

## 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

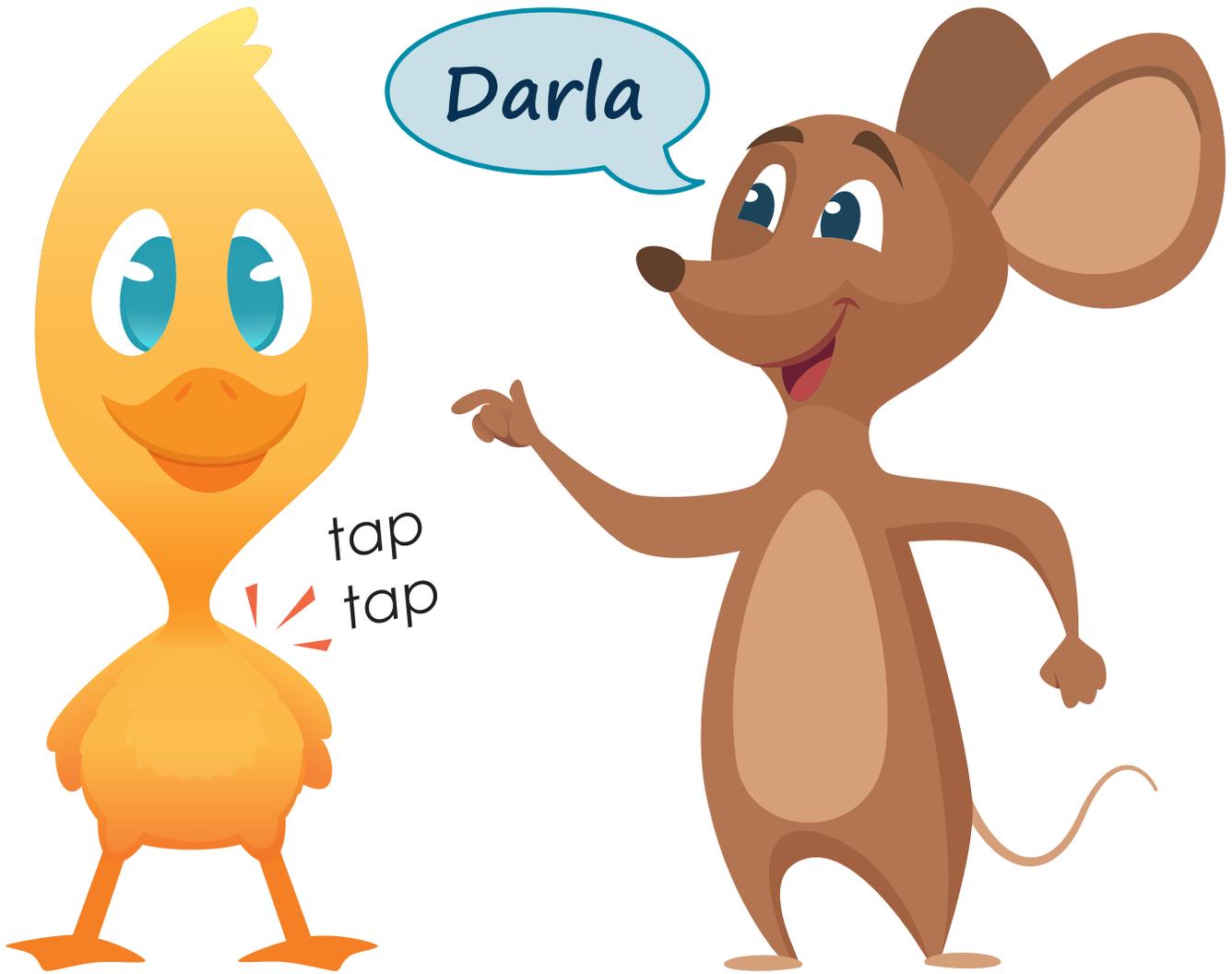
#### Steps to Teach:

"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

Adapted from: LEAP Social Skills Curriculum

# Get Attention



Tap your friend on the shoulder,  
look at them,  
and say their name.

# Share



Share your toys.

# Share Request



Ask your friend if you can play with one of his toys.

# Give a Play Idea



Let's make  
a painting.

Yeah!

Give your friend an idea about  
how you can play together.

# Give a Compliment



Let your friend know that he is doing a good job.