

# The Friends Summer Program 2022

**The Friends Summer Program** is a therapeutic group program designed to address the developing needs of children with Asperger's Disorder/High Functioning Autism Spectrum from kindergarten through middle school and their parents. Many of these children initially presented with ADHD, Anxiety, and Depression.



## Thriving in the Social World

Our focus is the relational world of kids on the Spectrum by helping them learn how to connect with peers, parents, and teachers and experience skills that are crucial for their ability to thrive in the social world.

## Putting Words into Action

Communication activities, group art projects, stories, and games are utilized as a way of exploring, practicing, and understanding feelings and behavior. Key to this is:

- Understanding and integrating perspective taking into the children's social behavior
- Learning to recognize how they feel.
- Understanding how they show their feelings
- Exploring how others interpret their feelings
- How they interpret the feelings of others - e.g. the social circle and empathy

## The Young Child Group

(For children entering **K—2nd Grade** in the fall)

Tuesdays, June 21 & 28, July 12 & 19, 2022

4:00 - 5:15 pm



The Young Child Group will engage in Water Play and learn about cooperation and friendship with the book *Swimmy!* The group will make a group mural for the story.

**Cost:** The group is \$660 for the child and parent(s).

To sign up for a the Friends Summer Program, visit  
<https://www.drleventhalbelfer.com/summer-program.html>  
Download & complete the [Friends Summer Program Application](#).  
If you are a new client, please also fill out the [Children's Intake Form](#).  
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