

Patricia welcome!

Review Plot to see how we stage, composition, cutting etc.

suggest watching videos of soccer skills - feet positions

-dribbling

-balancing ball

-juggling with ball

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EP 105B Look What I Can Do!

-drills

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Elinor's Question: What am I good at doing in soccer?

Logline: After Elinor observes her classmates excel at different soccer skills she discovers her own ability - and Ari's too!

Curriculum Goals:

LS8. - Begin to understand that there are many different kinds of living things and how they may be the same or different. (Elinor notices that all her friends have different soccer abilities that are related to their bodies.)

SEP7. Engaging in argument from evidence: a. Engage in discussions before, during, and after investigations. b. Support thinking and argue ideas with evidence. (Elinor discusses her observations with Mz. Mole and through the song she comes to the conclusions that everyone is good at something.)

Line Count 95

Main Characters: Elinor, Ari, Olive, Mz. Mole

Secondary: Silas, Sally, Mary, Lizzie

Location: Soccer field

Props: whistle, soccer balls

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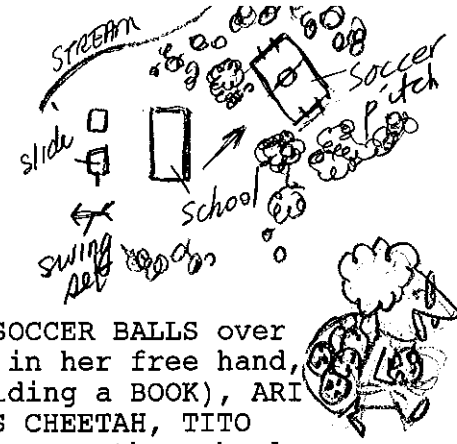
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Start with blank white
watercolor effect!
could open with
soccerball -
continue to
blend colour
to show it's
one of many
in a bag
carried by
Ms. Mole

wears satchel
so she can put
book away
sometimes



1. EXT. SOCCER FIELD BORDERING FOREST - DAY

TITLE CARD: Look What I Can Do!

MZ. MOLE, who's carrying a NET BAG FULL OF SOCCER BALLS over one shoulder, and an individual SOCCER BALL in her free hand, leads ELINOR and her CLASSMATES - OLIVE (holding a BOOK), ARI (holding a SOCCER BALL), SALLY BEAVER, SILAS CHEETAH, TITO MOUSE, and the GOAT TWINS - out into a FIELD near the school. Mz. Mole blows her ~~WHISTLE BLOW!~~ to get the kids' attention.

1 MZ. MOLE
All right class, who's ready to play soccer?

ELINOR/ARI/OLIVE
Me! I am! Let's go!

Mz. Mole drops the ball in her hand and kicks it out towards the field - quite far! Some of the kids race after it as a group. Elinor, Olive and Ari hang back. - Ms. Mole continues to walk ahead

ELINOR
I can't wait to start playing!

ARI
Yeah! Me too, Elinor! I bet I'm going to be a super sensational soccer star!

Ari tosses the ball up and attempts a fancy footwork dance, but ends up tripping on the ball when it falls back down.

5 ARI
Oof! Ok, maybe I should learn to play first.

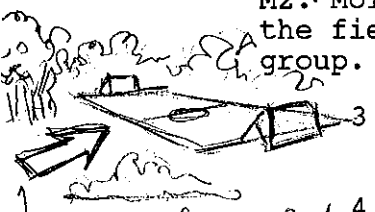
6 ELINOR
Oh, Ari. What are you reading, Olive?

OLIVE
It's the rule book. It tells you all the things you can and can't do when you play soccer.
(pause)
Reading about the rules is my favorite part of ANY game.

