



Making a Friend

Story by Tammi Sauer, Pictures by Alison Friend

Read-Aloud Activity by Pat Dragan

Before We Read: Introduce the Book

- Suggested scripted text for readers is indicated in italics with the lesson. Feel free to adapt as you wish.
- The **Now We Read** and **After We Read** sections include suggested instructions in brackets for readers.

- *Tammi Sauer, the author of this book, believes that there is nothing better than making and having a good friend. Alison Friend, the illustrator, agrees. She feels very lucky to have a best friend that likes making things. She says, "Friends are the best."*

[Take children on a picture walk through the book, to see what kinds of things they notice. Ask children what they think the book will be about.]



Now We Read: Read the Book

- *There are two characters in the story: Beaver and Raccoon.*
- *Beaver is good at lots of things, but not at making a friend. He decides to make a snowman friend. Raccoon comes along to help. Together they make a snowman. And a SURPRISE!*

After We Read: Talk about the Book

- *Did anyone figure out the SURPRISE Beaver and Raccoon made when they sat down to rest and think?*
- *What was the SURPRISE? Right! They discovered that they had made friends—with each other!*
- *Can you remember some of the things they liked to do together? What was the best thing?*

Optional Activities

- Invite children to illustrate short friendship poems. Write the two poems below, each one on large paper or poster board, and display for all children to see. Provide crayons or other drawing implements. Have children draw pictures to go along with the poems. They can work by themselves or with a partner.

A friend is
Someone who likes you.

A friend is
Someone you like.

- Display the children’s drawings that illustrate the poems. Create a “Friendship Board” to share the artwork. Suggest that children can add other pictures of themselves playing with a good friend.