



Playgroup SA

Playgroup Weekly Session Planner

Friendship

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CRAFT ACTIVITY

Friends are very important. We make friends at Playgroup, and we love seeing them every week. Friends make you feel happy. When you are sad, they cheer you up. Let's celebrate our friends this week at Playgroup.

Craft activity: Friendship Bracelets

Children will need: Stripe paper straws, or coloured plastic straws, scissors, string or pipe cleaners.

Instructions: Cut the straws into small lengths, place in bowls, cut lengths of string to children's wrist size, or take your pipe cleaner. Thread on the lengths of straw, and once you have enough to go around the wrist, tie off allowing enough room to go over the child's wrist or if using a pipe cleaner twist to close. Keep for yourself or give to your favorite friend.

Extension ideas:

Instead of straws use different lengths and size beads to thread on to the bracelet. The children will need to use their fine motor skills to thread the smaller holes on to the string or pipe cleaner.

Fact: We all need good friends in our life.



Learning Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of Identity

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OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Paint some flat rocks in different colours or use coloured blocks, anything coloured and place them around your outdoor space. Encourage the children to work together as a Team to find all the colourful things and put them in to one basket/ tray/ Once all of them have been found, count each colour group – how many is in them, how many different colours there are and name them. How many coloured items there are

SENSORY ACTIVITY

Kindness Potions

You will need: Small bottles – such as travel size screw top ones, water, food colouring, glitter, stickers, white sticky labels.

Instructions: Pour water into the bottles allowing room for a few drops of food colouring, and to add a little sparkle, sprinkle some glitter in there too. Make sure there is enough food colouring to make the water a bright colour. Tighten the lid and decorate your potion bottle with stickers. They now have their very own Kindness potion to spread kindness to everyone.

GROUP TIME IDEAS

Pairs – give each child a coloured block (ensuring each child can find someone with the same coloured block as them). Let the children move around the room and let them find their matching “pair”. Once they have found a match get them to stand together holding hands or sit next to each other on the floor. Once everyone has found their match, you can sit down and talk about friends and how important they are.



Friends playing at a sensory table

BOOK SUGGESTIONS

Making Friends! Just like us! By Jess Stockham

Elmer's Friends by David McKee

