



Back to School

Opening Song

"If You're Ready for a Story"

Sung to the tune "If You're Happy and You Know It"

If you're ready for a story, clap your hands.

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If you're ready for a story, if you're ready for a story,

If you're ready for a story clap your hands.

(nod your head, sit so still)

Book

School's First Day by Adam Rex, illustrated by Christian Robinson

- Be sure to open out cover and show the wrap around cover art
- Look at the end papers
- Talk about what is happening on the title/dedication spread

Finger Play

"Two Little Houses"

Two little houses closed up tight (*hold up two closed fists*)

Open up the windows to let in the light (*open fists*)

Ten little finger people tall and straight (*wiggle fingers*)

Ready for school at half past eight (*walk fingers along arm*)



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Alphabet Game

Read *LMNO Peas* written and illustrated by Keith Baker

- Before you begin reading, explain that you will be looking for letters that start the names of people in your family.
- Write their names out on a piece of paper or whiteboard.

Flannel Board

Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons written by Eric Litwin, illustrated by James Dean

Goodbye Song

Teach the signs for “good bye” (waving right hand goodbye by folding fingers up and down) and “friends” (touch tips of pointer fingers together). Sing through twice.

“Good Bye Friends”

Sung to the tune “Frere Jacques”

Good bye, friends.

Good bye, friends.

Good bye, friends.

It’s time to say goodbye.



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Extras

Books

A Hand to Hold by Zetta Elliott

I'm New Here written and illustrated by Anne Sibley O'Brien

Ready, Set, School written by Jacquelyn Mitchard, illustrated by Paul Rátz de Tagyos

Enrico Starts School written and illustrated by Charlotte Middleton

Flannel Board

"Five Little Hot Dogs"

Five little hot dogs frying in a pan,
One got hot and it went, "BAM!!"
Four little hot dogs frying in a pan
One got hot and it went, "BAM!"...
(Three, two, one)

Finger Play

"I Had a Little Turtle"

I had a little turtle,
His name was Tiny Tim.
I put him in the bathtub to see if he could swim.
He drank up all the water.
He ate up all the soap.
And now he's sick in bed with a bubble in his throat.
Bubbles?
Bubble, bubble, bubble...

Wiggle Break

"Way Up High in the Apple Tree"

Way up high in the apple tree, (*Look up*)
Two little apples smiled at me. (*Put out one fist then another in the air above you*)
So I shook the tree as hard as I could. (*grab tree and shake*)
Down came the apples. (*Make apples fall*)
Mmmmm! They were good. (*Bite one apple*)



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