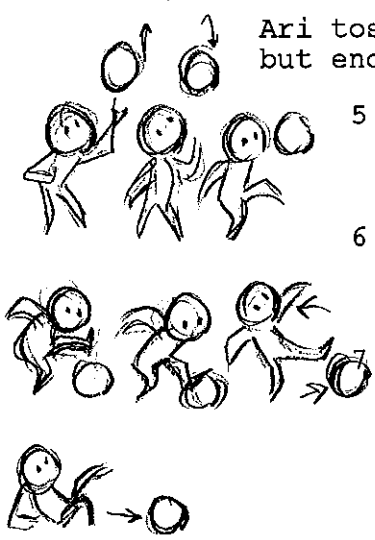
The kids <GIGGLE>.

- could use bg. school - 01
as they read towards sc -
right - walking away
from the school
- we can watch them
all follow Mz. Mole
for a bit
before going into
line 1
*
can bounce a few times
(Bunny)
in excitement 3

- holds it
out in front
of her
ari hops
up & flutters wings
but before
landing



direction from school
headed towards
soccer field



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ELINOR

Well, my favorite part of any game is the PLAYING part! Let's go!

again, she bounces a few times first before running - she does this when she's excited

Elinor runs up to catch up with Mz. Mole and the other kids follow. We're now at the field, which is a clearing in the forest near some trees. The kids gather around Mz. Mole as she empties the bag of balls out onto an area of grass beside her.

for simpler animation perhaps - almost all the balls are already on the ground when we see Ms. Mole - just the last one / two fall out of the bag.

MZ. MOLE

Ok, kids! Soccer is a wonderful game where you play with a ball in all kinds of different ways.

(she demos)

You can run with it, kick it, or bounce it off your body, but the only thing you CAN'T do is use your hands, unless you're the goalie.

drabble several steps than runs and kicks the ball - not too hard. If it's away from her then she can take one of the other balls to show how it bounces (all without using her hands)

Elinor looks on excitedly. Olive looks up from her book and points at the nearest NET.

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OLIVE

The goalie's the one who tries to stop the ball from going in the net, right Mz. Mole?

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MZ. MOLE

That's right, Olive. I see you found my rule book! (to all) Goalies can use their hands, but everyone else has to use the other parts of their body - like their FEET!

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reference some videos

Mz. Mole walks up to a nearby ball and does some super duper fancy footwork with it.

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MZ. MOLE

But the most important thing is to just have fun and do your best. Remember, everyone is good at different things!

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Then Mz. Mole kicks the ball! It flies over the surprised kids's heads--

--bounces off the LOG BENCH on the sidelines--

--and returns to Mz. Mole as if that was her intention.

The kids are wowed <SFX: WHOOOA>. *Mz. Mole traps the ball with her feet.*

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ARI
(aside, to Olive)
That was... AMAZING!

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Mz. Mole strolls up to the various balls she poured out of the bag. One by one, she gently kick-passes the balls around to the various kids, who run up and start playing with the balls. She then passes one to Ari.

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ARI
Ooh!

Excited, Ari does a quick swoop through the air and instinctively grabs the ball with his hands before landing back on the grass. Seeing this, Mz. Mole blows a <SHORT WHISTLE!>

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MZ. MOLE
Ah-ah...! Remember, Ari. No hands.

Ari looks at the ball in his hands. Shocked to realize that he's holding it, he drops it like a hot potato!

ARI

Ahh! How did that get there? Sorry!

16

Mz. Mole passes the last ball to Elinor, and she gleefully goes after it. Olive and Elinor start VERY GENTLY kick-rolling the ball to each other.

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ELINOR
Here ya go Olive!

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OLIVE
Right back 'atcha, Elinor.

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ELINOR
Over to you, Ari!

Elinor passes the ball to Ari.

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ARI
Ok, watch THIS move!

He winds up to kick the ball and connects, slipping at the same moment, causing him to do a little backflip.

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ARI
Whoa!

