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?

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Picnic definition: When people have a picnic, they eat a meal out of doors, usually in a field or a forest | Meaning, pronunciation, translations and examples. Word forms: plural, 3rd person singular present tense picnics, present participle picnicking, past tense, past participle picnicked. 1. countable noun. When people have a picnic, they eat a meal out of doors, usually in a field or a forest, or at the beach. We're going on a picnic tomorrow. We'll take a picnic lunch. picnic The Weather's Fine, released 01 May 2013 1. stop the fall 2. i am here 3. have it all 4. forget yourself through the beauty 5. cinnamon 6. too fast 7. in this cold 8. colours 9. here's to you 10. self help disorder 11. goodnight. Clearly Picnic must be doing something right. A picnic is a meal taken outdoors (al fresco) as part of an excursion ideally in scenic surroundings, such as a park, lakeside, or other place affording an interesting view, or else in conjunction with a public event such as preceding an open-air theater performance, and usually in summer. Picnics are usually meant for the late mornings or midday breakfasts, but could also be held as a luncheonette or a dinner event. Descriptions of picnics show that the idea of a meal that was jointly contributed