

BOOKS TO GROW

Kit theme: **FRIENDS**

- Book titles included:
 1. **Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge** by Mem Fox
 2. **What a Treasure** by Jane & Will Hillenbrand
 3. **Horace and Morris but Mostly Dolores** by James Howe
 4. **Seven Spunky Monkeys** by Jackie Koller
 5. **My Friend Rabbit** by Eric Rohmann
- DVD: **Best Friends**
- CD: **The Doorbell Rang**

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

Blossom and Boo: A Story About Best Friends by Dawn Apperley
Being Friends by Karen Beaumont
Best Best Friends by Margaret Chodos-Irvine
Hot Day on Abbott Avenue by Karen English
Half a World Away by Libby Gleeson
That's What Friends Are For by Florence Heide
Monsters Party All Night Long by Adam Lane
Friends by Rob Lewis
Enemy Pie by Derek Munson
Double the Ducks by Stuart Murphy
Mañana Iguana by Ann Paul
Little Bunny's Sleepless Night by Carol Roth
A Box of Friends by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Ebb and Flo and the New Friend by Jane Simmons
Dear Daisy, Get Well Soon by Maggie Smith
Will You Be My Friend? by Nancy Tafuri
Hi, Harry: The Moving Story of How One Slow Tortoise Slowly Made a Friend
by Martin Waddell
Unlovable by Dan Yaccarino



See the back for activities to help children with these 6 by 6 *Ready to Read* early literacy areas:

Have Fun With Books
Notice Print
Talk, Talk, Talk

Tell Stories
Look for Letters
Take Time to Rhyme

Activities - FRIENDS

Write a letter to a friend

Let your child narrate a letter to his friend as you write it. Then let him “sign” his name. This will help your child with narrative skills as he creates the letter, and letter recognition as he signs his name.

Let your child tell the story

The book *My Friend Rabbit* has very few words. Let your child look at the pictures and tell you what is happening in the story. Name the animals in the story as you look at the pictures. This activity strengthens narrative or storytelling skills and will also increase vocabulary, two very important pre-reading skills.

Skidamarink

Skidamarink a dink a dink

Skidamarink a doo,

I love you.

(point at self, hug self and point at child)

Skidamarink a dink a dink

Skidamarink a doo,

I love you.

(point at self, hug self and point at child)

I love you in the morning,

(make circle with arms overhead)

And in the afternoon,

(make circle with arms in front)

I love you in the evening,

(make circle with arms hanging low)

And underneath the moon,

(make circle with arms overhead)

Oh, Skidamarink a dink a dink

Skidamarink a doo,

I love you.

(point at self, hug self and point at child)

(act out)

Tea for Two

Here's what you can do,

When you meet someone new:

Here's a cup

And here's a cup

And here's a pot of tea.

Pour a cup

And pour a cup

And have a drink

With me!

(Act out)

Finding Friends

You can find friends everywhere

Climbing stairs,

Sitting on chairs,

Painting squares,

Pulling their hair,

Hugging bears,

Having no cares,

Sometimes in pairs!

You can find friends everywhere.

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