



all kids belong
Inclusion Support Services

Have you thought of trying: ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Remember: At drop off and pick up times, families may be in a rush. Having a consistent arrival and departure routine helps create a sense of belonging for children and families.

- Do you greet all families when they arrive?
- Do you have a sign in routine for the children (put picture/name on board, check name off in book, ask a question of the day)?
- Do you have a posted visual schedule for parents and children to go over upon arrival (both words and pictures)?
- Do you have a classroom helpers chart posted?
- Do you have a consistent arrival and departure routine?
- Do you use a visual to show parents and children the routine (i.e. kiss, hug and watch out the window)?
- Do you wind down the day with quiet activities?
- Do you discuss the next day's events?
- Do you talk to parents about the child's day (verbally and/or with written notes)?
- Do you encourage children to greet peers and adults?
- If a child is struggling with coming to childcare, do you have ideas for the parents to try (i.e. picture of parent in pocket, books about separation anxiety)?

This sheet was created by the All Kids Belong team based on their years of knowledge and experience. If you have any further questions about arrival and departure, please talk to your All Kids Belong Resource Consultant.