

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

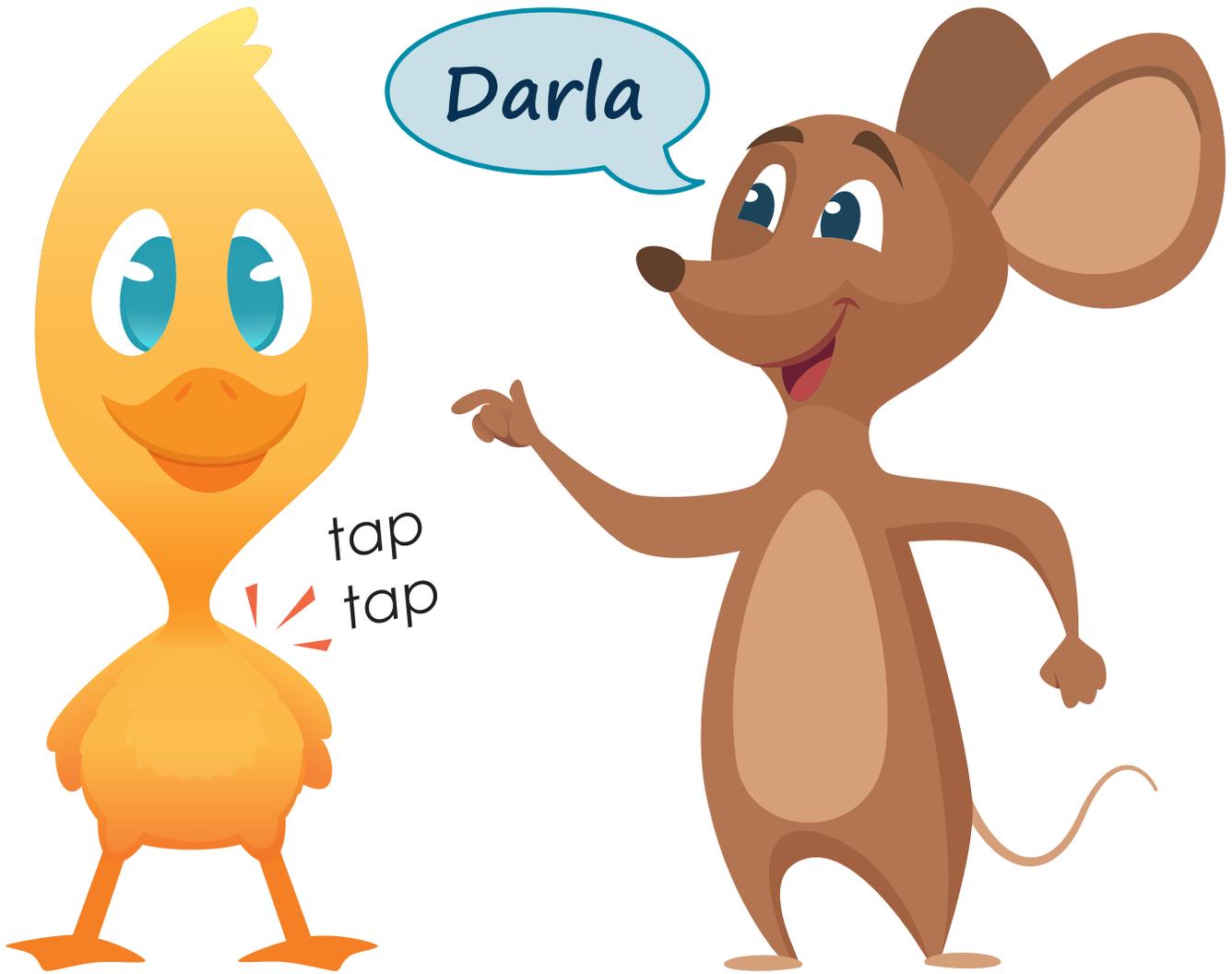
Steps to Teach:

“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.