

FRIENDSHIP & ACCEPTANCE BOOK LIST

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

- Told from two different points of view, the main characters struggle with hard questions about tolerance, acceptance, and racial tension.
- Activity: Have students complete the [Cross the Line Activity](#)

Enemy Pie by Derek Munson

- Engaging book about the recipe for friendship.
- Activity: Have students create their own recipe for enemy pie.

It Takes A Village by Hillary Rodham Clinton

- The author notes that her inspiration was a simple message: “We are all in this together.” The book is poignant and thoughtfully poses the question, “What can we do to change the world?”.
- Activity: Partner with your favorite teamwork game

Making Friends Is an Art! by Julia Cook

- How to practice the art of friendship and getting along with others.
- Activity: Create a crayon-crown with each color. Write a way to be a good friend in each section

Personal Space Camp by Julia Cook

- Discusses the meaning and purpose of personal space.
- Activity: Get out the hula-hoop and let students experiment with the concept of personal space.

Pirate, Viking, & Scientist by Jared Chapman

- A great way to talk about a friendship of three and feeling stuck in the middle between two friends who don't get along
- Activity: Debrief by discussing the pressures of friendship. Have students create a “formula for friendship” or have partners complete a Venn Diagram

Zinnia and Dot by Lisa Campbell Ernst

- Story about two hens who have trouble getting along and when the weasel disrupts the chicken coop, things really get tough. This story is a great way to help students understand cooperation, teamwork, and sharing.
- Activity: Have students complete a coloring sheet, but each child only gets one color at a time. They must practice sharing and patience to complete their drawing.