Assessment of Children's Emotion Skills (ACES)
ACES Social Behaviors and Social Situations vignettes.

Directions: I’m going to tell you about some kids your age, and I want you to tell me if they would feel happy, sad, mad, or scared. Sometimes you might think they would feel two emotions, like both mad and sad. If so, I want you to pick the feeling you think they would have more strongly. Sometimes they may not feel any emotion strongly, and you can tell me that by saying, "no feeling." Don't say "no feeling" just because you're not sure how they would feel, though. If you think they would feel something, I want you to take a guess at what it is, okay?

Following each vignette, the interviewer says, “Do you think (child’s name) feels happy, sad, mad, scared, or no feeling?”

Social Behaviors

Happy
5. You see Terry running to join you and the other kids in the game.
8. Jeff is being nice to everybody.
14. You see Joanne skipping down the hallway and whistling.

Sad
1. Jack doesn’t feel like playing ball at recess. Instead, he just sits alone.
10. Jill talks softly, and her eyes seem watery.
15. Jenn walks slowly with her head down.