Friendship/Social Skills:

Tips for Parents:

- Model goods social skills and interactions
- Share general tips with your child (be aware of personal space, make eye contact)
- Practice with your child such as role playing
- Praise your child when they behave correctly
- Provide your child opportunities to play socially
- Play with your child
- Talk about the importance of social relationships with your child
- Teach your child about emotions and emotion management
- Teach appropriate behavior in a variety of settings
- Be persistent, keep in mind you often won't see results right away
- Talk with your child about his/her social world
- Get them involved in an organized activity such as a sport
- App games on I pad or I Pod related to feelings, eye contact, etc.
- Pointing out to your child positive social interactions and social skills
- Remember that some basic skills are not basic for everyone.
- Using those teachable moments, tackle the situation when it happens not save it for later.

Websites for Parents:

- http://www.behavioradvisor.com/SocialSkills.html
- http://sociallyspeakingllc.com/

Books for Parents:

- *Let's be friends: A workbook to help kids learn social skills and make great friends* By Lawrence E. Shapiro
- *Teaching social skills to youth* By Tom Dowd
- *Seven Steps to Improve your Child's social skills: A family Guide* By Kristy Hagar
- *101 ways to teach children social skills* By Lawrence E. Shapiro
- *The unwritten rules of friendship: simple strategies to help your child make friends* by Natalie Madorsky Elman and Eileen Kennedy-Moore
- *Raise your Child's Social IQ: Stepping Stones to people skills for kids* By Cathi Cohen
- *Nobody Likes Me, Everybody Hates Me: The Top 25 Friendship Problems and How to Solve Them* By Michele Borba

Books for kids:

- *You are a Social Detective! Explaining social thinking to kids* By Michelle Garcia whinner and Pamela Crooke
- *Sometimes I feel like I don't have any friends (but not so much anymore)* By Tracy Zimmerman and Lawrence Shapiro
- *How to be a Friend* By Laurie Krasny Brown
- *Making Friends* By Fred Rogers
- *Making Friends and Keeping Them* By Patti Kelley Criswell