Transition Activities:

Balancing Car

*Materials needed: small car, piece of paper*
- Two children will each hold two corners of a piece of paper. Put a small on the paper and have them balance the car and move to the next activity.

Building Together

*Materials needed: blocks or duplos*
- As children are being excused, each one gets a block and you end up with a class structure.
- These are nice to take a group picture with and post in your block center.
- If children went outside as they built the structure, when they come back inside each child can remove and put away one block.
- It’s a good idea to preface this activity with telling children that it doesn’t matter which block they put away to set a norm of no squabbling.

Wiffle Ball Pass

*Materials needed: waffle ball and dowels or unsharpened pencils*
- Start out with the waffle ball on a dowel and one child will inset their dowel into the ball and the first child takes theirs out.
- As each child passes the ball, they can be excused to line up, wash, etc.

Magic Glue

*Materials needed: cup and paintbrush*
- Kids love this one!
- Chose two names from your name container.
- These two children will come up and you will paint “magic glue” on their arm and stick them together.
- As you paint them with the magic glue say “Magic Glue, stuck on you!” They will walk stuck together to the next activity.

Fishing for a Friend

*Materials needed: home made fish/pole/pond or store bought*
- Make a class set of fish with a child’s name on each one. Put a paperclip on each one.
- Make a simple fishing pole with a dowel, string and magnet tied on the end.
- Cut a “pond” from blue butcher paper (this can be rolled and saved for multiple fishing trips!)
- The first child fishes and gets a fish, the name on that fish is the next child to fish and the child who fished moves to the next activity.
- As children fish you can sing:

  
  Fishing for a friend
  
  Hi ho, way to go
  
  Fishing for a friend

I Spy Poster

Materials needed: pictures, glue, poster board or I Spy Poster
- Cut out pictures from magazines and catalogs then glue on a sheet of poster board.
- Have lots of pictures on the poster board, resembling pages in “I Spy” books
- Let one child say what they spy and let another locate it (if it exists in the classroom or home)
- This is initially time consuming, but a nice way for children to be excused or to pass the time when waiting

Pick a Pair

Materials needed: matching (2 of each) cards (playing cards, index card with sticker, color paint sample cards, etc)
- Visual discrimination and friendships are enhanced by this game
- Make a set of cards that have identical pairs of card or index cards with matching stickers (2 of each). Shuffle the cards or put them in a container. Let each child choose one. Tell the children to find the person who has the matching card. When they find their partner, they both line up, go to a center, etc.
- It can be simplified to match colors or made more difficult by matching letters. Paint chip strips from the hardware store also work.
- These cards can also be used for a game of concentration.

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