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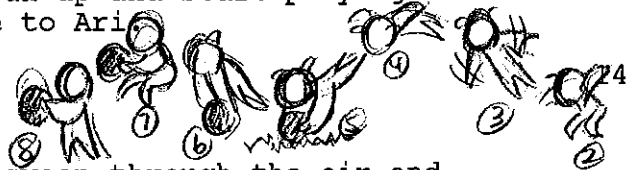
Olive helps Ari up.

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OLIVE
<giggles> Maybe not that move.

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a few kids chase the ball to obtain it - some back up to Ms. Mole to have her pass it to them.



you don't have to do all passes - just ne!

if we see Olive she can put book on satchel

Holds the ball outstretched in front of him

Gives a smile to Ari before passing a ball to Ari

standing pretty close to one another

(he's left the ball he had dropped in line 16.)

- again - stepping on the ball like I did on page one - but does a full backflip before falling to ground



Elinor gets the ball since it slipped from Ari

23 ARI
Thanks, Olive.

Elinor bops the ball over to them again and they continue playing.

At that moment, Mz. Mole calls the kids in again. Mz. Mole has moved a bunch of the soccer balls into a bunch at mid-field. The other kids are gathered nearby, ready for her next instruction.

24 MZ. MOLE 24
Okay, are you ready to try some fun soccer moves?

25 OLIVE 25
I'm ready!

Sally nods in agreement. Elinor, arriving at the sideline, drop-rolls her ball over to Mz. Mole, then raises a hand, excitedly.

26 ELINOR 26
Me too!

27 ARI 27
And me!

28 MZ. MOLE 28
Splendid! Now, in soccer you have to move fast, so first, let's do some running...

The kids line up. Mz. Mole readies her whistle to blow again.

29 MZ. MOLE 29
Ready?... Go!

<WHISTLE!> The kids start racing across the field, full sprint.

Elinor, Olive (~~still holding the book~~) and Ari run as fast as they can, and are having fun running -- but to their surprise, Silas Cheetah blows past them (he's really fast!). The trio are amazed. <SFX: ELINOR, ARI, OLIVE WHOOOAA WALLA>

At the NET at the other end of the field, Silas arrives first, followed a long beat after by the other classmates, then Elinor, Olive, and Ari. Ari looks winded but tries not to show it.

30 ELINOR 30
Silas! You're really fast!



23 - a few passes to one another

create nice composition - kids surround her - but can keep middle open so we see her clearly since she's not much taller than them

they are mid-field - start to run to one end

could have kids running profile - silas can either pass layered behind or maybe close in foreground create depth

D example

31 SILAS
Thanks, Elinor!



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32 ARI
(panting)
Whoo! That was a lot of running! I usually fly when I'm in a hurry.

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33 OLIVE
(consulting the rule book)
Hmm, there's nothing in the rules that say you can't fly, Ari.

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Ari perks up. - straightens up

34 MZ. MOLE
(calling)
Okay! Come on back!

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The kids start racing back, Ari bringing up the rear. Finally, he stops, shrugs, and flies instead.

Lo he needs to antic down jump in the air & then starts flopping

WIPE TO:

2. EXT. SOCCER FIELD BORDERING FOREST - DRILLS MONTAGE

Mz. Mole has the kids gathered around her. The soccer balls are spaced in intervals along the mid-field line.

35 MZ. MOLE
Now let's try moving the ball in different ways.

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(SERIES OF SHOTS - Mz. Mole demonstrates actions she wants the kids to try, then one by one, we see various kids try them:)

this action happens over next action displayed - NOT HERE BEFORE

ON A SOCCER BALL - being dribbled forward by a pair of feet... which we reveal are Mz. Mole's. She's moving the ball along the field, keeping it just ahead of her.

36 MZ. MOLE
This is called "dribbling"...

36

She stops, turns back to face the kids, then passes the ball back to them.

37 MZ. MOLE
... and "passing"!

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Elinor dribbles the ball ahead of her with some difficulty, then tries to pass the ball to Olive, but she doesn't kick it quite right and it goes way to the side.

