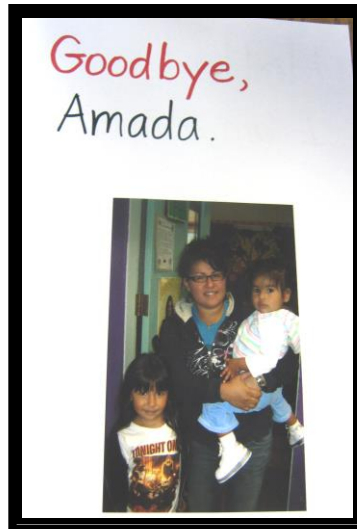
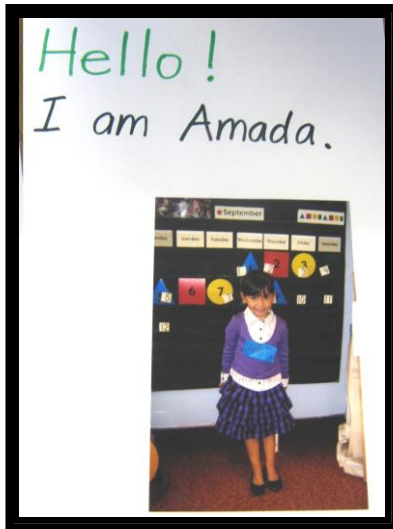


# Hello/Goodbye Book Builds Home-to-School Bonds



Create a *Hello, Goodbye* class book for kindergartners featuring photos of each child and a photo of the child with his or her family taken on the first day of school. The children sing the "Hello" song in the morning (to the tune of ♪ "Goodnight Ladies"). At the end of the day, they turn the book around and

sing it again as a "Goodbye" song. The book is kept in the class library for children to read over and over again. Children and their families love reading this book! (Thank you Becky Leber for sharing this family literacy idea!)

## Photos of Children Adorn the Walls, Book Boxes, and Name Charts

Katie recommends taking several photos of each child the first few days of school (or before school starts at the Family Welcoming Night):

- The first picture is for the "Kindergarten All-Day Superstars" door display and for the child's personal Reading Book Box.
- The second picture is for the *Hello/Goodbye* book with families.
- Another picture is for the class book, an adaptation of "*Mary Wore Her Red Dress*," to remind the children how they looked on their first day of kindergarten. They paint a picture of themselves with the photo attached.
- Additional individual photos can be used in the Name Pocket Chart.

## Our Miniature Photo/Name Chart Provides a Useful Resource:

- At the independent writing center tote for children to refer to in writing letters to their friends.
- For volunteers to use when working with small groups and individuals on specific activities. (Make many photocopies!)
- To send home with parents so children can talk about friends' names.

With high expectations and intentional teaching, children soon become experts at remembering all of their classmates' names — this is a valuable life skill!