

LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP

All people have a need for love and an impulse to connect with others. Here are songs and activities to cultivate compassion and help students reach out in friendship to those in their classroom and beyond.

“Something for Me, Something for You” *CD track 1*

“I Will Be Your Friend” *CD track 2*

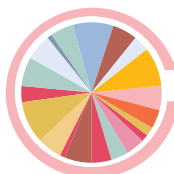
“Vem Kan Segla?” (Swedish: “Who Can Sail?”) *CD track 4*

“Love Quotation” *CD track 12*

“I Find A Good Friend” *CD track 14*

“What Do I Do?” *CD track 16*

“Magic Penny” *CD track 20*



I WILL BE YOUR FRIEND

Kindness Counts

Ask students to think about the lyrics of the chorus to “Magic Penny.” What did the songwriter mean when she wrote, “Love is something if you give it away/You end up having more”? In what ways do children express love and caring for their family, friends, neighbors and other people in their lives? How do they feel when they do a good deed or help someone in some way? Following are a few activities to encourage students to act on their impulses of love and caring:

- Have students make up individual booklets of kindness coupons. Begin by asking them to trim pieces of paper into slips that are approximately 7 inches long by 3 inches high (*see samples at right*). Students should measure a 1-inch margin on each end of the coupon slips. Inside the margins, they can write:

This coupon is good for: _____.

Include an expiration date on each coupon and decorate with markers, stickers, glitter, etc. Staple the coupons together along the left edge to make a booklet. Students can then fill in the blank line on each coupon with a simple act of kindness they can do, such as help with homework or a chore; loan a favorite game or toy; read a story; and so on. The coupons can be distributed to family members, friends, classmates, school staff and neighbors.

- Is there someone in your community who is in need of help and caring? Start a penny drive. Students can count and roll the pennies they collect at the end of every week or month. Encourage children to send cards and letters of support along with their donation to the designated individual or organization.



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