

How to be a FRIEND to a



Classmate who has Cancer

Here are several ways for you to be supportive of a friend in your classroom who has been diagnosed with cancer:

1. Treat your friend the same as always
2. Call them at the hospital to see how they are doing
3. Send cards and letters throughout their hospital and home stays
4. Call their parents to see if you can visit your friends at the hospital or at home
5. When visiting, play a game or choose a video to watch
6. Share with your friend the things that are going on in school, including information about sports, activities, and classroom relationships.
7. Prepare a tape recording of messages from friends taped during lunchtime at school
8. Make a video of a special class or activity
9. When your friend returns to school and looks and feels different because of treatment, help others to understand the reason
10. Take lots of pictures and send them to your friend
11. Check to see if your school has a speakerphone. If you do, call your classmate so that everyone has a chance to share class news and get well wishes.