



Matching Photos

YOUNGER TODDLERS

Materials photographs of the children with a parent (double prints)
construction paper (optional)
contact paper
child-safe scissors

- What to do**
1. Cover the photographs with contact paper. Make sure you have two of each photograph.
Note: Let the parents know that you will be covering the photographs with contact paper.
 2. If you mount the photographs on construction paper, cover the photo and construction paper backing with contact paper, sealing them together.
 3. Give the child her photograph and a photograph of one or two of her friends.
 4. Show the child the matching photographs of the ones she is holding.
 5. Seeing a photograph with herself and her parent may help ease any separation anxiety.

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Welcome Song

YOUNGER TODDLERS

Materials none

- What to do**
1. Sing the following song to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb."
You can sing it when each child arrives or after all of the children have arrived.
 2. Encourage the children to clap and give a cheer when prompted by the song.

(Child's name) *came to school today,*
School today, school today.
(Child's name) *came to school today,*
We're so glad she's here.



ARRIVAL

*Let's all clap for (child's name) now,
(Name) now, (name) now.
Let's all clap for (child's name) now,
And give a great big cheer.*

Mollie Murphy, Severna Park, MD

Greeting the Children

YOUNGER TODDLERS

Materials none

- What to do**
1. Greet the children at their parents' cars.
 2. Ask the parents to tell the children they will see them after the children are finished with their day. Because it is the child who is leaving to do something, rather than the one who is being left, this may ease the child's transition to the classroom.

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Good Morning Flowers

OLDER TODDLERS

Materials small photo of each child and teacher
colored construction paper
child-safe scissors
permanent marker
clear contact paper
large craft sticks (1 per child and teacher)
glue
2 large buckets or flower pots (approximately 12" diameter)
sand