



Welcome to the 14th Annual Rochester International Children's Film Festival (RICFF)!

RICFF takes place every year during April's "Month of the Young Child," touring for free to libraries, schools, childcare centers and places of worship.

Many of the films included in today's 60-minute program have received significant awards, and several of the films have even been made with children involved in the creative process!

As you'll see, there are films from across the world AND... one of the films was made right here in Rochester, by children participating in a special Animation Workshop at Animatus Studios, hosted by the RICFF!

The Viewers' Guide, created by RICFF educators, is designed to enhance the learning and enjoyment of young viewers. Once the films are over, encourage discussion with your child/ren. What did they notice? What was fun? What was thought-provoking? Book suggestions offer follow-up ideas; activity and movement suggestions add opportunities to learn and grow. We welcome your creativity and look forward to hearing about your group's experience!

Thank you!



Ants

Vocabulary: teamwork, new, fun

Books: *Ant National Geographic*; *The Ants Go Marching*; *One Hundred Hungry Ants* by Elinor J. Pinczes

Discussion questions: How do ants work together? How are ants in a community? Have you ever seen a trail of ants? Where do you think they are going?

Activities: During outside time, observe ants! Get an ant farm to observe in the classroom for a week or two.



Land without Evil

Vocabulary: Art, patterns, animals, harmony, jungle, sunrise, sunset, brave, fear

Books: *Beautiful Oops* by Barney Saltzberg; *The Peace Book*, by Todd Parr; *I Am Human: A Book of Empathy* by Susan Verde

Activity: Make art using recycled materials

Discussion: What are some ways to overcome your fears? How do we try to live together in harmony?

Song: *The More We Get Together*



Learning Through Play + “The Making of”

Vocabulary: Animation, reporter, interview, cooperation

Books: *Bringing the Outside In*, by Mary McKenna Siddals; *Run Wild*, by David Covell; *How to Create Animation in 10 Easy Lessons* by Will Bishop-Stephens; *Animation: Everything You Need to Know to Get Started* by Mary Murphy



Activity: Play one of the games in the movie, either inside or outside. Make a simple “flip book.”

Discussion: Pick a group game, and discuss what things you learned while you played. Did you know you were learning while you played? What are other reasons that play is good for you?

Song: *Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes*



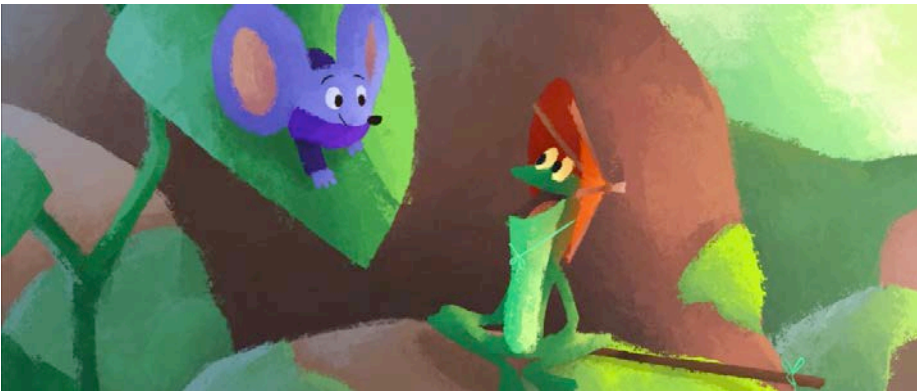
The Pig on the Hill

Vocabulary: friend, neighbor, same, different, happy, annoyed, sad, loud, quiet, problem solver

Books: *We are All Alike, We are All Different; Shades of People; Glad Monster, Sad Monster; Sometimes I'm Bombaloo* by Rachel Vail

Discussion questions: Who are your neighbors? Are they just like you or are they different?

Activities: Build neighbor homes – in the block corner, out of play dough, marshmallows and toothpicks. Take a nature walk to find sticks and twigs to use to build a house.



Sam's Dream

Vocabulary: plan, solve problems, engineer, fly, dream, try

Books: *Rosie Revere; Engineer* by Andrea Beaty; *Fly Little Bird, Fly; What Do You Do With An Idea*, by Kobi Yamada; *The Most Magnificent Thing* by Ashley Spires

Discussion: What if something you are doing doesn't work the first time? What are some things that fly?

Activities: Make airplanes out of paper. Out on the playground try to fly different items – decide which ones fly best and talk about why. Make kites.



Two Balloons

Vocabulary: adventure, hot air balloon

Books: *Up, Up, Up* by Susan Reed; *Sebastian and The Balloon*, by Phillip C. Stead; *Curious George And The Hot Air Balloon*

Discussion: How does a hot-air balloon work?

Activities: Balloon toss—don't let the balloon touch the floor. Science experiment: blow up the balloon with vinegar and baking soda (<https://onelittleproject.com/baking-soda-and-vinegar-balloons/>).



Two Trams

Vocabulary: tram, two, tracks, fast, slow, stop, go

Books: *Last Stop on Market Street*; *Chugga Chugga Choo Choo* by Emma Garcia; *Hello Trolley* by Claudia Moore; *Maybelle the Cable Car* by Virginia Lee Burton

Discussion questions: How does the little tram feel in the beginning of the film? How about at the end? What is a Tram?

Activity: Act out the story of the two trams with trains and tracks.



Tyrannosaurus Funk

Vocabulary: Tyrannosaurus, funk, cool

Books: *Dancing Dinosaurs* by Sandra Boynton; *Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs* by Byron Barton; Any of Jane Yolen's "How Do Dinosaurs...." books.

Discussion questions: How do you like to dance? What are your best dance moves? Can you show me?

Activities: Wear sunglasses and dance to the funk music!

Songs: *Dinosaur Stomp*; *We Are The Dinosaurs* by Laurie Berkner



Water Path for Fish

Vocabulary: fish, water, thirsty

Books: *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister; *Hurray for Fish* by Lucy Cousins; *Swimmy* and *Fish is Fish* by Leo Lionni; *The Water Princess* by Susan Verde; *Fish Eyes* by Lois Ehlert; *A Cool Drink of Water* by Barbara Kerley

Discussion: Where do fish live? Why? How

many family members live in their home? Where do you get your water? How do you get your water?

Activities: Put toy fish in the water table. Consider getting a fish tank for the classroom. Do some water experiments such as solid, liquid, gas — how does water change?

SHORT SHORTS included in program (each under 1 minute)



Bars & Tone



Bi-Polaroid



String of Sound



Untitled

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