

Piggyback Songs for Greeting Children Virtually



12 Simple Songs to Welcome
the Day & the Children!

Good Morning to You



(Sung to the tune of “Happy Birthday”)

*Good morning to you
Good morning to you
Good morning, dear children
Good morning to you!*

I'm So Glad You're Here Today!



(Sung to the tune of “London Bridge”)

*I'm so glad you're here today
Here today, here today.
I'm so glad you're here today
I'm so glad to see you!*

It's Time to Start Our Day



(Sung to the tune of “Farmer in the Dell”)

*It's time to start our day.
It's time to start our day.
Let's give a great big cheer
And then we get to play!
Hooray!*

Hello, Welcome!

hello

(Sung to the tune of “Bicycle Built For Two” (also known as “Daisy”)

*Hello, welcome
To all of you today!
I'm so glad to see you
That's what I want to say!*

*Hello, welcome
To all of you today!
I'm glad to have you with me.
To start another day!*

I'm So Glad to Be Here



(Sung to the tune of “On Top of Old Smokey”)

*I'm so glad to be here
To see everyone.
We're going to learn new things
While we have some fun!*

The Gang's All Here

(Sung to the tune of “Hail, Hail, the Gang’s All Here”)

*Hail, hail, the gang's all here.
We're gonna have a good day.
We're gonna learn while we play.
Hail, hail, the gang's all here.
We're gonna have a good time now!*

Add simple actions to make this a fingerplay!:

*Hail, hail, the gang's all here.
(2 big waves of the hand; then indicate
everyone gathered in the circle)
We're gonna have a good day.
(Nod twice)
We're gonna learn while we play.
(Tap the temple with the pointer finger twice)
Hail, hail, the gang's all here.
(Repeat actions for first line.)
We're gonna have a good time now!
(Draw an invisible smile in front of face with
pointer finger; nod twice.)*

I'm So Very Glad to See You



(Sung to the tune of “I Wish You a Merry Christmas”)

*I'm so very glad to see you
I'm so very glad to see you
I'm so very glad to see you
Are you ready for our day?*

Are You Ready?

(Sung to the tune of “Where Is Thumbkin?”)



*Are you ready?
Are you ready?
For our day?
For our day?
I'm so glad to see
you.
Are you glad to see
me?
Time to play;
Time to play!*

Where Is...?

Note: The children love the sound of their own names – and individual attention, of course! So, if it's possible to address children individually, you should take every opportunity to do so! If it's not possible, you can change the first two lines to “*Where is my class?*” and the last two lines to “*You are stars!*”

(Sung to the tune of “”Where Is Thumbkin?””)

Where is [David]?

Where is [David]?

There you are; there you are!

How are you this fine day?

(Child replies): Very well, I thank you!

You're a star!

You're a star!

Hello!

(Sung to the tune of “It’s Off to Work We Go”)

*Hello, hello
It's good to say hello
To see your face
And see your smile
Hello, hello!
Hello!
Hello, hello
I love you all, you know
Let's shout hooray
And start the day
Hello, hello!*

You Are My Sunshine



(Sung to the tune of “You Are My Sunshine”)

*You are my sunshine
In every morning
I'm so glad to be with you
To see your faces
To hear your voices
And to share all that we do.*

