

# Making Friends

This week's DPT (Dramatic Play Theme) is Making Friends.

Social skills among other things are a learned behavior. It may be easy for some and difficult for others to approach people/peers in a new environment. It is the time of year when new friends are joining the RHS community. To help in this transition, the Dramatic Play Room is set up to encourage different social gatherings and interactions. Our students will be guided through book scenarios reenactments where they can meet new friends and try out new play activities.

Two books will be used:

## ***Martha's Best Friend*** by Miriam Cohen

Main character Martha

Teacher Mrs. Higgins

Madeleine

Extras

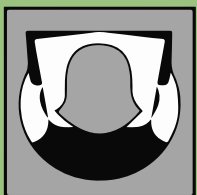
## ***Will I have A Friend?*** by Danielle Steel

Dad

Son/Jim

Teacher

Other children



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## Circle-

Teachers will ask the children 2 questions and write down their answers.

1. What is a friend?
2. And how do you make friends?

You can extend it to ask what friends do for other friends.

Materials:

A large paper to hang on the wall and a marker.

Some things to focus on are: help each other, say kind words, share toys, etc.

Once you've listed the items, you can review them the next day at circle time and then take out a puppet to act out some friend scenarios.

## Art Table-

### Friendship Chain-

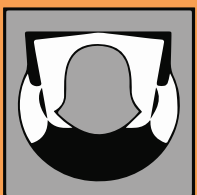
- Materials Needed: construction paper with pre-drawn lines (for cutting), scissors, and glue.

- Each friend will then cut out the number of strips corresponding to his or her pod number (e.r. 5 strips in pod 5, 4 strips in pod 4, etc)

- The children will then write the name of each friend from their pod on their cut out strips

- Show them how to link the chains together.

- When complete, hang up to dry.



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