

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY

Having playdates outside of school is a great way for your child to make new friendships and strengthen existing ones. To arrange them, ask your child who they'd like to invite over and talk to the parents during school activities.



HERE ARE 7 TIPS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL FRIENDSHIPS THROUGH PLAYDATES:

1. Store away any precious belongings that your child may not want to share or would be upset if they got damaged.
2. Allow the friend's parent to stay. This'll help foster a sense of comfort and familiarity for everyone involved.
3. Kick off the playdate by offering a snack or drink (ensure you know if the friend has any food allergies). This can help the children feel at ease.
4. Let the children know about the specific areas of your home or garden that they can play in. This sets boundaries on what the children are allowed to do in your home.



5. Allow the children space to get to know each other, but make sure you're on standby in case they need help.
6. Arrange a variety of activities like arts and crafts or ball games - you may not need to use them but they are handy if the children start getting restless.
7. Consider keeping playdates brief if your child finds them challenging.

