

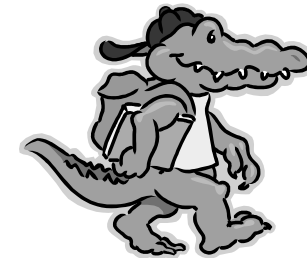
Being Fun to Play With
I will be fun to play with
when I...

- take turns having my own way.
- speak kind words.
- be sure my uncomfortable feelings don't hurt others' feelings or bodies.
- share my friends with others.
- play things others like to play.
- take turns being boss.
- tell the truth.
- think of others' feelings when I act.
- do kind things without being asked.

This brochure will help remind you about the ideas we learned in our classroom lesson "Finding People to Play With at School".

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Finding Someone to Play With at School



*A Lesson with
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When someone says no, does it always mean that I'm not fun to play with?

Children say no to invitations for many different reasons. Here are just a few:

- They like to be by themselves at recess to rest because school is so busy.
- They aren't feeling very friendly and need time to feel better.
- They like to play different things than you do.
- They are trying out different people to see what kind of person they want as a friend.
- They like to play with several different people even though you usually like to play only with them.

I'm Looking for Someone to Play With Today!

You could play where lots of other students are playing, on the big toy or the bars. It looks like everyone is playing with someone, but often they are playing just playing by someone.

Because it is easy for someone to say "No" if you ask "Can I play?", try using the **Special Invitation** when you ask someone to play.

A Special Invitation

1. Tell the person what you'd like to play.
2. If they say yes, have fun!!
3. If they say no, ask if they would like to choose.
4. If they still say no, let them know you will ask again and...
5. **Make another choice.**

"Would you like to play on the big toy?" (1)

"No"

"Would you like to choose what we play?" (2)

"No."

"OK. Maybe Later." (3)

Other Choices (4)

Invite a different person.

Play along side other kids on some equipment if you want company.

Choose something to play by yourself.