Picnic
by Emily Arnold McCully (HarperCollins)
Themes: Feelings/Families
Grade Level: PreK-3
Running Time: 13 minutes, animated

Summary
Picnic is a wordless story about a family of mice out for a picnicking day in the country. During the ride to the picnic area, the smallest mouse falls off the back of the truck, unbeknownst to the rest of the family. The sad little mouse finds flower blossoms to eat and fills himself up with them in an unfamiliar surrounding. Meanwhile, the mouse family is having a wonderful time at the picnic. When it is discovered that the small mouse is missing, the family rushes back to the truck and searches for her. The end of the story finds the little mouse happily reunited with her family, but hardly ready to enjoy a picnic lunch!

Objectives
• Children will explore family outings
• Children will investigate the ways family members care for and feel about one another
• Children will enjoy an emotion-filled story told without words

Before Viewing Activities
Share the book Picnic with children.
Then ask:
If you went along with the mouse family on their outing, what would you enjoy most about the day?

After Viewing Activities
Have children imagine what a picnic among a family of elephants might be like. Encourage children to think about the kinds of games the elephants might play, the kinds of picnic food they would enjoy, the kinds of water play they might engage in. Then have children create stories about "The Elephants' Picnic." Give children the opportunity to accompany their stories with illustrations. Display children's creations on a classroom wall or bulletin board.

Talk with children about the background music. Replay a portion and turn off the sound. Ask: Does the story seem different without the music? If you think that it does seem different, in what way? What kinds of music did you hear that told you that the little mouse was sad? What kind of music did you hear when the mouse family was excited? happy? Later, play a variety of musical pieces for children. As children listen, encourage them to describe the ways each selection makes them feel.

Give children practice in following a sequence of events and telling a story in pictures. Supply children with crayons and five sheets of manila construction paper taped together horizontally to form one long sheet. Ask children to draw a series of pictures that will tell a story. Later, have children share their wordless stories with one another.

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