- some small taps and maybe one too far she has to run +

maybe we see goat twins in distance - ball goes towards them

maybe flips a page or two with her trunk

could try having him fly - comes towards camera filling frame - then flies away from camera to new show seg. 2 set-up

Ari lands next to group

close on soccer ball - again, Mz. Mole is a very good player

then cut as y time has passed and they each have a ball - practicing dribbling

Mary, one of the goat twins, stops the ball. She does a little fancy footwork, then turns her body away from Elinor and Olive. She looks back and uses her leg to kick the ball up backwards. (~~SEE DESIGN ATTACHED~~) The ball does a graceful arc and lands and rolls exactly where Elinor is. Elinor and Olive are super impressed.



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OLIVE

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Mary and Lizzie are good at this!

They look on and see the twins expertly pass the ball back and forth.

controlling the ball with each pass

It's Ari's turn. He tries to dribble the ball but stumbles.

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ARI

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Whoa, whoa!

keep stepping on the ball

He trips and ends up with the ball in his hands again. Mz. Mole gives another <SHORT WHISTLE!>

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MZ. MOLE

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(calling good-naturedly)

Arrrrriiii! Remember, no hands!

Ari smiles sheepishly, puts the ball down, and resumes his awkward dribbling.

watson effect as we dissolve everything but soccer ball - rolling along -

WIPE TO:

ON A SOCCER BALL, stationary on the ground.

41

MZ. MOLE

Now let's see how far you can kick the ball!

WIDER to see Mz. Mole KICK it, sending the ball OS. She gestures back to the kids for them to go.

*we don't dissolve ball but
41. watson
soccer field
with Mz. Mole
trapping the ball
- wide to show*

Elinor kicks her ball. It goes a moderate distance.

Olive kicks her ball. It goes farther than Elinor's.

Ari kicks his ball. It goes off at an angle, nearly missing some of the other kids.

Ari reacts sheepishly to his mistargeted kick.

42

ARI

42

Sorry!

Sally Beaver steps up to her ball. She thinks about it for a second. Then she has an idea. Instead of kicking it with her

could fall forward on ball - grabbing it

ball is kicked forward

foot, she winds up and with a twist of her body, she whacks the ball with her big tail - hard!

The ball goes REALLY far, all the way into the net at the other end!

Elinor, Olive, and Ari are awed.



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ELINOR/OLIVE/ARI

Oooh, your tail is really strong!/
Great kick, Sally! /That was
amazing!

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Sally gives an 'aw shucks' reaction.

WIPE TO:

ON A SOCCER BALL - being BOUNCED lightly on a KNEE. REVEAL that Mz. Mole is now keeping the ball up with her knees.

ON: Elinor, Ari, and the other kids, all trying to do it. Each one of them struggles amusingly to do it and they all lose their ball quickly.

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ARI

Whoa, this is hard!

Elinor struggles to do it, but keeps trying happily.

Olive meanwhile, is holding a ball and looking at her leg. She bends a knee and realizes this is going to be difficult for her. She thinks about it for a second, then has a flash of an idea. She consults her book and smiles.

Back on Elinor trying, she hears some steady ball bouncing and looks over to Olive, who is juggling the ball with her trunk -- and she's doing it expertly!

Ari looks surprised.

45

ARI

Are you allowed to do that?

Olive continues bopping the ball up with her trunk while she opens a page in the rule book with her hands.

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OLIVE

You can use anything except your
hands, Ari! So: yes!

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Olive beams as she keeps juggling the ball with her trunk.

ANGLE ON: Ari and Elinor watch their friend with admiration.

they can
start holding
the ball
with their
hands as they
try to balance
on their knees



gets one
bounce &
it rolls away
as chases
it

try to avoid
all these
wipes
perhaps instead
ball is seen
in foreground
into frame &
down -
44 the cut to
reveal Mz.M
balancing it
as she crosses
screen

will put soccer ball down
to grab book
with trunk
and holds
it in
her hands

as she keeps trying - she ends up
next to Ari - (so they are
next to one
another
for following seg).

