The Playdate Goodbye Plan

Prepare the ending before the last game begins.

Adults own the departure agreement; children can practice a courteous goodbye with suitable support.

Example: pickup is after the current drawing. The child returns borrowed pens, collects a coat, thanks the host, and leaves with the responsible adult even while wishing to stay.

01 Confirm the adult agreement

Use the actual host arrangement.

Agreed pickup point

Host confirmation

Adult update if delayed

Items allowed to come home

02 Choose a finishable ending

Match the last task to the available time.

Current activity

Final turn or cleanup task

Adult help needed

Clear stopping sentence

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03 Prepare the goodbye

Keep words and belongings specific.

Child goodbye wording

Belongings to collect

Borrowed item to return

Adult next-action sentence

04 Review the departure

Record clarity and useful adjustments.

What actually happened

Concern needing adult attention

Instruction that was unclear

Change for the next visit