Friendship
By Juliet
Once there was a girl named Ella and more than anything she wanted to be friends with a girl in her class named Aley. Aley was nice to people. If they fell, she would help them up and if they broke a pencil, she would give them one of hers. Aley was also deaf and Ella always tried to be nice to her.
Ella wanted to ask Aley to be her friend. She tried to give Aley a note, but their teacher saw and took the paper before she could give it to Aley.
At recess, Ella and Aley played on the swings together. After that Ella took Aley to the sidewalk and wrote "Can we be frien---" but it started to rain. Aley couldn't read it because the chalk was washed away by the rain and they had to go inside. Ella felt sad.
When Ella went home she told her mom she wanted to be friends with Aley, but Aley couldn’t hear her ask to be friends because she was deaf and writing hadn’t worked.

Her mom said, “I will teach your class sign language. Then you can ask Aley to be your friend.”
Three days later Ella had learned some sign language. Ella signed to Aley, “Can I be friends with you?” Aley signed, “We already were friends because you were nice to me.” Ella learned that you do not need words to be friends, you need kindness.