ABOUT THE BOOK

It’s the first day of school, and none of my old friends are in my new class! Making new friends can be hard, but in this gorgeous new picture book, it can also be a whole lot of fun!

From the team behind First Day and When I Grow Up comes an empowering and relatable picture book about making friends and being yourself.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Andrew Daddo is an author, columnist, broadcaster and TV presenter. He has written 25 books (including the bestselling Goodnight, creates podcasts for Mamamia Women’s Network. Andrew lives on Sydney’s northern beaches with his wife and three children.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Jonathan likes to work with a range of materials including acrylics, oils, and line and watercolour, and he looks forward to the day when he has a big barn-like studio somewhere in the countryside.
Before reading the story

- look at the cover
- artwork and title

What do you think Old Friends New Friends is about?

Ask students to share their first day experience.

As a class discuss with students what they think friendship means?

Find someone in your class who you don’t know very well.
Take turns asking each other questions to get to know each other.

Using the template below ask students to come up with words that describe friends,
you can have time to think about it on their own and then share the words to the class.

Discuss how the words and images convey the characters’ emotions and feelings.
Look at the body language, facial expressions and the language.

Discuss as a class the words on the list below and describe their meaning in the story.

Imagine the very best kind of friend you could have.
What kinds of things would you do together?

Draw a picture showing a fun time that you could have together.
ACTIVITY ONE

QUALITIES OF A GOOD FRIEND

DRAW OR WRITE YOUR IDEAS

How should a good friend behave?

What is the importance of a good friend?

Which describing words would you use to describe a good friend?

What would you look for in a good friend?

WORDS DESCRIBING A GOOD FRIEND

FRIENDS
# NEW WORDS

Find the meaning of the words in the story

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# FIND A WORD

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- BUBBLES
- CHASE
- CRY
- FRIENDS
- GIGGLE
- HAPPY
- LAUGH
- PACKED
- SMILEY
- SOGGY
- SPORTY
- WAIT
- YEAR
ACTIVITY FOUR

ALL ABOUT ME

MY NAME IS

ABOUT ME

ABOUT MY FAMILY

ABOUT ME AND SCHOOL