Create a Laughing Basket

Want to help kids break the ice in a new situation? Get ’em smiling—grab a basket and fill it with funny tidbits. Here are some examples of things to include:

Supplies
Folded-up pieces of paper with jokes written on them
Masks (silly, not scary)
Noisemakers
A clown nose
Groucho-style glasses

...or whatever else you have lying around that makes you smile.

Whether your child is visiting a senior center or hosting a new playdate for the first time, dipping into the laughing basket will help everyone find something to giggle over together. Chances are even the shyest kids will crack a smile.