



Head Start School Intervention Project
Making Memories: Friendship Bracelet

Goal of activity: Children who have been exposed to violence have often experienced unexpected losses. This activity provides children with an opportunity to prepare for the loss of classmates at the end of the school year and also instills a sense of efficacy in their ability to create something to give to others.

Approximate length of activity: 10 – 15 minutes

Materials: Beads created during Friendship Bead Activity, yarn or heavy string, containers/bags labeled with each child’s name.

Instructional Procedures:

The teacher/aide will provide a bag labeled with each child’s name for the child to decorate. The teacher/aide will set up a space for the bags to be displayed with the name facing out. The teacher/aide will hold up each bag and read the name aloud. The teacher/aide will explain that each student will have a chance to drop one bead in each bag so that every student in the class will have a bracelet made with beads from their classmates. The teacher/aide will invite students one by one to drop off beads during the day. The teacher/aide will set out yarn/heavy string for children to string beads on. The teacher/aide will work with 2-3 students to assist with stringing and to tie bracelets.





Feeling Good about Learning



Making and Keeping Friends



Making Meaning of My Experiences

 <p>KEY POINTS – Becoming overwhelmed</p> <p><u>Difficulty stringing beads</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allow the child to push beads onto pipe cleaner. ○ Use hand over hand assistance to help child feel success with this activity. <p><u>Dysregulation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Explain that it can be sad to think about saying goodbye to people we like. ○ Use a calm voice and model slow breathing. ○ Assist child in finding another activity to engage in. ○ Work with child one-on-one rather than in a group. 	 <p>LITERACY TIPS</p> <p><u>Print Knowledge</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stamp or print words on large beads and create stories/sentences with beads.
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