BSACAP-Head Start

Pre- Service 2015-2016



OBSERVATION NOTES

TO BE SUCCESSFUL, THE FIRST THING TO DO IS TO FALL IN LOVE WITH YOUR WORK.

After you fall in Love with your work...

Hold on to all those moments!

Don't forget all those little reasons, because...



YOU HAVEN'T COMPLETED YOUR OBSERVATION NOTES YET!

















Observation Notes: In the Past

We used to have to write THREE notes PER WEEK, PER CHILD

Notes Now

- We can write one note.....
- BUT the note can be placed in MORE than one dimension
- We can see which dimension will need more notes applied

The question is... What do we look at during Record Review on TSG?

Objectives/Dimensions Report

Developmental and Learning Report

Observation Notes

Throughout the Year

- Delegate Education Coordinators
- Possibly Directors
- Other office staff
- Team Managers
- Tracy Jenkins
- Education ServicesManager

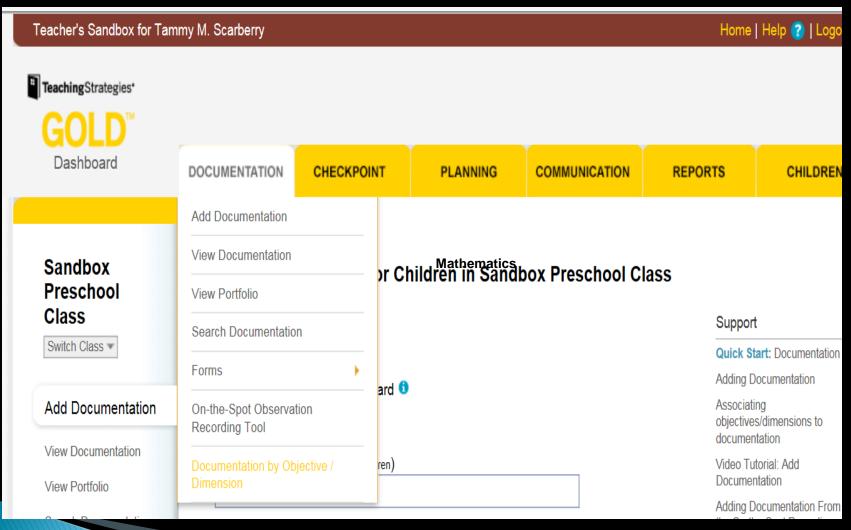
- Monitor
- Looking at outcomes
- Finalization of Checkpoints
- School Readiness

Our Main Concerns

Record Review:

- There wasn't at least one note per dimension posted on the TSG Obj./Dim. Report
- Too many group notes per week
- INDIVIDUALITY wasn't present in the writing of "individual" notes
- Dimensions chosen were not supported by the observation note written

Objective Dimension Report



WHAT'S WRONG



Mathematics Child	20a	20b	20c	21a	21b	22	23	Documentati on Count
John Stamos		1	1	1		1	2	3
Joe Blow	4	2	1	3	1	1	3	7
John Doe	2	1		1			1	2
Judith Stant	3	1	1	3	1		3	6
Ricky Bobby		1	1	3	2	2	3	4

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What about Group Notes? "Why only ONE per week?"

Kids will have the exact same outcome data at the end of the checkpoint season & school year

No individualization will occur (that we can see)

** You may be showing the individualization while entering Preliminary Levels on each child differently (Scoring), but we do not look at those...we look at your notes page.

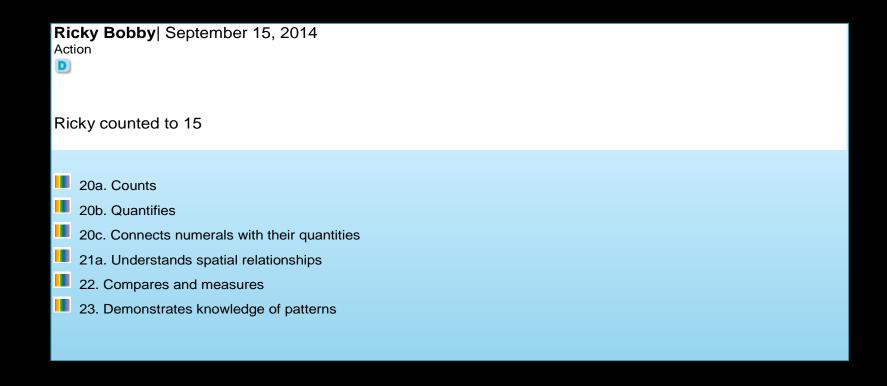
We Found this During Record Review:

- Up to 4 group notes written in one week
- Very few Individualized Observation Notes throughout the checkpoint season
- EXACT same entire note, on more than one student – but only adding the child's name to individualize

ACTIVITY #1 Let's Think About This!!



**Activity Group 1: Looking Over Notes



**Activity Group 2: Looking Over Notes

Lucy Lou | October 15, 2014 Action



During small group, the children were asked to make a patter with feed corn and pinto beans on their names printed on a piece of paper. The pattern could be in any order that they wanted and they were to be able to show the patter they had constructed.



23. Demonstrates knowledge of patterns

**Activity Group 3: Looking Over Notes

Joey J| October 22, 2014 Action



Today in large group children watched and listened to the story aArthur's Halloween. After story ended children answered question about the story and had chose to draw a picture about the story. Children tell teacher about their picture. Teacher reminded each child to write their name on their paper. Children have choice of hanging their picture or taking it home.

