

## This week we will explore friends and friendship. We will think about how friends are alike and different and how to make and keep friends.

> Word of the Week
loyal leal
> Being loyal means keeping promises, being faithful, and doing what you say. Use the Word of the Week at home.

> You might ask your child:
> What does it mean to be loyal?

## More Words to Know

friends • amigos friendship • amistad share • compartir promise - prometer rote count • contar en secuencia

## Tic-Tac-Toe

Play a game of Tic-Tac-Toe with your child. Draw a grid and use sets of small rocks, bottle caps, or pennies for markers. Each player needs a different kind of marker. Take turns placing one marker on the grid. The object of the game is to have three markers in a row horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

## Play Dough Letters

Have your child use play dough to create the first letter in his or her name. Ask: Are the lines in the letter straight or curved? Continue by asking your child to make the first letter in a family member's name. If needed, write letters on a piece of paper as a visual clue.

## Count to Ten

Count your way through the day. While you and your child are waiting in line, driving in the car, walking up steps, or stirring dinner, practice rote-counting (saying the numbers in sequence) from one to ten. As a variation, take turns saying the numbers. If your child is ready, continue counting onto twenty.

## Share a Snack

Provide an opportunity for your child to share a snack with a friend. Talk with your child about what the snack will be (apple, banana, sandwich, cookie) and how the snack could be divided to serve two. Assist as needed.

