

Nice to Meet You!

HELLO, FAMILY!

Over the next three weeks, our class will learn that making new friends and learning new things can help us grow.

We will read books about making new friends and taking on new challenges, and we will become familiar with new words and different activities about school. Children will also learn how to tell a story and tell one about a special moment in their lives.

BRING IT HOME! Learning fun for the whole family!

Big Idea Words

Reinforce these important topic words when you read or talk with your child:

friendship
emotions
challenge

Try to incorporate questions like these into everyday conversations:

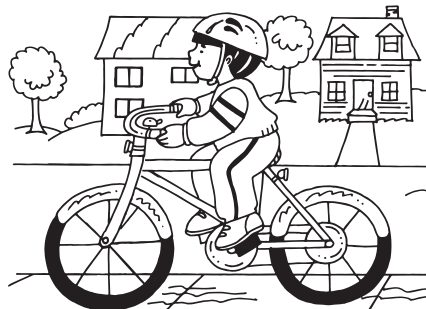
- How did you show friendship to your classmates today?
- What emotions do you feel when you try something new?
- Tell about a character who faced a challenge.

Let's Read Together

Make a special time and place to read with your child every day.

During this module about making new friends and learning new things, try these activities during your reading time together:

- Point to photographs and illustrations that show acts of friendship.
- Cheer on a story character who is trying something new.
- Talk about why we should not be afraid to keep trying.



Word Play

Play with words to help develop skills that are important for reading.

• Week 1: Rhyme Time

Take turns saying a rhyming word with a short *a* vowel sound, such as *mat/pat* or *Sam/jam*.

• Week 2: I Spy

Open a book and play *I Spy*. Take turns pointing to and reading words that begin with the letter *n*. Play *I Spy* again, searching for words that begin with *d*, *p*, and *c*.

• Week 3: One or More

Play a counting game with familiar items. Stress the change in word meanings when the *-s* is spoken. *One toy car. Two toy cars. One red apple. Two red apples.*