**Friendliness**

Crafts: My Friendship Garden



Materials

1. Heart-shaped plaque. Other shapes would also work. I left the clear plastic 'hanging loop' at the top.

I bought ours at Michaels "ArtMinds Wood Heart", 1/8 inch thin plywood, 8-1/2 x 8-3/4, for $1.39 each.

(http://www.michaels.com/artminds-wood-heart/10352994.html#q=wood+heart&start=20)

2. Light green acrylic paint to paint the heart

3. Sharpie marker to write "My Friendship Garden" on the top

4. Several colors of play-doh for the flowers

5. Cut-out green leaves, about 1-1/2 inches in length

(I used sparkly and regular card-stock, and a large leaf punch from EK tools,

but they could also be cut by hand, or use a large heart-punch and cut the hearts in half to make leaves)

# (EK Tools 54-31013 Paper Punch, Green Leaf, Punches 1.5-Inch)

# 6. Glue

# 7. Small rolling pins (or children could just press the play-doh flat with their hands)

# I bought the rolling pins at Michaels, 3 per package, but currently I don't see them on their website.

# 8. Small (1/3 inch - 1/2 inch acrylic gems) to decorate the flowers. Again, from Michaels.

# 9. Optional: Craft-tray (to keep the mess from spreading too far)

# 10. Parchment paper (the children can press or roll the play-doh on the paper, for each removal)

# 11. Flower-shaped cookie cutters (again, Michaels, although don't see the sets on their website)

# 12. Green markers for drawing "stems" for the flowers

# Prep before class

# 1. Paint the hearts on one side, light green

# 2. Write "My Friendship Garden) across the top

# Directions

# 1. Each child can select their play-doh colors. Adults can help by pinching off a walnut-sized piece and showing the child how to roll it into a ball, then child can flatten it with their hand or rolling pin onto the parchment paper, and cut out flower.

# 2. After all the flowers are cut out and arranged placed on the wooden heart, adult or child can lift them (one by one) and put a large drop of glue on the back of the flower, then replace it onto the heart.

# 3. Child can select and press gems into the flowers.

# 4. Child or adult can draw "stems" with markers

# 5. Child can glue leaves onto the wooden heart.