

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 all need friends! We have been learning about friendship. We learned the importance of being a good friend. Some ways to be a good friend include:

- Saying nice things.
- Doing nice things.
- Being helpful.
- Saying *please* and *thank you*.
- Being kind and sharing.
- Saying *Hello*.
- Inviting someone to play.
- Sharing toys.

Here are a couple of activities to help your child be a good friend to others:

- When you're at the park or other public area, direct your child's attention to a group or pair of friends. Talk about how they are interacting. Do they take turns? Are they laughing? Is one encouraging the other?
- Schedule frequent play dates for you child. Talk with your child about things he or she can do with his or her friends to be kind to one another. Remind your child that to have good friends, he or she must be a good friend.
- Read books about friendship with your child. As you read, talk about how the characters are or are not being good friends.

Sincerely,

Your Child's Teacher