



**Where did the summer go
and most importantly, when
will it return?**

**It is once again time to
meet those fresh faces that
enter into our classrooms
ready to learn. Are you the
best teacher you can be?**

**Children will love you for
what you can do for them.
They do not care how
expensive your clothes
are...neither where you live
nor what kind of car you
drive.**

**You may be working to pay
for these things; however,
they are painfully honest
when it comes to what
they want:
acceptance, enthusiasm,
love and fun!**


**Pretty much all the honest truth
telling there is in the world is
done by children.**

-- [Oliver Wendell Holmes](#)

**You will know that you are
doing your best when your
children are delighted to
see you and confide their
every day experiences with
you...this IS the joy of
teaching!**

**You will want to make your
classroom a wonderful place
to be!**

**There may be tears, those
first few days when
the separation anxiety is
strong but once your
students see how much fun
they can have with you and
their new friends...eager
faces will enter your room!**

**Once you work with children
for any length of time, you
will recognize that there are
certain traits that allow
children to enjoy one
another and learn and grow.
Fortunately, these traits do
not cost money BUT they do
involve time! **

**SIMPLE GIFTS ANYONE
CAN GIVE A CHILD!**

A SENSE OF HUMOR

**INDEPENDENT THINKING
SKILLS**

BROAD TASTE BUDS

A LOVE OF BOOKS

RESPECT FOR ANIMALS

PRIDE IN ACCOMPLISHMENT

KINDNESS

**Having observed thousands
of children, I find that
children who have acquired
these skills are children
who are well liked and
ready to learn! Take a
moment to share these
skills with parents of young
children and if you have
children yourself, make sure
you give these gifts to them
too!**

**Families are so important to
young children and most
children are interested in
telling you all about their
families. Sometimes, you
will hear things you do not
want to know!**

**Important skills can be
taught with simple
questions about families:**

**If you have a sister, clap
your hands!**

**If you have a brother, touch
your forehead!**

**If you have a baby at your
house...**

Blink your eyes!

**Auditory processing,
Body parts and self control
are all covered as they do
not need to BLURT OUT but
can show you their answers
without saying a word!**



**Try this technique when you
are ready to line up too:**



**If you are wearing stripes...
Then you may line up!
If you are wearing a
pocket...**



**Then you may line up!
If you have velcro on your
shoes...**

Then you may line up!

**If you have curly hair...
Then you may line up!**

**This also will intrigue each
student as they will be
watching themselves and
also others who are the
candidates to line up...of
course, you will have
children who help to remind
others when it is or is not
their turn too! Great for
Auditory and Visual
Discrimination!**

**Holidays and seasons are a
BIG part of the early
childhood classroom. We
can teach all sorts of
concepts when we introduce
these topics. Here is an
easy activity that
encourages the children to
watch the way the trees can
change...**

**THERE'S A GREAT BIG
TREE IN MY BACK YARD...
IT IS VERY WIDE AND
TALL!
WHEN THE LEAVES FALL
GENTLY TO THE
GROUND...WE KNOW
THAT IT IS FALL!**



**THERE'S A GREAT BIG
TREE IN MY BACK YARD...
ITS' BRANCHES ARE SO
BARE...
WHEN THE COLD WINDS
BLOW
AND IT HAS SNOWED...
WINTERTIME IS HERE!**



**THERE'S A GREAT BIG
TREE IN MY BACK YARD...
I CAN HEAR A CHEEP,
CHEEP SOUND!
WHEN THE BIRDS ARE
BUSY BUILDING NESTS...
SPRING WILL SOON BE
FOUND!**



**THERE'S A GREAT BIG
TREE IN MY BACK YARD...
I CAN FEEL THE WARM,
WARM SUN!
WE'LL STRING UP A
SWING AND SWING ALL
DAY
OH, THE SUMMER IS SO
MUCH FUN!**



**Be sure to use pictures for
your students to view!**

**Transitions are sometimes
tricky and it is important to
have activities which allow
children to move from a
standing up to sitting
down position with ease.
This is a NEW activity
which is available on my
2007 CD
BYE, BYE, BYE...
EVERYBODY WANTS TO GO
BYE, BYE!**

**CLAP THEM, CLAP THEM...
WAVE THEM, WAVE THEM...
STRETCH THEM WAY UP HIGH!**

**ROLL THEM, ROLL THEM,
SHAKE THEM, SHAKE THEM
NOW DROP THEM TO YOUR
SIDE!**

**WIGGLE THEM, WIGGLE
THEM...
HOLD THEM, HOLD THEM,
NOW PLACE THEM ON YOUR
KNEES!**

**NOW FOLD YOUR HANDS
TOGETHER**

Choose one:

**AND NOD YOUR HEAD LIKE
ME!**

**AND STRETCH YOUR NECK
LIKE ME!**

**AND SIT RIGHT DOWN WITH
ME!**

*I wish each of you a wonderful
year with your precious
students and I would love to
hear from you! Please take a
moment to drop me a line at:
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