

# THE FRIENDSHIP TRAIN

We make new friends at school and in our neighborhood all the time!



Who is a friend?

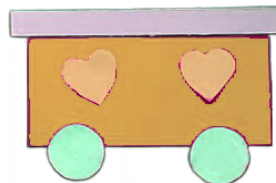
A friend supports us, speaks kindly and accepts us the way we, **AND friends are:**



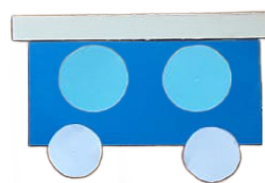
**HONEST**



**RESPECTFUL**



**LOYAL**



**HELP US be better!**



Friends are trustworthy and as precious as gold! When we find one we need to cherish our friendship and make it grow. It is easier to find a friend if we can be one!

Can we be a friend to ourselves, too? How?

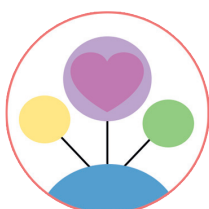
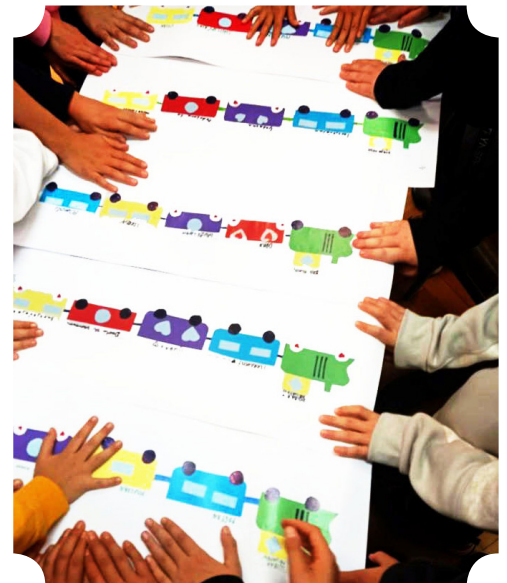
## ACTIVITY

This is a great activity to play in class. The goal is to build a train made of a leading engine and five wagons (but you can make more if you wish!). Each part of your train will represent the values of friendship. If we hop on our train we will reach our destination: to make good friends and be one ourselves! Don't forget to give a value to your engine! It is what keeps your friendship going and GROWING!

**You need:** the "train to success template", colored paper, scissors, glue.

**Preparation:** cut out the shapes from the template, glue them onto cardboard and use them as models to create all the parts you need to make your friendship train: wagons, wagon windows, wagon roofs and an engine. Make as many sets as are the groups.

**Make groups.** Each group receives a set of shapes. Discuss in your group what characteristics are most needed to be a good friend and why. Choose at least five character traits that you agree are essential. Select one more that is so important that it represents the engine of your train. Write the values on the „wagon roofs“ according to their importance from the most important to the less important. That will be the sequence of your train! Choose a group member to share and explain the choices of your group with the others.



*This worksheet is a contribution based on the activity "the 5DS Train", designed by Letizia Caputo, (see worksheets 9-12), beautifully adapted to a younger age group by a teacher from Croatia, Esma Gadzo-Bursic, to help children build long, lasting friendships!*