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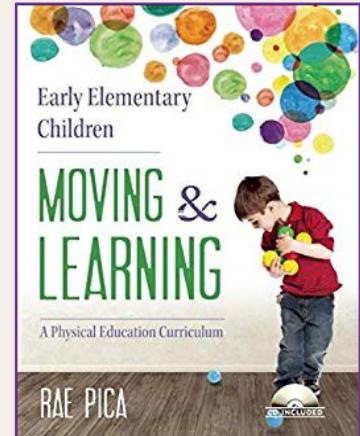
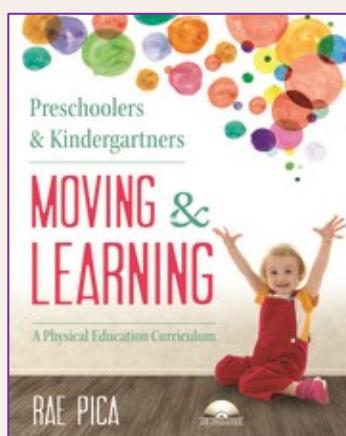
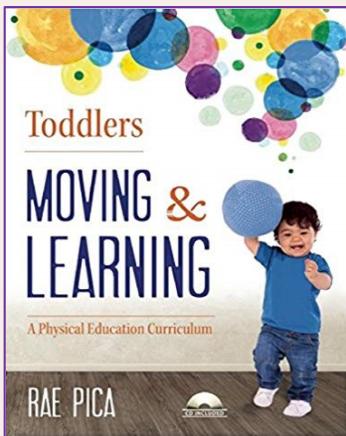
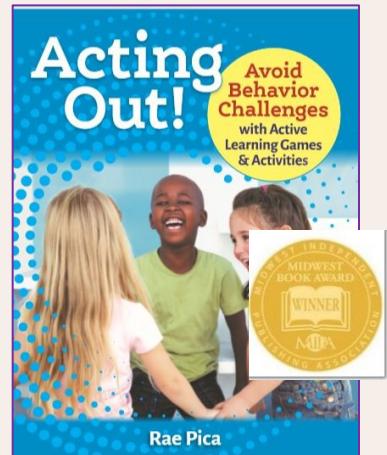
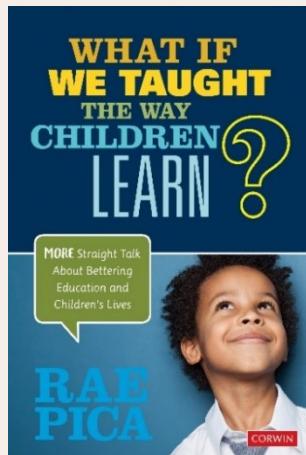
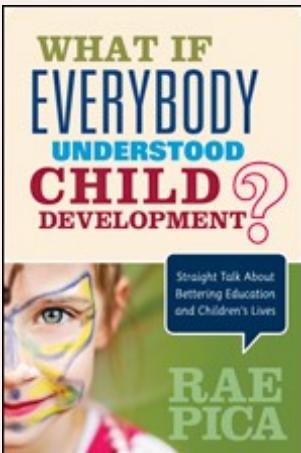
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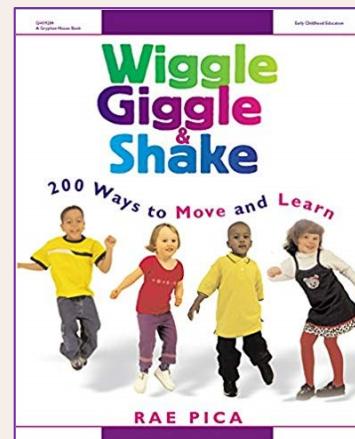
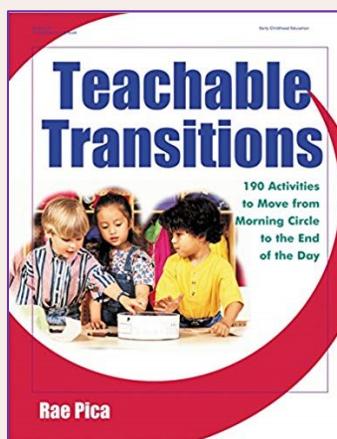
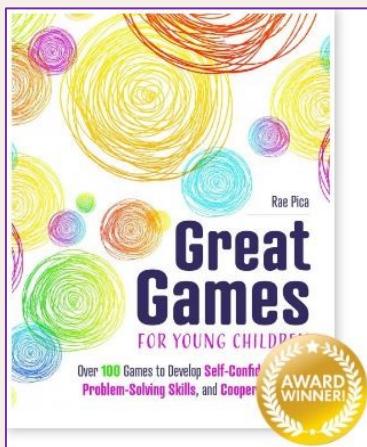
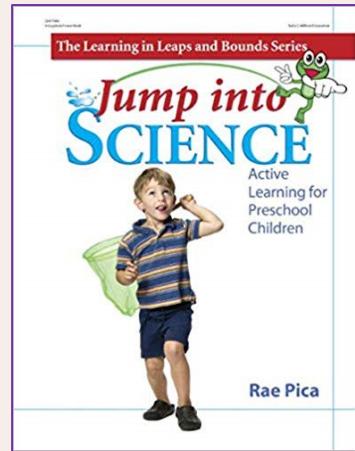
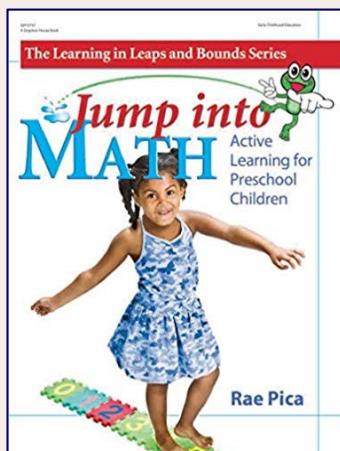
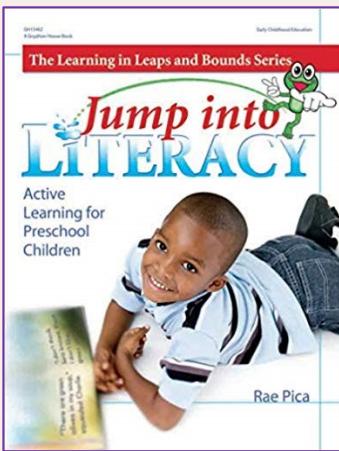
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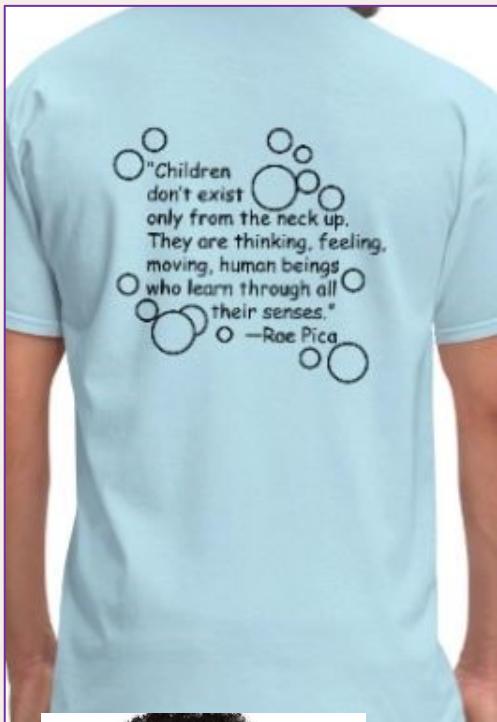


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