47 ARI 47
Wow... Who knew Olive had a 'nose' for soccer!

48 ELINOR 48
(giggling)
Go OLIVE!

Olive happily waves.

Elinor resumes trying again, somewhat unsuccessfully. A little winded now from her efforts, she goes to sit on the log bench, joined by Ari.

49 ARI 49
Training to be a super sensational soccer star is hard work, huh?

Elinor looks over at their other friends playing and doing really well.

50 ELINOR
Yeah...

She smiles, but doesn't quite look like her usual perky self. Ari looks a little unsure now too.

Mz. Mole sees them from the field and comes over to them.

51 MZ. MOLE 51
What's the matter, soccer stars?

52 ELINOR 52
<sigh> I'm really excited about playing, Mz. Mole... but I don't know what I'm good at.

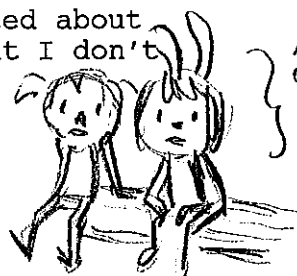
53 ARI 53
Me neither.

54 MZ. MOLE 54
Hmmm...

Mz. Mole thinks about it for a beat, then seems to have an idea.

55 MZ. MOLE 55
What do you mean by that exactly, Elinor?

56 ELINOR 56
Well...



still balancing ball with trunk

hands up to mouth

can smile but body posture shows she's feeling low. ears flop forward

could be over her shoulder as she looks out over field

2 different postures.

-if it works better for you compositionally - maybe she takes a seat next to Elinor on log

QUICK CUTAWAYS of the other kids doing what we've seen them do well up to this point, as Elinor mentions them. As she begins to talk, she perks up, happy to be talking about things she knows and noticed.

SILAS - continuing to run super-fast, around other classmates on the field.

57 ELINOR (O.S.) 57
Silas is a really good runner. He's a cheetah, and cheetahs have long legs that help them run fast.

58 ARI (O.S.) 58
Super fast!

Silas stops and we can see he has slightly longer, runner legs.

GOAT TWINS - dribbling and passing the ball between them across the grass.

59 ELINOR (O.S.)
And Mary and Lizzie are really good at dribbling and passing the ball. That's because goats have extra strong legs they use for climbing and kicking.

We see Mary making a perfect backwards kick to Lizzie.

60 ARI (O.S.) 60
Right on target. *backwards kick like we saw before*

SALLY - hitting a ball with her tail and sending it flying.

61 ELINOR (O.S.) 61
Sally is great at kicking the ball with her tail. Beavers have really big, strong tails that help them swim.

We see Sally wiggle her tail proudly.

62 ARI (O.S.)
There's no stopping that tail!

OLIVE - bouncing the ball above her head with her trunk.

63 ELINOR (O.S.) 63
And Olive is really good at bouncing the ball with her trunk. Elephants can do all kinds of (MORE)

as we see each kid - try to have one action go to the next and next etc

as Silas runs around he eventually gets to a place close to goat twins

could back kick ball to Sally to set up next action that Elinor notices - Sally runs to meet the ball, gets ready & hits it with tail & wiggles tail proudly

Olive can come from into scene from one bouncing ball on trunk (not her head)

ELINOR (O.S.) (CONT'D)
things with their trunks, like push
things, or grab things!

BACK ON THE BENCH - Elinor and Ari continue facing Mz. Mole.

64 ARI 64
Wow! I hadn't noticed all of that
before. I wish I had a trunk!
(mimicking a trumpet) Tooot!

*- arm up
to nose to
pretend it's
a trunk*

65 ELINOR 65
Everyone is good at something, but
what am I good at, Mz. Mole?

Elinor shrugs and looks puzzled. Mz. Mole takes it all in.

