**Other Books About Friendship**

All books that have an asterisk are available to read as an e-book on OverDrive.

**Jenny Mei is Sad** by Tracy Subisak*

Even on the days where she seems happy, underneath it all Jenny Mei is sad. This story is a comforting reminder that friends love us on our best AND worst days! All ages.

**The Cot in the Living Room** by Hilda Eunice Burgos*

A young girl is jealous of the children who get to sleep on a cot her family has in the living room. But when she finally sleeps on the cot herself, she realizes it’s not what she expected and misses her safe room she shares with her sister who snores! Ages 4-8.

**A Small Kindness** by Stacy McAnulty*

This book shows the amazing ripple effect a kind act can have on a class. Pass around the good! Preschool.

**I Got the Rhythm** by Connie Schofield Morrison*

One of my favorite all time books about friendship, community and DANCE! All ages!

**Can I Play Too?** by Mo Willems (an Elephant & Piggie Book)

My absolute favorite story time friends are back and they are including their new friend, Mr. Snake, in a rousing game of catch?! How will that work? Ages 4-8.

**Gossie & Gertie** by Olivier Dunrea

Even though Gossie and Gertie are best friends, that doesn’t mean they have to like or do everything the same. Ages 1-3.

**Hot Pot Night!** by Vincent Chen*

A neighborhood comes together to cook and enjoy a meal in this fun book that also includes a recipe! Ages 3-7.

**Measha Makes Friends** by Tom Percival*

Measha is good at so many things, especially art, but struggles when it comes to talking to other children her age. In the end it is her art that helps begin a new and wonderful friendship. Ages 3-6.

Check out other books in the Big Bright Feelings Series including “Ruby Finds a Worry,” “Perfectly Norman” and “Ravi’s Roar.”

**Strictly No Elephants** by Lisa Mantchev

What will one little boy and his tiny pet elephant do when they find their local pet club won’t allow elephants to enter? Read to find out! Ages 4-8.

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NEW STARS CLASS AVAILABLE - For all teachers of young children in Pierce County!

**Flannel Board Fun: How to Make and Use Flannel Boards**

- To view the seven videos in this class, go to the Library’s YouTube Channel - https://www.youtube.com/user/piercecountylibrary1
- Look for the title “Flannel Board Fun” toward the bottom of the page.
- Once you begin watching the videos, contact Alison Pascone – apascone@piercecountylibrary.org for a short quiz to fill out and send back for three STARS credit.
Songs of the Month

Will You Be a Friend of Mine?
Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb
Will you be a friend of mine?
Friend of mine, friend of mine?
Will you be a friend of mine and jump around with me?
Repeat the song using other actions like spin, stomp, clap, hop on one foot, skip… do as many actions as you like.

I. 2. 3 Good Friends
1, 2, 3 good friends
4, 5, 6 good friends
7, 8, 9 good friends
10 good friends are we!

Uno, dos, tres amigos,
Cuatro, cinco, seis amigos,
Siete, ocho, nueve amigos,
Diez amigos son!

Fun Learning Activities

Friendship Chart – Our Favorites...

Ahead of time, prepare a large piece of paper with a question on it for children to answer during circle time and provide spaces for their answers or choices. Some fun questions to ask everyone during circle time are:
- What is your favorite ice cream flavor (or color)?
- What is your favorite pizza topping?
- Would you rather play outside or inside?
- Do you like cold weather or hot weather?
- Would you rather swim in a pool or run through the sprinkler?
- Would you rather throw a ball or throw a frisbee?

Some questions have only two choices for the answer. Others have lots of choices! Either way, children in your class can get to know more about each other through fun and interesting questions. Might be good to start with a simple question first to make sure everyone gets a turn to answer. Write down each child’s response in your chart. Have fun!

Graham Cracker Heart Friendship Snack

What you need:
- Graham crackers
- Powdered sugar
- Small construction paper hearts

Make construction paper hearts first. They can either be pre-cut or children can make their own. Teachers can also pre-draw hearts on paper for children to practice cutting out.

The children then place a heart over their graham cracker square. Sprinkle powdered sugar on the cracker. When they remove the paper, they will see a heart! For a fun extension, use other shapes too!

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Which Friend Is Missing?

Everyone sits in a circle or in a line. Ask children to close their eyes (no peeking!) and then very quietly tap one child on the shoulder. This child goes and hides not too far away from the circle area. See if you can challenge children to walk as quietly as they can… THEN everyone else opens their eyes and has to figure out which child is missing from the group.

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