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Presents in Collaboration with the Education Department at
Curry College

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Take Turns, Use Your Words, Don't Grab
Helping Young Children Learn Essential Friendship Skills

Wednesday October 5th at 7:30 PM

From toddlerhood through kindergarten young children are learning crucial social skills---how to join play, share, take turns, use language to communicate and problem-solve, show empathy, and resolve conflict---all skills critical to making friends and being a good friend. This important social learning goes hand-in-hand with the emergence of “emotional intelligence”: the abilities to recognize and cope with strong feelings (one’s own as well as other people’s), to calm down when necessary and to express feelings appropriately.

This presentation will review what to expect of children ages 2 through 6 years, including such common social problems as battles over toys, physical conflict, teasing, bossiness, shyness and social exclusion. We will consider how emotion-management skills interact with social learning: after all, it’s hard to remember to “take turns” when overwhelmed by feelings of frustration or disappointment!

Throughout the presentation, we will focus on the essential roles that teachers and parents play in supporting the development of friendship skills in young children. We will pay special attention to the problems of deciding **WHETHER** to let children “work it out” themselves; **WHEN** adults should get involved; and **HOW** teachers and parents can intervene positively and effectively.

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Although advanced registration is not required, calling ahead will assist with planning