Standard Connection: ELA.RL.PK4.4a ELA.SL.PK4.6 SS.FC.PK4.3

Enduring Understanding(s):

- A friend is someone we care for and want to spend time with.
- Friends like to do things together and enjoy each other's company.

Essential Question(s):

- How can you find the resources, strategies, and people to solve your problems?
- How do you deal with and express complex feelings in productive and creative ways?

Vocabulary **Materials Books** Lovey: an object that comforts or soothes • Hooray, a Piñata! someone Golden Bear blanket: a soft, warm cover to make (if available) someone feel better Ruth Young Rachel Isadora **security:** feeling safe/not going to be hurt · images of Loveys (see Resource) special: exceptionally good or precious examples of objects used soothe: make someone feel calm as Loveys (blankets, teddy bears, etc.) comfort: to help feel better/soothe

Let's Find Out About It:

Preparation: Consider a lovey that belonged to either you or a member of your family. While the word 'lovey' is used in this lesson, you may include synonyms that are relevant to children, such as 'blankie,' 'baba,' 'sheeple,' etc.

"In <i>Hooray, a Piñata!,</i> Clara's dog, Lucky, was like a pet, and it comforted her - made her feel better - to play with it. What do you notice?"	Show illustrations. Children respond.
"Special objects that <i>comfort</i> children, like Lucky, are sometimes called <i>Loveys</i> . They can <i>soothe</i> - make you feel calmer, and help you feel safe. Why do you think ' <i>Lovey</i> ' is a good name for something special that <i>comforts</i> you?"	Children respond.
"In Golden Bear, the boy's Lovey was a teddy bear that was also a special friend. Here are other things like blankets that children use for Loveys. "	Show Golden Bear. Show Loveys.
"Here are some images of children with their <i>Loveys</i> . What do you notice?"	Show images. Children respond.

