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Daisy Days – Daisy Goes to the County Fair could be a helpful tool in stimulating oral language as children see the various animals that Daisy encounters. The three-and four-year olds I work with were very interested in naming each animal and had several comments about the size, appearance and behavior of some of the animals.

In an early childhood classroom, this video could also be used as a point of discussion in connection with a variety of curriculum topics such as summer activities, farm animals and pets. As my students viewed the video, I noticed that they instantly related to Daisy, asking me several times to repeat her name. One child commented, "Maybe that's me walking the dog", when he saw Daisy being walked on her leash by an unseen person. After viewing the video, children could be encouraged to dictate stories about Daisy's experience at the fair or about their experiences with their own pets.

The listing of related picture books that appear at the end of the video is a valuable resource that both parents and teachers can use to provide a rich literacy experience sparked by the young child's interest in Daisy's adventures.