

Plush Toy Playdate Party!

An Activity Kit



Do your little ones want their plush toys to be best friends? Read *Duck and Penguin Are NOT Friends*, then have your little readers dive into these fun party activities to encourage friendship-building during their next playdate.

TIME FOR A CHECKUP! Have children play “doctor” or “veterinarian” with their plush toys. Check to make sure each of their toy’s body parts is ok. Is something wrong? Does it need a bandage, medicine, a shot, a cast? Have the children explain how they would fix it.

MAKE AN ID TAG. Create special ID tags for the children’s stuffed animal friends. Using cookie cutters, paper, and scissors, cut out shapes for the tags, then have the children write the name of the stuffed animal on one side. Color and decorate the other side. Punch a hole at the top of the tag and thread some yarn or string through it so the children can tie the tag to their stuffed animal.

CREATE A PORTRAIT. Have the children create a picture of their plush toy. Using whatever art supplies you have on hand, children can draw, paint, or color their best stuffed animal friend. Then, have friends switch toys to create a portrait of someone else’s stuffed animal.



MAKE FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS. Set out some embroidery floss or yarn and decorative beads. Measure out how much floss or yarn will be needed to create matching friendship bracelets for each child and their stuffed animal. Knot one side of the string to keep the beads in place. Then have the children add beads to their string to decorate. When finished adding beads, knot the other end of the string so that no beads fall off.



CIRCLE STORYTIME. Have a child pick a favorite book to read aloud. Then have them set up a storytime circle by laying out a big blanket and setting up all of the plush toys in a circle. Read the book aloud to the storytime group—children and toys together.

