

Add & Enhance - "Friendship Fun"

Enhancing the learning environment is easy! Here are a list of materials you may want to add to your learning areas to enhance the unit, "Friendship Fun" as well as provide opportunities for both free and guided play. Please add other materials you feel would your children would enjoy as well. See our, "The Environment & the Gee Whiz Curriculum" for more information on materials you should have in your program in these areas.

ART AREA

- Plastic/Rubber people figures (with legs) that are washable (use with paint)
- Large and small paper plates (for self-portraits)
- Autograph Books - Stack a few sheets of white paper, fold in half and staple.
- Photos posted on the walls in this area of children from the around the world playing together
- Long pieces of mural paper



DRAMATIC PLAY/DRESS-UP

- Backpacks, small suitcases, purses, wallets
- T-shirts that have graphics that promote friendship
- Dolls and plush animals
- Copy of the Teaching Tool poster (hang on the wall)
- Puppets
- Puppet theater (if available)
- Unbreakable mirror

BLOCKS

- Assorted multicultural people figures
- Different types of blocks (large and small)
- Cardboard boxes and empty food boxes (children can use to build together)
- Block Helper Chart - To make, create a simple chart on a sheet of paper or posterboard. Each time a child is a "block helper" during clean up time and helps a friend clean up, he/she can add a smiley face to the chart.

LITERACY & WRITING

- Books about friends and friendship (see Book List in Teaching Guide for suggestions)
- Assorted writing tools (both thin & thick: markers, crayons, pencils, etc.)
- Pen Pal Writing Station materials (see p. 21)
- Photographs of the children playing with their friends (print out on white paper and display)



GROSS MOTOR PLAY & MUSIC/MOVEMENT (indoors and outdoors)

- Bubble solution and wands
- Parachute (if available) or large blanket
- Toy playhouse
- Riding and push toys
- Garden sprinkler and hose
- Access to music



MANIPULATIVE, SCIENCE, MATH

- Unbreakable magnifiers and mirrors
- Assorted puzzles for different developmental levels
- Simple board games (for more advanced children to play together)
- Scavenger Hunt sheets (see pgs. 33-34)