

## *Eliza's Kindergarten Surprise* – Teacher Sheet

### How to Use *Eliza's Kindergarten Surprise* in the Classroom Extensions, Discussions, and Projects

#### Discussion:

Ask students: What things remind you of home or your mother or father? When Eliza misses Mommy, she collects things that remind her of Mommy. What would you collect to remind you of Mommy, Daddy, or home?

#### Project:

Have each child make a collection or a collage of things that remind them of either Mommy, Daddy or home.

#### Discussion:

When Eliza misses Mommy, she makes a Mommy doll to help her feel better. If you miss your parents, what could you do to help you feel better? (*Discuss student responses.*) Discuss with students how expressing your feelings, and using creative outlets for feelings, can help you feel better. Discuss the ways in which art, writing, poetry, singing, dance, and puppetry are all outlets to express emotions such as fears, sadness and joy.

#### Projects:

Have students suggest ways to use writing, art, poetry, singing, dance, or puppetry to express an emotion, such as sadness or joy. Choose some of these suggestions to try in the classroom. (ie. Have all students dance a sad dance or have students write a poem that expresses joy or create a puppet that could communicate a fear that they have.)

Make Mommy dolls together.

Supplies needed for each student: clothespin, two buttons for shoes, napkin for dress, yarn for hair, pebble for head (the project can be done without the pebble, if preferred), markers or crayons for drawing a face.)

#### Other good books to read together about Kindergarten:

*Annabelle Swift, Kindergarten* by Amy Schwartz

*Back to School for Rotten Ralph* by Jack Gantos and Nicole Rubel

*Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* by Joseph Slate.