

ECE 307: Reading and Literacy Development II

Continuous Assessment: Learning Centre

NOTE. This activity can be completed independently OR in pairs. (A pair means two people only.)

Purpose

The purpose of this assignment is to make preliminary plans for a learning centre that would foster any aspect of language or literacy development. Any type of learning centre can be designed that meets the objectives of fostering language or literacy development (e.g., dramatic play, themed dramatic play, storytelling, literacy, writing, etc.). The learning centre can be designed for any age children in ECE (birth through 8 years). To complete the assignment, answer the following questions.

Sections on the Assignment

Learning Objectives. Write three learning objectives for the centre. Two objectives should focus on language, reading, and/or writing development. The third objective should relate to holistic development (e.g., physical, social, character, cognitive, emotional, or spiritual development). These should be general developmental objectives, such as “Children will learn...” or “Children will practice...”

Materials. List the materials that will be needed for the learning centre. Note that the best learning centres are practical, so inexpensive or freely sourced materials are better than costly materials.

Learning Activities. Describe four learning activities that children can participate in at the learning centre. (Only one or two sentences are needed for each learning activity.) Be sure to explain what materials the children will use for each learning activity. Also ensure that the learning activities relate to the learning objectives.

Relationship between Learning Activities and Objectives. Explain how the learning activities will meet the learning objectives for the learning centre.

Evaluation

Students will be evaluated based on the following.

- Learning Objectives (3 points)
- Materials (1 point)
- Learning activities (4 points)
- Relationship between learning activities and learning objectives (2 points)