

Being Friendly

3+

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The children will:

1. Learn the value of being friendly.
2. Learn ways to show friendliness.

Materials

Do You Want to Be My Friend? by Eric Carle

VOCABULARY

excuse me friendly greeting hello
neighbor polite thank you wave

WHAT TO DO

1. As the children gather around for this activity, smile and wave at them. Ask if they need some help putting things away, and help them if they accept your offer.
2. After the children sit down, discuss what a “greeting” is and how it shows that you are friendly. Waving to people and giving them a greeting started a long time ago. When people met, they would raise their hands in greeting to show that there was nothing in their hand that would harm anyone else, so it meant they were friendly.
3. Discuss different ways to be friendly or kind to others, such as asking to help out, comforting someone who is hurt or sick, or using good manners by saying “please,” “thank you,” and “excuse me.” Discuss why it is better to be friendly instead of being selfish or wanting things to be your own way all the time.
4. Read Eric Carle’s *Do You Want to Be My Friend?* with the children, noting greetings and acts of friendliness or kindness.

TEACHER-TO-TEACHER TIP

- Consider including a short lesson on being careful as well as friendly. Tell the children that most grown-ups are good and kind, but not to get into a car with someone they do not know or have an uncomfortable feeling about. If they get a funny feeling that something is just not right, they should tell an adult they trust.

ASSESSMENT

To assess the children’s learning, consider the following:

- Do the children wave to others, such as the janitor or other teachers or children not in their own classroom?
- Do the children show kindness by helping others and by using good manners?

Children’s Books

Friends by Helme Heine

How to Lose All Your Friends by Nancy L. Carlson

In My Neighborhood by Mari C. Schuh

My Street by Rebecca Treays

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