

Home Letter

What Is a Pal? Home Letter

Dear Family,

This week we'll start with a look at friends, and discuss the significance of friendship. Children will ask and answer the question "What is important about being a friend?" In the informational text **What Is a Pal?** children will read about the ways in which friends play together and help each other. Children will also read **Friends Forever**, poems about what friendship means.

This week's...

Words to Know: and, be, help, play, with, you

Phonics Skills: Words with short *a* (*am, man, pat*); consonants *n, d, p, f*

Vocabulary Strategy: Classify and categorize—words

Comprehension Skill: Main idea—tell important ideas about a topic

Comprehension Strategy: Summarize—stop to tell important events as you read

Writing Focus: Narrative writing—labels

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

See how many of this week's **Words to Know** you and your child can use in one sentence.

Find a Friend

Tell your child the story of how you met one of your friends. What did you do that helped you become friends? Together, talk about places your child could meet new friends, such as the playground or the beach.

A Poem About Pals

Talk with your child about what makes someone a friend. Together, brainstorm words related to friendship. Then ask your child to use the words to write a poem about friendship.



Go to the *eBook* to read and listen to this week's selection.