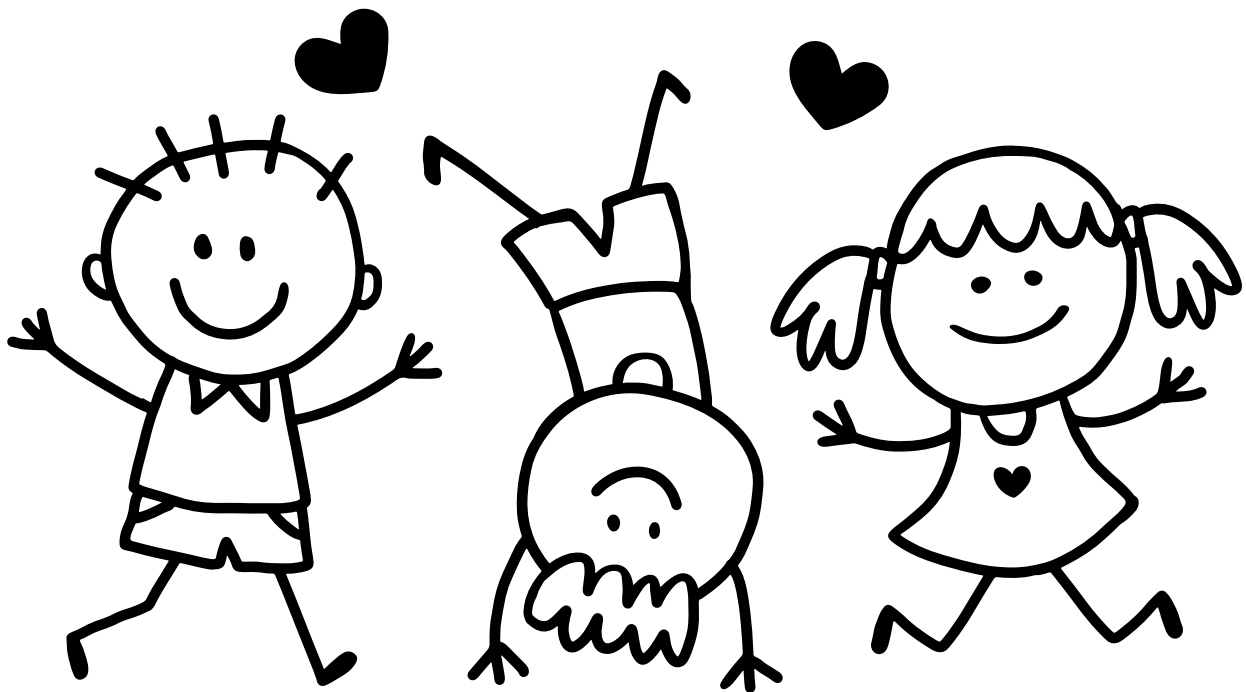


Making New Friends at School



Notes for Parents:

About the material:

- This booklet introduces social skills children need to make new friends at school: greeting others, sharing, taking turns, asking questions, and showing kindness.

Intended audience & reading level:

- Ages: 4–8 years (preschool through early elementary).
- Reading level: Pre-readers to emergent readers. Use read-aloud for ages 4–5; older children (6–8) can complete many activities independently or with minimal support.

Goals

- Build confidence initiating friendly interactions.
- Teach simple conversation starters and listening skills.
- Practice cooperative play and empathy.
- Offer fun, repeatable activities adults can use in class or at home.

