Introduction:

MY FRIENDS AND ME (FRIENDS) is a program of group activities and versatile materials to nurture the personal and social development of preschool children.

With FRIENDS, children participate in activities. The children are encouraged to make discoveries about themselves and their friends and to develop healthy, realistic attitudes about themselves, their peers, and their world.

Today, more and more young children are being enrolled in day-care centers and other educational facilities that value children's personal and social development. FRIENDS can contribute nearly every type of educational situation for young children, including nursery schools, kindergartens, and home-care facilities.

The FRIENDS program includes a complete set of durable, colorful, imaginative materials that capture the interest of young children and help bring the FRIENDS ideas to life. The materials are designed to help the leader present each activity smoothly. FRIENDS may be used with small groups of children or with large groups; in limited spaces or large ones. The activities can easily be modified to fit particular situations- for example; children may be encouraged to pantomime if space is available, or to listen quietly if space is limited.

Candoo and Willdoo Dolls. Candoo and Willdoo- two soft, fuzzy, winsome dolls- are the main characters in many FRIENDS activities. Because Candoo and Willdoo's experiences, interest, problems, and feelings are familiar to most preschoolers, children are able to identify with and learn with the dolls. Candoo and Willdoo are identical except for color. Candoo, a boy, is lavender with orange hair, and Willdoo, a girl, is orange with lavender hair.

In summary, MY FRIENDS AND ME is a well- rounded program carefully designed to help preschool children grow personally and socially.

CANDOO AND WILLDOO

Dear Families:

We are so excited to tell you about a program we will be starting in the Red Room. We have been able to provide your child with a program of group activities and versatile materials through two fuzzy, positive dolls- CANDOO and WILLDOO. Every Friday, Red Room teachers will choose on friend to take CANDOO or WILLDOO home to visit your house. We are excited and looking forward to sharing our new friends with Red Room. Please remember when your child brings one friend home, review the rules found in a journal included in the bag. The journal is for parents only to write what your child and CANDOO or WILLDO did that weekend. When it is brought back on Monday, we will read the journal pages to the classroom and share the wonderful experiences. Thank you for allowing us to have this wonderful experience with your child.

Red Room Teachers











