



*Your Library partners with families to prepare children for kindergarten*

## **This week's theme is Peer Interaction & Friendship**

**Early Learning Standard 1.9: Children interact and build relationships with peers as they expand their world beyond the family and develop skills in cooperation, negotiation, and showing empathy.**

1. Child prefers certain playmates and develops bonds with peers.

**Parents can:** Acknowledge and help child express feelings of friendship.

2. Child can negotiate play with small groups of children.

**Parents can:** Provide opportunities for child to play in small groups; encourage interdependent play and other positive social behaviors. Respect peer preferences while promoting acceptance of each child.

3. Child can cooperate with others.

**Parents can:** Provide assistance and props for child to engage in cooperative play, such as building blocks or playing grocery store.



4. Child can use problem-solving strategies when conflicts arise with peers.

**Parents can:** Teach child steps for solving problems: identifying the problem, brainstorming solutions, choosing a solution, trying it, evaluating how it went, and making adjustments.

For more tips, send "SIGNUP" to 406-204-3583 or ask a children's librarian.