

Play, Pause, Learn:
18 Videos for Social Learning:
2019-20 School Year
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Get your computer, smartboard, or iPad ready for another great year of social learning with animated videos! As always, please preview **CAREFULLY** to make sure they are a good fit for your particular students. Remember, many of these provide fabulous material to use when working on narrative. These are in no particular order. Enjoy!

NEW GREAT FINDS:

The Doll That Chose to Drive, by Post23

A great video featuring a feisty female character. Amazing what can happen in a toy store after hours. But by the time the lights go on, everyone better be back in their spot. A short, fun video.

Material Girl by Jenna Spurlock

Ok, a slight throwback to the 80's BUT also filled with feelings about insecurity, loss, and, ultimately, how we see ourselves. Jumpstart lots of interesting conversations with this one!

Forward, March! By ESMA Movies

I just love so much that ESMA puts out! What if one of those bearskin hats worn by the British Royal Guard came alive? Could be trouble!

El Vendedor de Humo by PrimerFrame

This video is just a teensy bit longer than most I recommend but it's worth it! When a magician comes to town, you can't be sure what will happen. Lots of feelings, tons of perspective taking,

Molly – by Viddsee

When a cat tries to help his fishy friend, he finds that the going isn't always easy. We all breathe a sigh of relief when he succeeds, but one time may be enough.

The Secret Life of Pets – Official Teaser Trailer by Illumination

Use this as a mini-MovieTime activity. Visually un-cluttered with great emotions and just enough inference to push students to figure out what's going on. Plus, the characters are so cute – Love it!

The Lemonade Machine by Sprice Machines

I love having students build Rube Goldberg machines using “stuff” in my office to work on flexibility, cooperation, conversation, staying engaged – in other words being super social. A video like this energizes my builders!

Game Changer by Aviv Mano

Love, love, love this video! Terrific for girls to watch, but boys will enjoy it also. Ranges of feelings, inference leading to plans, demonstration of resilience – it’s all here! Great animation, great feelings, great story.

Air Travel in Real Life by Tripp and Tyler

Great video to show older students before vacations if you know flights are in the cards. Be ready with your thought bubbles and dry erase boards to write unexpected behaviors and tools we can all remind ourselves to use.

OLD FAVORITES:

Joy and Heron by Passion Pictures

At first glance, yes, a fabulous, lovely story. But digging deeper it’s fantastic for practice on perspective taking! All the characters have different goals and feelings, so get your sticky notes ready. Also wonderful for narrative, as well as demonstrating that sometimes we change our mind about what we think and how we feel about others

Catch It by ESMA 2015

Great example of righteous indignation as those poor meerkats struggle to get back the tasty fruit the vulture has taken. Working together raises the chances of success, but look out, not every tale has a happy ending. Great animation, great feelings, great story.

CGIAward-Winning** 3D Animated Short HD: “Soar” – by Alyce Tzue, Dec 18, 2015.**

Terrific story marvelously drawn. Love when she takes a pic with her iPhone! Themes of separation, discouragement and perseverance, it’s a great example of cooperation in the face of adversity. Don’t miss this one!

Shell Game by Yishen Li - CGI 3D Animated Short

Who doesn’t like a video that features underwater porta potties? And gives a terrific example of the feeling “embarrassed.” Aren’t you intrigued already?

CGI Animated Short Films HD: “Verstaubt” by Steffen Kuderer, Mar 28, 2014.

The little vacuum that could – well, until there’s a problem. Great material to jumpstart a discussion about mistakes, our reactions to them, and problem solving.

Ormie the Pig

One of the first videos I used, Ormie is good for just about any feeling. Excellent for young and old alike.

Darth Vader Being a Jerk by Doomblake

It's exceptionally hard to find a video that demonstrates "jerky" behavior that is appropriate to show students. This one is great! We can all probably relate to both characters. The guard's reaction reminds us that you can't always say what you think! Enjoy!

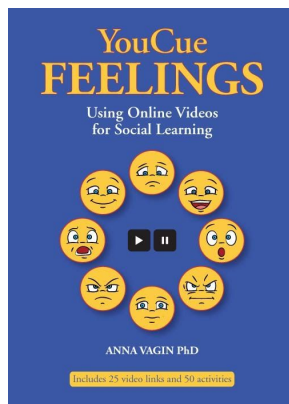
"A Cloudy Lesson" by Yezi Xue | Disney Favorite

Still one of my all-time favorites! A very sweet story about a young child and older adult blowing clouds and solving problems together. In under 2 minutes, this gentle and slowly paced video is an especially terrific story for young children.

Sesame Street: Bert and Ernie in a Pyramid

It can be challenging to find a video portraying "scared" in a way that isn't scary, and this fits the bill for most students (always preview). Also great for perspective taking!

Want more activities to use with these videos and even more recommendations?



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