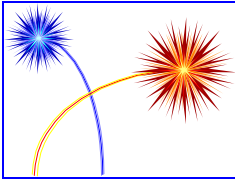
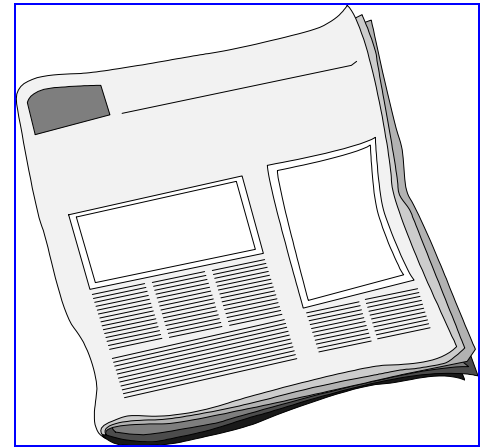

Friendship Festival



It is time to play some games! Have the students plan this one on their own with just a little guidance from you. This is a time for students to share what they have learned with others. Maybe a class of younger children would like to see a puppet show, learn a friendship dance, play a friendship game, or hear the students re-tell stories. It is all up to them (and you).

Create a Classroom Newsletter or Magazine

The unit is coming to a close and you want to tie it up in a way that will keep the students involved. Take this chance to have the students create a class newsletter to send home to parents that tells the parents what the students have learned. Or, create a classroom magazine that includes fiction and non-fiction stories about friends, a Dear Fred and Fran Friend column featuring some of the best advice given during the daily problem postings, poems, quotes from interviews, advertisements for good friendship books, short book reviews, puzzles, riddles and jokes, directions to a friendship dance that they have created, findings of the mixed-sex survey, math graphs, and classified (personal) ads. Encourage each child to choose the piece of work that they want to contribute or have them work in groups. Photocopy artwork, shrinking it when necessary to fit on the pages or have students do black and white artwork on small pieces of cardboard so that it can be pasted in place for easy photocopying. Stories can be typed by you or the students on a school computer, or printed neatly on paper and then pasted in place. Make a copy of the magazine for each student. They will be thrilled!



Party

Everyone loves a party! Plan games and activities for the students to participate in and encourage others to join you. Reveal secret friends' identities if the Secret Friend mailing program was used.

Performance for Parents and Friends

If students have done some of the Readers Theater, Story Theater, puppet show, or pantomime activities, now is the time to let them shine in front of their parents and friends. Consider inviting the senior citizens from the local senior's home!

Art Exhibition

With all of the art that has been created during this unit, it would be a shame for it not to be displayed for all to appreciate. Set the room up like an art gallery and invite parents and other classes to come and view the artwork. Have each student display his or her favorite art piece and write a brief description for others to read as they go through the gallery. Assign the students to visitors so that they feel at home in the gallery.

Scrap Books

Students make a scrapbook that contains a variety of images, words, and stories that represent the friendship theme. This can be done throughout the unit or as a summarizing activity.

Friendship Quilt

Each student makes a “patch” for a class friendship quilt. Using various scraps and art supplies students create a patch to represent a special friend, friendly behaviour, special memory or a special event that has happened with a friend. Once all of the students have completed their individual patches, the patches are sewn onto a large sheet and displayed. Consider introducing symbolism to help children create their patches (for example, red means love and circles can represent a sense of completeness). The patches can be made of felt squares (8”x8” or larger, depending on area available for display, number of children, etc). The patches can be easily sewn in place on a bed sheet. Encourage students to discuss their patches with one another.