

Writing Assignment Suggestions

If Eddie could talk, what do you think he would have said to the children.

Ask what was Eddie thinking when he saw Big Shorty coming toward him? Possible answer: "Please don't hurt me!"

Writing Lesson or Discussion Points

- 1. Which character(s) did you like and why?
- 2. Is there something that you have not done yet, but look forward to doing? (Like Patty and Bobby looked forward to building a snowman.)
- 3. Describe the feelings Patty had when Eddie melted.
- 4. Describe feelings you've had when something in your life changed (use the faces chart on page 49 of book)
- 5. Ask children to use some of the vocabulary words in sentences.

Activities

There are numerous ways to teach children to express their feelings. Some suggestions are:

- 1. writing in a journal
- 2. talking into a tape recorder
- 3. drawing pictures
- 4. writing letters
- 5. writing poems or stories
- 6. making cards
- 7. looking at pictures
- 8. recalling memories