

Early Education Family Day Care

Scheme – February 2021 Edition



Key content

- *Importance of friendships in Early Childhood*
- *Fairy tale's connection to the early development*

Workshop of the month



Painting class for kids (6+ years) -

Tuesday 02 February 2021 to Thursday 30 December 2021

[Painting Class for Kids \(6+ Years\) - Bondi | Sydney.com](#)

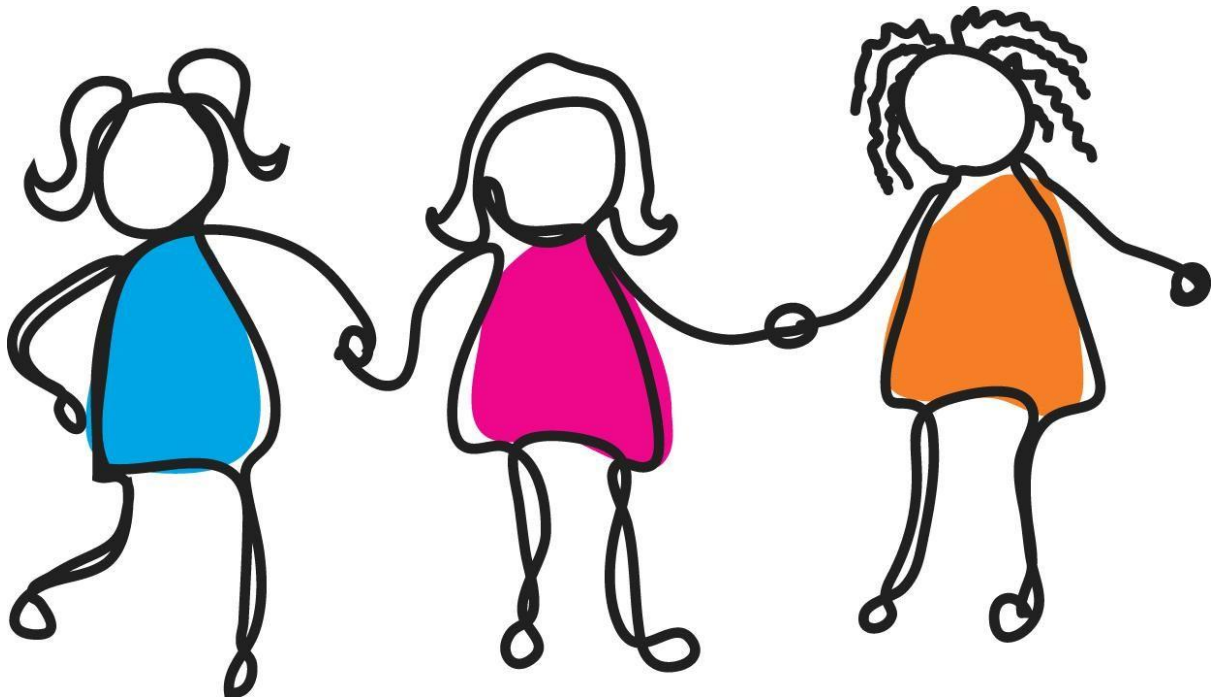
Friendships in Early Childhood

*New friends may be poems but old friends are alphabets.
Don't forget the alphabets because you will need them to
read the poems.*

William Shakespeare

Through positive friendships, children cultivate altruism, self esteem and self confidence, enabling them to effectively interact and meet social needs of the self and others. Through interactions, children gain a better understanding of the self which fosters the development of self identity.

