

# Fun with Friends: How to Make Friends and Be Friends

## Check It Out

### *Charlotte's Web*

by E. B. White  
(Grades 2–3)

In this classic novel about friendship, Wilbur the pig learns valuable lessons from his new friend, Charlotte the spider.

### *Chicken Sunday*

by Patricia Polacco  
(Grades K–2)

A young girl instructs her friends in the art of Russian pysanky eggs so that they can earn some money to buy the friends' grandmother an Easter hat.

### *Frog and Toad Are Friends*

by Arnold Lobel  
(Grades 1–3)

Best friends Frog and Toad share hilarious and unforgettable adventures near their countryside homes.

### *Mr. George Baker*

by Amy Hest  
(Grades 2–3)

Harry befriends a 100-year-old neighbor who is also learning to read.

### *Storm Boy*

by Paul Owen Lewis  
(Grades 2–3)

A young boy washes ashore after a violent storm, but gets a warm welcome from the peaceful community.

### *Tomas and the Library Lady*

by Pat Mora  
(Grades 2–3)

Tomas takes breaks from his migrant farm work and travels the world without leaving the library.

## Activities

- It is always nice to receive cards, especially homemade cards, from friends. Gather around a table and make cards for your family and friends for a special occasion or just for fun.
- Everyone likes to receive letters in the mail, especially if it is from a friend or relative that lives far away. Talk to family members or friends to help locate a child who might be interested in being a pen pal to your child.
- Ask your child what book character she would most like to have as a friend. Have your child draw a picture of herself with the character.
- Write a story together about your child's best friend. How did they meet? What do they like to do together? Do the same for you and your best friend. Talk about what it means to have a friend to share events in your life with.

## Table Talk

Allow your child to invite a friend over for dinner. Have the kids help prepare the meal and set the table. Share stories about friendships you had as a child and what it was like when you ate over at a friend's house.

## Family Field Trip

Take your family to the park, library, playground, and other places where children play. Make regular visits so your child can meet new kids and make new friends.