Storytime at Home
The Best of Friends

Everyone is missing their friends right now, even small children. Take a look at these stories about some awesome friends. Each book is available online and can be accessed on a computer or device. Bonus points if you have one or two at home! Enrich the experience by doing the activities and singing the songs. Songs without a well-known tune have a link to a video to help.

READ
(Overdrive: You will need a Gretna barcode and your phone number to log in. Please return Overdrive books promptly so others can enjoy them.
Scholastic: If you get a login page for BookFlix, go here and click any book. Then try these links again. They should always work after taking this step once.)

A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip C. Stead (Scholastic BookFlix)
Peanut Butter & Jellyfish by Jarrett J. Krosoczka (Scholastic BookFlix)
Chester’s Way by Kevin Henkes (Storyline Online)
Hoot & Peep by Lita Judge (Brightly Storytime)
Boy + Bot by Ame Dyckman (Overdrive)
Berenstain Bears & the Trouble with Friends by Jan & Stan Berenstain (Overdrive)
The Sniffles for Bear by Bonny Becker (Overdrive)
Kite Day by Will Hillenbrand (Overdrive)

WRITE & TALK
Help your child write, draw, paint, etc. letters for their friends and family so they know you’re thinking about them. Send them through the mail for a fun surprise. Discuss with your child what makes the recipients good friends.
SING & PLAY

If You’re Friendly…
(to the tune of "If You’re Happy and You Know It")
If you’re friendly and you know it, clap your hands.
If you’re friendly and you know it, clap your hands.
If you’re friendly and you know it, and you really want to show it,
If you’re friendly and you know it, clap your hands.

Skinnamarink a Dinka Dink
(YouTube)
Skinnamarink a dinka dink.
Skinnamarink a doo.
I love you.
Skinnamarink a dinka dink.
Skinnamarink a doo.
I love you.
I love you in the morning.
And in the afternoon.
I love you in the evening.
And underneath the moon.
Skinnamarink a dinka dink.
Skinnamarink a doo.
I love you.

Friend of Mine
(to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb")
Will you be a friend of mine, friend of mine, friend of mine?
Will you be a friend of mine and jump around with me?
(Repeat with clap, stomp, hop on one foot, bow, etc.)

Run, Run, Run
(to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")
Run, run, run in place
As quickly as you can!
Run, run, run in place
As sloooowly as you can…
—Roll, roll, roll your hands…
—Rub, rub, rub your belly…
—Stomp, stomp, stomp your feet…
(encourage your child to think of other actions)