Peer Mediated 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
Get Attention

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

Here.

Thanks!
Share Request

Can I have that?

Sure.

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.