

"If You're Happy" Game

3+

Materials none

What to do 1. At cleanup time, sing the following song with the children to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It." Substitute various cleanup tasks and toys to pick up, such as blocks, dolls, and cars for the end of the verse ("clap your hands").

If you're happy and you know it, pick up a block.

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If you're happy and you know it, and you really want to show it,

If you're happy and you know it, pick up a block.

2. Add children's names, too, for example, "If Jimmy's happy and he knows it, he'll pick up a truck."

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Clean Classroom

3+

Materials none

What to do When it is time to clean up, sing the following song to the tune of the Oscar Mayer Weiner theme song.

Oh, I wish that I could see a clean classroom

With everything in the right place!

Oh, I wish that I could see a clean classroom.

Then I would have a smile upon my face!

★ Jackie Wright, Enid, OK

Clean Up Our Work

3+

Materials none

What to do 1. Sing this song to the tune of "London Bridge Is Falling Down" as the children clean up.

*We will all clean up our work,
Up our work, up our work,
We will all clean up our work,
Until we're done!*

2. Continue singing this song until the children are done.

★ Jackie Wright, Enid, OK

Cleanup Song

3+

Materials none

What to do 1. Make up transition songs for cleanup or any other transition. Choose a well-known tune, or make up your own. Songs are easy and get the action started much easier than words alone.
2. Following is an example of a cleanup song. Sing it to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

*It's time to put the toys away,
Toys away, toys away.
It's time to put the toys away
And save them for another day!*

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