

Friendship Rocks!

Activity: Children will listen to a story about friendship and paint “friendship rocks” to give away.



Objective

The children will list ways to be a good friend.

Targeted Standards

III. Social and Emotional Development

III.C.2. Develops positive relationships with peers

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Procedures

1. Read the book, *Stick and Stone* by Beth Ferry.
2. Discuss the importance of having and being a good friend.
3. Encourage the children to list ways to be a good friend while you record their responses on chart paper (i.e., share, encourage others, use kind words, etc.).
4. Invite children to paint a special friendship rock and give it to a special friend who doesn't have one.

Materials Needed

Chart paper

Marker

Smooth rocks

Paint & paintbrushes

Book: *Stick and Stone* by Beth Ferry

Checking for Understanding

Children will demonstrate their understanding of the lesson by listing ways to be a good friend.

Scaffolding

- Assist children in recognizing and naming ways in which to be a good friend by sharing observations about the book and helping with suggestions for the list.
- Illustrate the list with simple pictures.

Extensions

- Children may choose to make several friendship rocks and deliver them to special friends outside of their classroom.
- Make additional books about friendship available to the children.