



Visual Support Guide: Super Friend Award

What?

The Super Friend Award certificate is a visual support used to recognize children who use positive behaviors to play and interact with other children. This visual support can be used to provide intentional positive feedback for using friendship behaviors that are being taught to a large or a small group of children.

Why?

- Certificates are a way to provide intentional positive feedback to a child or children who use new skills or behaviors.
- Giving a Super Friend Award can be used to help motivate and provide positive feedback for children who need extra support to have positive play or social interactions with their peers.
- Use Super Friend Award certificates as part of a larger plan to support all children to learn and use friendship behaviors such as asking for a turn, inviting another child to play, or helping a friend solve a problem. You can also use them to support an individual child who needs more support to use positive or safe behaviors with other children.

How?

- Make a Super Friend Award certificate.
 - Print the certificate on heavy paper.
 - Write in the child's name and the name of the person who gives the award.
- Use a Super Friend Award certificate.
 - Be aware of when a child uses a positive and safe friendship skill or behavior.
 - Provide individualized support to a child who needs extra help to use positive social skills and behaviors. For example, create an individualized social story and read it to a child before outdoor play.
 - Or use puppets teach a child to ask and answer questions with other children.
 - Provide intentional positive feedback. You can say, "I heard you say you were sorry when you grabbed Monte's toy" or "Raya was very happy when you asked her to play with you on the swing."
 - Show the certificate to the child and describe what the certificate says and explain why the child is receiving the certificate, using language the child can understand. You can say, "You get this Super Friend Award for helping Ella hang her coat."
 - If a child is motivated by the attention of their friends, announce the Super Friend Awards during a large group time such as circle.
 - If a child is motivated by positive attention from a specific adult, let the child show their Super Friend Award to that person.

- Invite the child to take the certificate home and share with the family. You can say, "Show your award to your family. Tell them you shared your crayons with Ana today." Let the family know how their child earned the certificate. Write a note, send a text or email message, or tell them in person.

Super Friend Award!

was a Super Friend today!

KEEP IT UP!

Why: _____

Given by: _____ Date: _____