66 MZ. MOLE 66
Well, Elinor, I think you ARE
really good at something.

Elinor perks up.

67 ELINOR 67
Really?

*- ears goes up
as well as
posture*

68 MZ. MOLE 68
Yes! You are really good at
NOTICING THINGS! Not everyone sees
all the little things that you do!

69 ARI 69
Yeah, you're a superstar at
noticing things, Elinor!

- perks up as well

70 ELINOR 70
(thinks about it for a
beat)
I guess I am... But... is that good
for soccer?

71 MZ. MOLE 71
Of course it is! Playing is also
about working together and noticing
what your teammates can do. For
example, I bet you could tell us
what Ari is good at in soccer.

72 ARI 72
Oh, I don't think I'm good at
playing soccer.

*- then drops down
to posture/pose
like before
- looking at
the ground*

Elinor thinks about it for a beat.

73 ELINOR 73
Well, Ari... I noticed your wings are really wide. And you can fly up really high. And I noticed that you are really good at grabbing the ball with your hands.

74 ARI 74
Yeah, it's a problem. *maybe shakes his head*

75 ELINOR 75
No, don't you see? I think you'd be really good at being the goalie! Goalies can grab the ball with their hands!

76 MZ. MOLE 76
And wings!

77 ARI 77
Hey, I like that! *- perks up!*

78 MZ. MOLE 78
See, Elinor? When you look closely, you see that everyone is different, and everyone is good at different things!

79 ELINOR *- gets up*
That is SO interesting! We need more observations! *} does special move - ref pilot for her "need more observations" poses.*

Elinor runs from the bench onto the field, followed by Ari and Mz. Mole.

3. EXT. SOCCER FIELD BORDERING FOREST - SONG SEQUENCE - CONT.

SERIES OF SHOTS - While they sing, they race onto the field to observe the kids doing soccer drills, with an emphasis on seeing what each of their bodies allow them to do well. In addition to Silas and Sally, we focus on the Goat Twins' dribbling and Olive's deft ball-handling with her trunk.

80 ELINOR/ARI
(singing)
ELINOR: Some kids are really tall,
And others are really quick! - Silas runs in & out - in & out of frame.
ARI: Some kids are really small,
And some can really kick! wind blows them.
BOTH: Ring-a-ding-ding it's great to sing
We're all good at different things!
ELINOR: Playing games is fun for all!

(MORE)

maybe:



Elinor - then the other kids pop on where the other black shapes are

- ball then comes to camera - Elinor in center until white fills frame

Song can be visually creative

could possibly reuse some of the poses and action from pg. 9 but include Elinor / Ari (when it works with song)

she approaches Olive who is stretching her trunk high to be tall. Ari approaches Sally - as she demonstrates her tail kick

ELINOR/ARI (CONT'D)

ARI: Whether you are tall or small!
BOTH: Ring-a-ding-ding it's great
to sing,
We're all good at different things!
There's always a place for you!
No matter what you can do!

At the end, they grab the ball and are excited to go play again.

81 MZ. MOLE
Who's ready to play a game?

82 ELINOR/ARI
Me!/Let's go!

4. EXT. SOCCER FIELD BORDERING FOREST - GAME SEQUENCE - DAY

Mz. Mole divides the class into two teams of four, and with another blow of her <WHISTLE>, the game playing begins.

Silas Cheetah runs really fast to get the ball.

Sally Beaver gives the ball a big tail kick.

The goat twins do some amazing dribbling and passing. it goes to Elinor

All the while, Elinor and Ari and Olive are enjoying themselves running around going after the ball and occasionally kicking it. Olive gets the ball and starts bopping the ball on her trunk again.

83 OLIVE
<giggles> I LOVE soccer!

84 ELINOR
Me too!

At that moment, Mary bops the ball with her leg, up and over most kids.

