

Peer Mediate Strategies

Peer Mediated Strategies are specific behaviors to teach in large group that lead to friendship skills. To teach children each peer mediated skill, a teacher:

1. Describes the skill (show visual poster of skill)
2. Demonstrates the skill the “right way” with an adult
3. Demonstrates the skill the “wrong way” with an adult
4. Have a child practice the skill with an adult
5. Have a child practice the skill with another child
6. Provides positive feedback and support for children attempting and successfully using the skill



Skill 1: Getting Your Friend's Attention

Steps to Teach:

“One way you can get your friend to play with you is by getting her attention. When you get her attention:...”

1. Look at your friend
2. Say your friend's name
3. Gently touch your friend on the shoulder or arm if she isn't looking at you
4. Keep trying



Skill 2: Sharing “Giving Toys”

Steps to Teach:

“One way you can get your friend to play with you is to share. When you share:...”

1. Get your friend's attention
2. Hold out a toy
3. Say, “Here”
4. Put toy in his hand



Skill 3: Sharing “Requesting Toys”

Steps to Teach:

“Another way you can get your friend to play with you is if you ask him to give you a toy. When you ask for a toy you:...”

1. Get your friend’s attention
2. Hold out your hand
3. Say, “Can I have the ___?”



Skill 4: Play Organizer—Give a Play Idea

Steps to Teach:

“Today I am going to show you another way you can get your friend to play with you. You can give him a toy and tell him what to do with the toy or you can say (child’s name), let’s ___.”

1. Get your friend’s attention
2. Tell him what to do with the toy
3. Say, “Let’s ___”

To do a play organizer you do not necessarily have to give them a toy first. The kids might be playing together already (“Put your block on top”), or it might be an invitation to go to a Center (“Let’s go play in the Art Center”).



Skill 5: Giving Compliments

Steps to Teach:

“Today we are going to learn more about being a good friend. When your friend is playing, he likes you when you are nice to him. Here are some ways to be nice to your friends. These are called compliments:

1. Get your friend’s attention
2. Say nice things, such as “that’s it,” “good job ___”, “I like that you ___” etc.
3. Give them a thumbs up or high fives

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Llama su atención



Toca a tu amigo en el hombro,
míralo, y di su nombre.

Comparte



Comparte tus juguetes.

Pide compartir



Preguntale a tu amigo
si puedes jugar con
uno de sus juguetes.

Da una idea de juego



Dale a tu amigo una idea sobre cómo pueden jugar juntos.

Da un complemento



Hazle saber a tu amigo
que está haciendo
un buen trabajo.