The figure below highlights some important skills acquired by children -



Friendship Skills Children are Learning

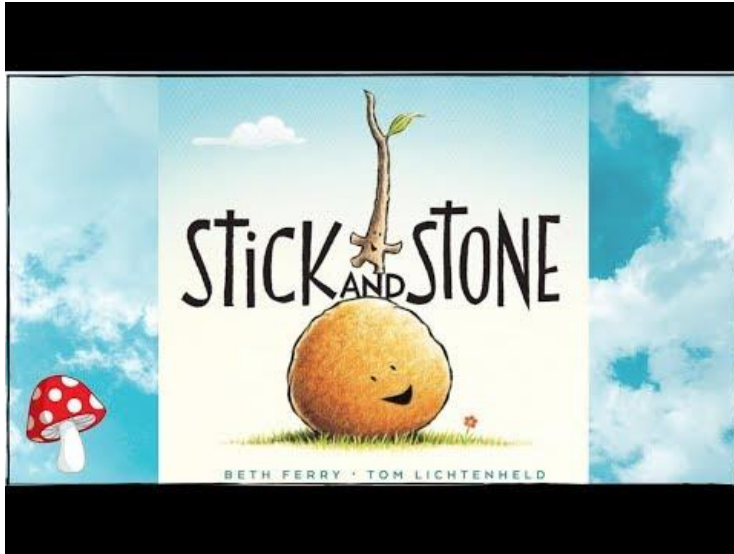
Skill	Example
Patience	When children wait for their turn, take turns and share with others.
Communication	Talk and listen to others.
Empathy	Respond to others' feelings with understanding and take the perspective of others.
Consideration	Say please and thank you, and are helpful to those around them.
Play Skills	Make suggestions for play roles and ideas.
Social Skills	Learn cooperation, communication, empathy, responsibility, and emotional control.

Show children the right way to interact via POSITIVE ROLE MODELLING -

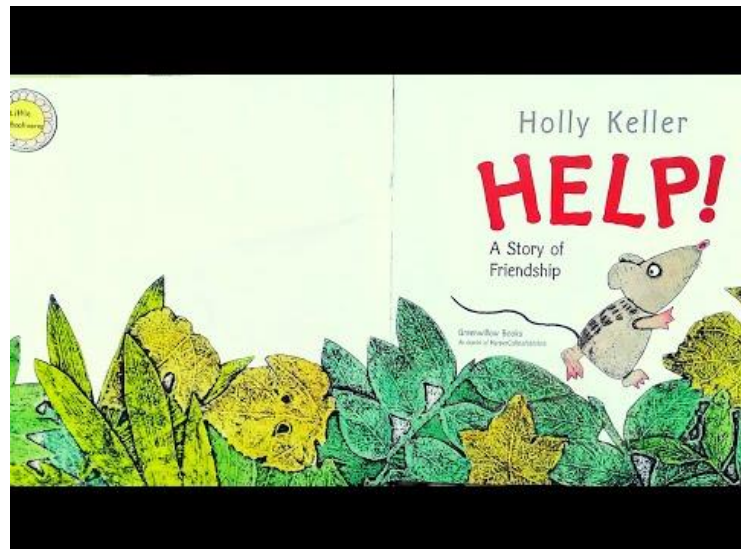
- *Organise plenty of opportunities for your child to meet different people.*
- *Demonstrate (via your own friends) sharing, listening to others, and taking someone's feelings into account.*
- *Introduce children to new interests (e.g., clubs, play groups, sports).*

Great Books for Pre-schoolers About Friendship

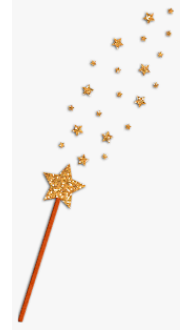
Storybooks often contains a moral, for instance, teaching the importance of kindness and being a good friend in our pre-school or our community. Below are a couple of such examples -



Stick and stone by Beth Ferry - emphasises on anti-bullying ...



Help! By Holly Keller - about how opening self to new experiences can often lead to a change in perspective or newer confidence in social skills ...



How fairy tales are a vital aspect of Early Childhood Learning?

Albert Einstein: "If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales."

Fairy tales not only captivate children's imagination but also play an important role in Early Literacy development. They help children creatively explore a range of ideas and lessons on life skills.

The cause and effect of certain actions depicted in fairy tales help children discover the consequences of actions and the impact on other people's feelings.

Children also develop a range of skills -

- *Positive problem solving skills (e.g. critical thinking skills).*
 - *Build resilience by learning how characters overcome challenges.*
 - *Learn cultural values and behaviours.*
 - *Creativity.*
- *Understand the basics of the story (e.g. orientation, conflict resolution, development of characters etc).*

Coronavirus
(COVID-19)

KEEPING YOUR DISTANCE.

Help stop the spread of coronavirus by keeping your distance. Remember, don't shake hands or exchange physical greetings. Wherever possible stay 1.5 metres apart and practise good hand hygiene, especially after being in public places.

**TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP
THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.**

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valentine frames



VALENTINE HOUSE CRAFT





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Regards,

Early Education FDC Scheme Staff.