

Dear Families/Caregivers,

Friendships are a basic human need that contribute to a student's moral, mental, and social development. Friends enrich our lives and help us learn more about ourselves.

We have been learning that friends have fun together. We learned that friends do many different activities together. Some activities include:

- play together
- talk together
- laugh and have fun together.

Use some of these activities to help your child be a good friend and build good friendships:

- When you're at the park or other public area, direct your child's attention to a group or a pair of friends. Talk about how they are interacting. Are they playing together? Are they laughing together? Are they talking to each other?
- When you see your child positively interacting with a friend, call out the behavior by saying something like: *I like the way you and your friend are taking turns.*
- Schedule play dates for you child. Talk with your child about things he or she can do with his or her friends. Remind your child that to have good friends, he or she should be a good friend.

Sincerely,

Your Child's Teacher