

Be a Friend

Skill Area(s):
Stress/Behavior
Feelings/Emotion

Level: beginner, intermediate

Goal: Students are able to explain and what friendship and fairness mean and are able to use skill

Materials needed: Book: Be a Friend- by Regina Burch, part of the character education series available through the Creative Teaching Press, paper, pencils, colored construction paper, scissors, glue or tape

Activity:

- Students read the book together and talk about vocabulary words like friendship, kindness and fairness.
- Ask each member of the group to talk about what they think a friend is and depending on the group, talk about a friend they have and home or in school.
- Make a list of things that friends do for each other.
- Make a poem about a friend
A friend likes to _____.
A friend will _____.
A friend can _____.
A friend never _____.
But the most important thing about a friend is
that he/she likes me!
- Have students trace their hand on different colored construction paper and cut them out, students write a characteristic of a good friend on each hand and glue them together to make a friendship wreath. This can be done individually or in groups.
- There are many books on friendship for different levels, doing a search on the Internet of books about friends brought up hundreds of hits.

Follow up: There is a coordinating CD or cassette that goes with each book in the character education series. This has not been previewed by the group but should be available through the Creative Teaching Press.