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Cornerstone Corner

This month's ABC book: "**Enemy Pie**" by Derek Munson shows the difficulties and rewards of making a new friend. The summer had seemed perfect until Jeremy Ross moved into the neighborhood, quickly becoming the narrator's "enemy number one". The narrator's father, a caring adult in his life, offered to help with a recipe for enemy pie. The chief ingredient in enemy pie was time spent in the company of "the enemy". Thanks to Dad's special recipe, Jeremy and the narrator discover they have a lot in common and become friends.

Goals of lesson:

1. Understand that prejudice may cause one to have a *perceived enemy*.
2. Learn not to judge others.
3. Develop a growth mindset that embraces meeting new people and discovering new things about classmates and friends.
4. Expand friendship making skills to include overcoming self-imposed obstacles, like prejudice and stereotyping.

To reinforce this lesson at home:

- Talk with your child about her or his friends. Ask questions to find out what they're like.
- Get to know your child's friends and their families. Point out what you like about them.
- Don't jump to conclusions based on first impressions.
- When your child is involved in a conflict with a friend, listen to find out what is happening.
- Role-play how to start a conversation with someone new.
- Below are a few qualities of a good friend. Discuss with your child what each word means:
 - Loyal
 - Trustworthy
 - Open-minded
 - Encouraging
 - Caring

When you "catch" kids modeling positive behaviors...Notice, Name it, and Celebrate it!