How to use

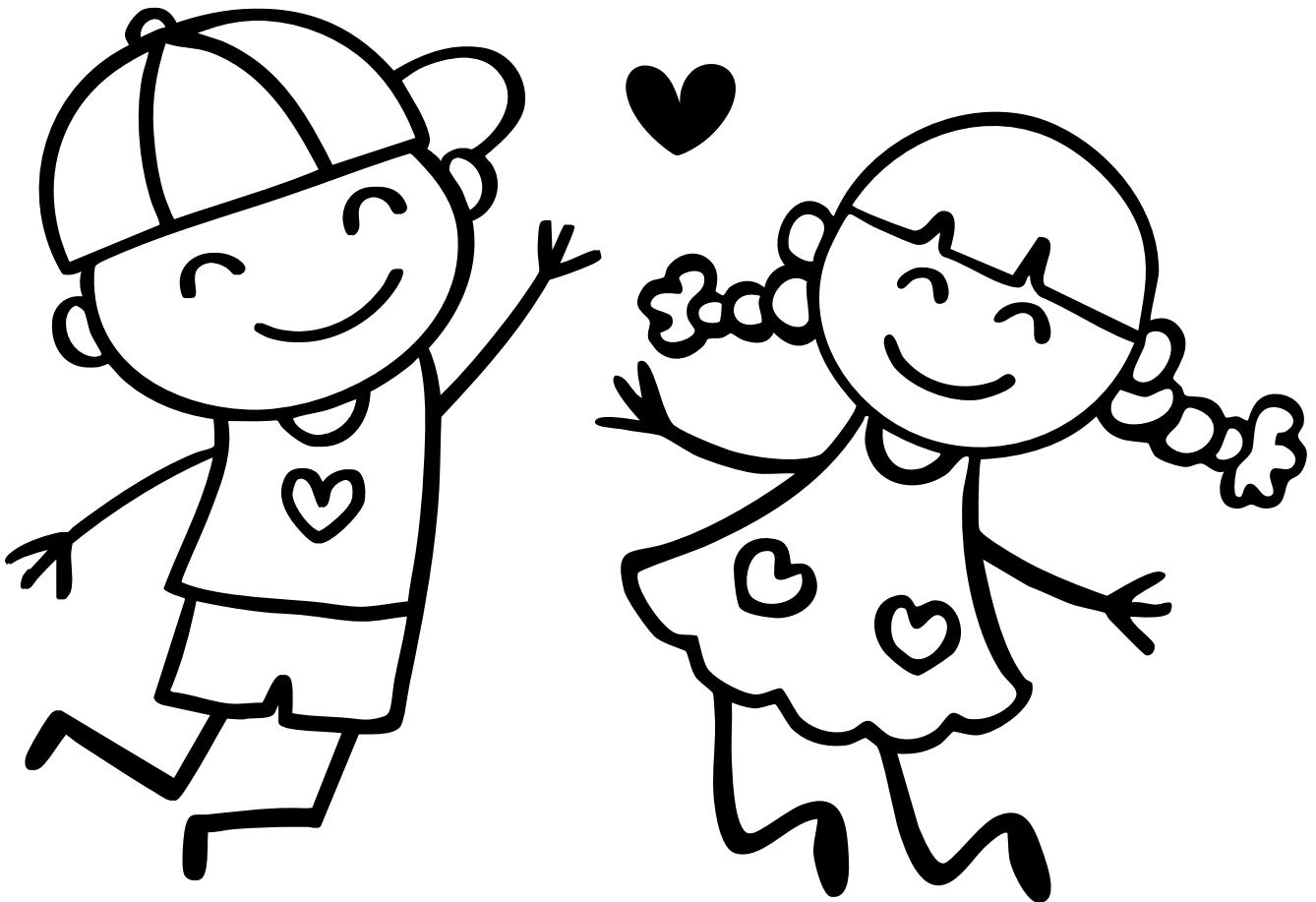
- Read instructions aloud for younger children; model each activity first.
- Reinforce effort and specific behaviors (e.g., “You waited your turn — great job!”).
- Allow role-play and repeat activities over several days.
- Adapt timing and difficulty: shorten activities for preschoolers; add writing or reflection prompts for older children.

Suggested materials

- Crayons, paper, name tags, a small ball or toy for turn-taking games

**A new school year has started and there might be kids
in my class that you know, and there might be kids you
do not know yet.**

So, let`s learn about making new friends at school!



To make new friends on the first day of school

you can start with.....

"Hi there! My name is _____!"

"What is your name? Are you new here?"



After introducing yourself, you can ask,

“Do you want to play with me?”

If they say yes, you can find something to play together.

And you can also play with the other kids in the class.



**You might feel a bit nervous about making new friends,
but having new friends to play with will be fun!**

**Your new friend might feel nervous as well because he/she
is starting in a new school! So give it a try... you might be
meeting a great friend!**

