

Transitions: Chants, songs, ideas

Little Wiggle

(Great to sing while leaving classroom, make up easy-to-follow movements)

I had a little wiggle, deep inside of me
I tried to make it stop, but it wouldn't let me be. So-
I pulled out that wiggle and I threw it like a ball
And now I can quietly walk in the hall!

This is the way I move (sung to the tune "Here we go 'round the mulberry bush")

(Great to do while waiting for next activity, for children to settle or prior to leaving the classroom)

This is the way I touch my nose, touch my nose, touch my nose

This is the way I touch my nose when I am at school.

This is the way I:

- Jump up and down
- Balance on one foot
- Hop on one foot
- Touch my toes
- Stretch up high

Do you know what time it is? (sung to "Do you know the Muffin man?")

(Great to use while moving from one routine to another or while waiting)

Do you know what time it is, what time it is, what time it is?

Do you know what time it is?

It's time for/to

- Small groups
- Go outside
- Go line up
- Get our snack
- Get our coats

Variations include:

Do you know what (shape, letter, number, toy) I have, what (----) I have, what (----) I have?

Do you know what (---) I have, hiding in my hand?

Clap and say

(Helps tune children in to teacher and away from distractions, nice way to gain groups' attention for announcements or up-coming transition)

T says, "Clap 2 times!" (all clap 2 times)

T says, "Clap 4 times!" (all clap 4 times)

(Give clear and quick warning or announcement like, ‘We have 5 more minutes of Work Time!’)

Mousie, mousie

(Great to use before reading a story or leaving the classroom)

T whispers, leans in to children and says,

“Mousie, mousie, 1, 2, 3-

Who will be as quiet as can be?”

T can whisper names of children to go to the door, or introduce a story.

Shake Those Ants! (sung to tune, “I’m gonna wash that gray right outta my hair”)

(Fun to do before settling down for listening or prior to going to Small Groups)

Stand, wiggle and sing:

We’re gonna shake those ants right out of our pants

We’re gonna shake those ants right out of our pants

We’re gonna shake those ants right out of our pants

And

- Then we’ll all sit down.
- Then we’ll get our coats.
- All go to the door.
- Head on to Small groups.