- ◆ Come up with and use a secret handshake



Topic Talk

Encourage children to engage in conversations based on a particular topic. You can draw topics out of a jar, or select based on current interests of your students.

Example topics:

- ◆ Going to the zoo
- ◆ Riding a bus
- ◆ Nature walks
- ◆ Pets
- ◆ Insects
- ◆ Seasons
- ◆ Brothers and sisters
- ◆ The beach

Encourage Talk That Goes Beyond the Here and Now

“If you have ever been on a bus before, tell us what you noticed when you rode it.”

“Let’s imagine spending a day at the beach in the summer. How do you imagine the sand feels on your feet?”