

Transitioning Throughout the Day

Ways to make transitioning between activities during the day easier, engaging, and lots of fun!



When do transitions take place?

What are the challenges in transitions?

What are strategies to make transitions more effective?

- Routines
- Schedule
- Classroom Duties/Helpers
- Organization/Layout
- Timer/Clock
- Prompting/Predicting
- Non-Verbal Cues
- Songs/Finger Plays
- Games
- Books
- Busy Buckets/Boxes
- Dead Man's Test

Web Resources:

<http://www.buzzle.com/articles/preschool-transition-ideas-magic-mist-hats-and-imagination.html>
<http://www.songsforteaching.com/transitions.htm>
<http://www.preschoolrainbow.org/transition-rhymes.htm>
<http://www.preschooleducation.com/stransition.shtml>
<http://searchwarp.com/swa333731.htm>
<http://www.naeyc.org/files/yc/file/200805/WebEventHandout.pdf>
http://journal.naeyc.org/btj/200805/pdf/BTJ_Transition_Resources.pdf

Books:

Transition Time: Let's Do Something Different

Jean Feldman (Author), Rebecca Jones (Illustrator)

The GIANT Encyclopedia of Transition Activities: For Children 3 to 6

Kathy Charner (Author), Maureen Murphy (Author), Jennifer Ford (Author)

101 Learning and Transition Activities

Bradley Smith (Author), Adam Smith (Author)

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Transitioning Songs & Finger Plays

Are you Listening?

(Sung to: "Are You Sleeping?")

Are you listening? Are you listening?
Everyone, Everyone.
If you are listening. If you are listening.
(Clap, stomp, slap, etc.) three times. 1..2...3..

Ready And You Know It

(Sung to: "If You're Happy and You Know It")

If your ready and you know it, sit right here....
If your ready and you know it, sit right here....

Out of Place

(Sung to: "Where is thumbkin")

I see something
I see something
Out of place
Out of place
It does not belong there
It does not belong there
Please show me where, show me where.

Pick Up

(Sung to: "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star")

Pick up, pick up, pick up toys,
Every little girl and boy.
Look around and you will see,
All the things that shouldn't be.
Pick up, pick up, pick up toys,
Every little girl and boy.

It's Time To Cleanup

(Tune: Frere Jacques)

Are you helping,
are you helping
Pick up toys, Pick up toys
Let us all be helpers,
Let us all be helpers.
Girls and boys, girls and boys.

Hands

My hands upon my head I'll place.
Upon my shoulders, on my face,
At my waist and by my side,
Then behind me they will hide.
Then I'll raise them way up high,
And let my fingers fly, fly, fly,
Then clap, clap, clap them--
One - Two -Three!
Now see how quiet they can be.



Song to Aid Transitions

Sung to: "London Bridge

Time to put our work away, work away, work away,
Time to put our work away, so we can play outside.

Now it's time to come inside, come inside, come inside,
Now it's time to come inside, so we can have some snack.

Let's all go wash our hands, wash our hands, wash our hands,
Let's all go wash our hands, so we can have some lunch.

Now it's time to say good-bye, say good-bye, say good-bye,
Now it's time to say good-bye until another day.

Ten Little Fingers

I have ten little fingers,
And they all belong to me.
I can make them do things,
Would you like to see?

I can shut them up tight,
Or open them wide.
I can put them together,
Or make them all hide.

I can make them jump high,
I can make them jump low.
I can fold them up quietly,
And hold them just so.



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Busy Buckets/Boxes

What to use as containers:

- Buckets
- Mini pizza boxes
- Food storage containers
- Plastic cups
- Pencil boxes
- Egg cartons
- Mini Paint Cans
- Flower pot
- Bags



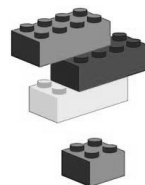
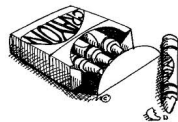
What can be learned:

- Developmentally appropriate skills
- Independence
- Creativity
- Problem Solving
- Colors
- Numbers
- Animals
- Sorting
- Fine Motor Skills
- Social Skills
- Cognitive Skills
- Adaptive Skills
- Language Skills
- Prepositions



What to put in the containers:

- Mini books
- Blocks/Lego's
- Beads and lacing strings
- Plastic animals
- Sweet treat
- Magnetic letters
- Craft materials
- Tools (tweezers, spoons, etc.)
- Crayons
- Paper
- Happy meal toys



Change your buckets! Boredom=Challenging Behaviors

- Match theme of the week
- Match the holiday
- All items in the bucket certain color
- All items begin with specific letter
- All items are magnetic/non-magnetic
- Each bucket contains same number of items



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