Building Foundations for Friendship

Pilot Study Overview
- Relational Aggression
- Research Questions
- Friendship Curriculum (puppets, social stories, rules of friendship)
- Conclusions

BFF Curriculum Enhancement – years 2 and 3
- Starting Small with Friendship Connections
- Using Literature and Music (Stories and Discussion with puppets, Mr. Rogers)
- Mango Monkey as a Mediator

Brief description of the social aggression incident that occurred in the kindergarten.

Brief description of proactive steps taken by classroom teachers to build friendship and collaboration:

**Literature**
Heartwood Institute: Building Character Kit: Pre-K/K
The series identifies seven character building attributes: Courage, Loyalty, Justice, Respect, Hope, Honesty, and Love. The series has chosen books to help address and support each attribute.
(Books are listed on bibliography page with other books used.)

**Collaboration Activities**
Circle Mural painting
Built a class neighborhood
Created Be A Kind Friend hand poster - everyone lends a hand
Built a classroom bead chandelier
Partnered stain glass paintings
Cooperative building with architecture blocks
Copycat building with a variety of building materials
Wrecking Ball group building
Built 100 piece puzzle together
Paired paintings of Greek Gods and Goddesses

**Team Building Games**
Pass the Hula Hoop Challenge
Walking on balance beam with partner
Partnered Ball Body Carry
Group Cup Move
Island Game
Relay races

**Song and Dance**
I'm Not Perfect
Roar by Katy Perry
Build It High
Best Day of My Life
Everything is Awesome!

**Discussion Questions**
Have you dealt with bullying issues in your classroom?
What language have you used to identify the children involved?
What strategies have worked best for all children involved?
How do you feel about “Zero Tolerance”?
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Wilma Unlimited by Katherine Krull and David Diaz
Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco
Loyalty: Too Many Tamales by Gary Soto
Seven Chinese Brothers by Margaret Mahy
Teammates by Peter Golenbock
Justice: Sam and The Lucky Money by Karen Chinn
The Warrior and the Wise Man by David Wisniewski
The Memory Coat by Elvira Woodruff
Respect: Masai and I by Virginia Kroll
Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney
Be Good To Eddie Lee by Virginia Fleming
Hope: Owl Moon by Jane Yolen
How Many Days To America by Eve Bunting
Peppe the Lamplighter by Elisa Bartone
Honesty: Sam, Bang and Moonshine by Evaline Ness
A Day's Work by Eve Bunting
Tea With Milk by Allen Say
Love: Honey, I Love by Eloise Greenfield
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe
The Lady In The Box by Ann McGovern
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One Winter’s Day by M. Christina Butler
One Snowy Day by M. Christina Butler
The Great Fuzzy Frenzy by Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel
Mind Your Manners, B.B. Wolf by Judy Sierra
Llama Llama and the Bully Goat by Anna Dewdney
One by Kathryn Otoshi
I am Me by Karla by Kuskin
I’m Terrific by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
I Like Me! by Nancy Carlson
I’m Gonna Like Me by Jamie Lee Curtis
It’s Ok To Be Different by Todd Parr
No Matter What by Debi Gliori
Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney
Olivia by Ian Falconer
Sheila Rae, The Brave by Kevin Henkes
The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
Emma Kate by Patricia Polacco
Friends by Helme Heine
Best Friends for Frances by Russel Hoban
Yoko by Rosemary Wells
Nathan and Nicholas Alexander by Lulu Delacre
Best Friends Sleep Over by Jacqueline Rogers
Hey Little Ant by Phillip and Hannah Hoose
Enemy Pie by Derek Munson
I’ll Meet You Halfway by John Schindel
Ish - Peter Reynolds
The Dot - Peter Reynolds
Beautiful Oops - Barney Saltzberg
Pete the Cat, Rocking His Red Shoes - James Dean & Eric Litwin (series)
Legend of the Indian Paintbrush by Tomie DePaola
Legend of Bluebonnet by Tomie DePaola
The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses by Paul Goble
The Rough Faced Girl by Rafe Martin
Luba and the Wren by Patricia Polacco
Babushka’s Doll by Patricia Polacco
Babushka Baba Yaga by Patricia Polacco
Three Little Wolves and The Big Bad Pig by Eugene Trivzas