

Friendship

FRIENDSHIP is a relationship between two or more people who enjoy being together.

LESSON 1

Explain the meaning of **FRIENDSHIP** to students. Emphasize that a friend is a person with whom you enjoy doing things. Brainstorm:

What is a friend? Some responses could include:

- 1) Someone who likes you and you like them.
- 2) Someone who cares about you.
- 3) Someone who shares his or her belongings with you.
- 4) Someone who won't hurt you on purpose.
- 5) Someone who will not ask you to do something wrong.
- 6) Someone you can trust.

Ask children to raise their hand if they like having friends. As time allows, ask students if they think they are a good friend and have them tell why they believe they are.

[School/Home Link](#) Ask students to ask a family member what a friend means to them.

LESSON 2

Review the meaning of **FRIENDSHIP**. Invite students to name some things friends do together. Examples could include:

- 1) Friends play games together.
- 2) Friends share stories together.
- 3) Friends go places together.
- 4) Friends cheer you up when you are sad.
- 5) Friends talk and laugh together.

As time allows, ask students to describe things they like to do with their friends.

[School/Home Link](#) Ask students to ask a family member to name some things they like to do with a friend.

LESSON 3

Review the definition of **FRIENDSHIP**. Ask students to recall some activities they do with a friend. Read the following story: **Sammy's family had to move to a new town. Sammy was very sad to leave his friends. His mom tried to cheer him up and told him he would make new friends. On his first day at his new school, he was really sad because he didn't have one friend.** Ask the students the following questions: **What would you do if Sammy was in your class? Would you be his friend? How would you show him you wanted to be his friend?** As time allows, call on different students to answer the questions.

[School/Home Link](#) Ask students to discuss ways to show friendship with a family member.

LESSON 4

Review the meaning of **FRIENDSHIP**. Read the quote by Henry Ford: **"My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me."** Teach students that a good friend helps us make good choices. Lead a discussion to review things good friends do for one another. Tell children that they will play a friendship game. Pair children and have them face each other. Instruct children to clap and slap hands with their partner. Play some music. Encourage students to have fun trying to keep the rhythm of the music while alternating between clapping their own hands and then their partner's hands. When the music stops, have children change partners. Repeat the activity three times choosing a different partner each time. Congratulate children for showing friendship toward their classmates.

[School/Home Link](#) Tell students to talk with a family member about how to be a good friend.

LESSON 5

Review the meaning of **FRIENDSHIP**. Call on 3 - 4 students to name a friend they have. Invite them to give reasons why they like this particular friend. Explain to children that the best way to have a friend is to be a good friend. As time allows, ask students to draw a picture of a friend. If possible, display pictures in the classroom or hall.

[School/Home Link](#) Ask students to show their picture to a family member.