Elinor sees it go up -- and takes a biiiiiig HOP, getting to the ball, and bouncing it back with her ears.

When she lands, her friends all cheer!

85 OLIVE
Elinor! You're really good at jumping to the ball when it's up high!

Elinor looks down at her rabbit feet. Lifting one up, she beams.

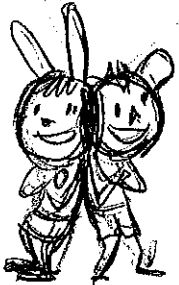
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perhaps he flutter his wings to be tall then lands and crouches for small

group - they quickly go from one of the other kids to the other

Team 1
Goat twins
(Mary
Lizzie
Sally
Sally)
Team 2
Ari
Elinor
Olive
Mz. Mole

it goes to Mary.
all of this can be cut to different scenes by cutting to cuti - make it dynamic



86 ELINOR
I guess my rabbit legs and feet are good for hopping!

hops up & down a few times

87 OLIVE
And your ears are good for stopping the ball - which...

Olive pulls out the small RULE BOOK (~~from her back pocket or waistband~~ *from her satchel*), quickly flips to a page, and reacts with a smile.

88 OLIVE (PLEASED)
...you're can do because they're not your hands!

Elinor and Olive <GIGGLE!>.

At that second, Mary Goat makes a run for the goal. She gives the ball a good kick.

89 ELINOR
Whooooa...

ANGLE ON: it flies through the air towards the goal, going over Sally Beaver's head as it goes. Ari is the goalie, standing by the left goal post, and the ball is sailing toward the upper right corner of the net. Ari does a few wing beats and quickly swoops to the right, and with a deft extension of his wing, he stops the ball with his hand.

create tension - back & forth - ie. Sally looks up at ball - Ari looking at it - starting to move back to Mary - back to ball etc.

90 SALLY
Wow! Nice save, Ari!

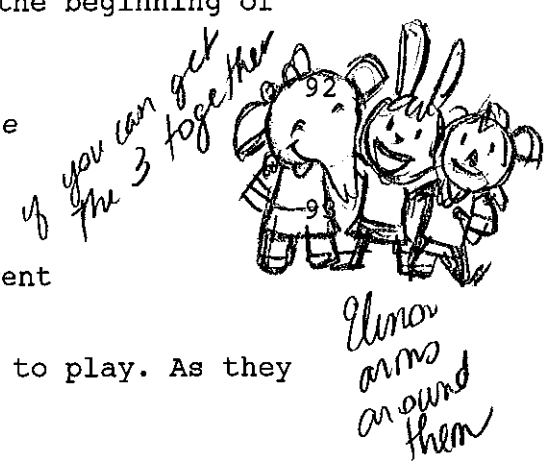
91 ARI
Thanks, Sally!



Ari repeats the fancy footwork dance from the beginning of the episode.

92 ARI
Oh yeah! Super Sensational Goalie Soccer Star!

93 ELINOR
<giggles> We make a great team because we're all good at different things!



QUICK SHOTS of the various kids continuing to play. As they play, Elinor sings the--

SONG REPRISE:

Elinor arms around them

94

ELINOR

94

(song)

Ring-a-ding-ding it's great to sing
We're all good at different things!
There's always a place for you!
No matter what you can do!

SONG ENDS.

Mz. Mole ends the soccer practice with a <WHISTLE BLOW!>

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MZ. MOLE

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Ok kids, now who wants some
lemonade?

<SFX: KIDS CELEBRATING YAAAAY!!!> WIDE on the kids racing off
the field.

IRIS OUT.

*heading towards direction
of school*

*- maybe we see our 3 mains
do something with soccer ball
in wide as they head towards
school*

*- Elinor runs & kicks ball -
it goes up and down as Olive
bumps it a few times on trunk
then hits it hard as Ari
jumps/flutters up to catch it*

*- water son out on the 3
then to white*