

2016 Notable Children's Videos

The Notable Children's Videos list includes materials for children 14 years of age and younger of especially commendable quality that demonstrate respect for young people's intelligence and imagination; exhibit venturesome creativity; and reflect and encourage the interests of children and young adolescents in exemplary ways.

Bugs in My Hair! 8 min., Weston Woods, 1-800-243-5020. Ages 4 – 8.

Feeling itchy? Everything you always wanted to know about head lice but were afraid to ask is presented in David Shannon's hilarious and de-stigmatizing story about a boy whose singing, dancing head lice make themselves at home in his hair.

I'm Brave, 8 min., Weston Woods. Ages 4 – 8.

Sound the alarm! There's a fire at the warehouse! Actor Jonathan Banks ignites this animated episode in the life of a fire truck. Ride along with this charismatic fire truck as he uses his many tools to extinguish the blaze.

Peanut Butter and Jellyfish, 7 min., Weston Woods.

These best friends love to explore their underwater neighborhood, but grumpy Crabby always spoils the fun. When the two friends discover a trapped and terrified Crabby, will they rescue him and in turn, expand their circle of friendship? Animation and delicate colors bring this suspenseful story to life.

Same, Same But Different, 8 min., Weston Woods. Ages 4 – 7.

This exquisite adaptation of Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw's picture book contains an elegant score and subtle, skillful iconographic techniques that are seamlessly blended to reveal the growing friendship of pen pals from America and India who explore their similarities and differences.

Scaredy Squirrel at Night, 11 min., Weston Woods. Ages 4 – 8.

Ghosts, vampire bats, polka-dot monsters. Scaredy Squirrel can't sleep! An elaborate Bad Dream Action Plan ensues, accompanied by Scotty Huff's upbeat score and David de Vries' tour de force narration. Frantic, yet always full of heart, Scaredy Squirrel faces his fears and learns the many benefits of a good night's sleep. Animated anxiety has never had such a sound resolution.

That Is NOT a Good Idea! 7 min., Weston Woods & Mo Willems. Ages 4-8.

In an innovative, animated adaptation of the read-aloud favorite, Goose accepts an invitation to accompany Fox on a simple stroll -- or is it? Watch along with a comical chorus of goslings as they react to this cautionary tale. – 2016 Carnegie Medal Winner

The Toxic Life Cycle of a Cigarette, 17 min., Human Relations Media, 1-800-431-2050. Grades 7 – College.

This live action production provides a multifaceted look at the environmental and health hazards of the production, consumption, and disposal of cigarettes. Eye-opening testimonials from young farm workers and an engaging health expert provide clear evidence of the catastrophic consequences of smoking.

Viva Frida, 11 min., Dreamscape, 1-877-983-7326. Ages 5 – 9.

In this breathtaking visual feast, Yuyi Morales's mixed-media artwork is brought to life in a celebration of Frida Kahlo and the spirit of creativity. A dreamy, magical interpretation of the 2015 Caldecott Honor Book.

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