

ECE 224: Early Childhood Education Methods I
Continuous Assessment: Analysis of Children's Play
20 points

DUE: 20 November 2019

NOTE. This is an INDEPENDENT assignment.

Purpose

The purpose of this assignment is for you to carefully consider the holistic development and learning objectives that children develop through their free-choice play, as well as how teachers can enrich this play. To do this, you will observe children at play for one hour. Then you will answer the following questions **based on the specific play that you observed.**

Questions

1. In one paragraph, describe the children's play. Where were they playing? What materials were they playing with? What were the children doing in their play?
- 2a. Identify the domains of development that were nurtured as the children played, **and how** they were developed (e.g., what were children doing to practice skills in that area of development).
- 2b. Identify the academic skills (oral language, reading, writing, maths, science, social studies, religious studies) that were nurtured as the children played, **and how** they were developed (e.g., what were children doing that reflected that academic skill).
3. Suggest ways that a teacher/caregiver could enrich this free-choice play by writing specific questions or challenges that the teacher/caregiver could give to address the following academic skills. Note that this could be either within the child's play, or a subsequent lesson directly based on children's play.
 - a. Reading
 - b. Writing
 - c. Maths
 - d. Science
 - e. Religious studies

Evaluation

Students will be evaluated based on the following.

- Question 1: 2 points
- Question 2a: 4 points
- Question 2b: 4 points
- Question 3: 10 points