- 7a. Uses fingers and hands
- 7b. Uses writing and drawing tools
- 8a. Comprehends language
- 8b. Follows directions
- 17a. Uses and appreciates books
- 18a. Interacts during read-alouds and book conversations
- 19a. Writes name
- 33. Explores the visual arts

**Activity Group 4: Looking Over Notes

Dudley M (plus Group) | October 8, 2014 Action While on a field trip to Pumpkin Patch the children observed how the pumpkins were grown, the size, color, and the farmer that grew them. the children poicked out their own pumpkins. We discussed with the children about the corn stalk, corn etc. 2a. Forms relationships with adults 2c. Interacts with peers 8b. Follows directions 9d. Tells about another time or place 9b. Speaks clearly 9c. Uses conventional grammar 9a. Uses an expanding expressive vocabulary 10a. Engages in conversations 10b. Uses social rules of language 11a. Attends and engages 11d. Shows curiosity and motivation 11e. Shows flexibility and inventiveness in thinking 12a. Recognizes and recalls 12b. Makes connections 21b. Understands shapes 22. Compares and measures 24. Uses scientific inquiry skills 25. Demonstrates knowledge of the characteristics of living things 26. Demonstrates knowledge of the physical properties of objects and materials 27. Demonstrates knowledge of the Earth's environment 29. Demonstrates knowledge about self 30. Shows basic understanding of people and how they live 31. Explores change related to familiar people or places 32. Demonstrates simple geographic knowledge

**Activity Group 5: Looking Over Notes

Stan Lee | October 16, 2014

Action



Conner is very delayed in the concept of letters and numbers. He does not have any confidence in himself in recalling letters and their sounds. I have drilled him constantly with the Letter A and B and he is struggling. He wants "help" before he answers a literacy question. Literacy is his weak spot. Understand what the sound a letter makes is a struggle for him and we are working on building his confidence. Very little evidence in his ability to recall what a letter and sound is.

- 15b. Notices and discriminates alliteration
- 15c. Notices and discriminates smaller and smaller units of sound
- 16a. Identifies and names letters
- 16b. Uses letter-sound knowledge
- 17b. Uses print concepts
- 18b. Uses emergent reading skills
- 19b. Writes to convey meaning

**Activity Group 6: Looking Over Notes

Slim Adkins October 6, 2014 Action D
Teacher sent on a scavenger hunt to find an object in the room that began with the letter E and had the e sound at the beginning of the word.
 ✓ 16a. Identifies and names letters ✓ 16b. Uses letter-sound knowledge

How can I
Take Better
Observation
Notes??

You have resources available to help:

Plain Grid

	Date:

Objective/Dimension Guide

Social-Emotional

1a-Manages Feelings

1b-Follows limits and expectations

1c-Takes care of own needs appropriately

2a-Forms relationships with adults

2b-Responds to emotional cues

2c-Interactrs with peers

2d-Makes friends

3a-Balances needs and rights of self and others

3b-Solves social problems

Physical

4-Demonstrates traveling skills

5-Demonstrates balancing skills

6-Demonstrates gross-motor manipulative skills

7a-Uses fingers and hands

7b-Uses writing and drawing tools

Social-Emotional/Physical

Language 8a-Comprehends language 8b-Follows directions 9a-Uses an expanding expressive vocabulary 9b-Speaks clearly 9c-Uses conventional grammar 9d-Tells about another time or place 10a-Engages in conversations 10b-Uses social rules of language Cognitive 11a-Attends and engages 11b-Persists 11c-Solves problems 11d-Shows curiosity and motivation 11e-Shows flexibility and inventiveness in thinking 12a-Recognizes and recalls 12b-Makes connections 13-Uses classification skills 14a-Thinks symbolically 14b-Engages in sociodramatic play

Language/Cognitive

Objective/Dimension Guide

Literacy									
15a-Notio	ces and d	iscrimina	tes						
rhyme	rhyme								
	15b-Notices and discriminates alliteration								
15c-Notic sound	es and d	iscrimina	tes smalle	er and sm	aller unit	s of			
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16b-Uses	letter-so	ound kno	wledge						
17a-Uses	and app	reciates b	ooks						
17b-Uses	print co	ncepts							
18a-Inter	acts duri	ng read-a	alouds an	d book					
conversat	ions								
18b-Uses	_	nt reading	g skills						
18c-Retel	ls								
stories									
19a-Write									
19b-Write	es to con	vey mean	ing						
Mathemat	tics								
20a-Cour	nts								
20b-Quar	ntifies								
20c-Conr	nects nun	nerals wit	h their qւ	ıantities					
21a-Understands spatial									
relationships									
21b-Understands shapes									
22-Compares and									
measures									
23-Demonstrates knowledge of									
patterns									

Science and Techr	iology							
24–Uses scientific inquiry skills								
25-Deminstrates knowledge of the characteristics of living hings								
26-Demonstrates kowledge of the physical properties of objects and materials								
27-Demonstrates environment	knowled	ge of the	Earth's					
28-Uses tools and	l other te	chnology	to perfo	rm tasks				
Social Studies								
29–Demonstrates self	knowled	ge about						
30-Shows basic u they live	nderstan	ding of po	eople and	l how				
31-Explores chan places	ge related	d to famil	iar peopl	e or				
32-Demonstrates kowledge	simple g	eographi	c					
The Arts								
33-Explores the visual arts								
34-Explores musical concepts and expression								
35-Explores dance and movement concepts 36-Explores drama through actions and anguage								
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Science and Technology Social Studies/The Arts

Literacy/Mathematics

Grid with Objective/Dim

1a: Managing Feelings:

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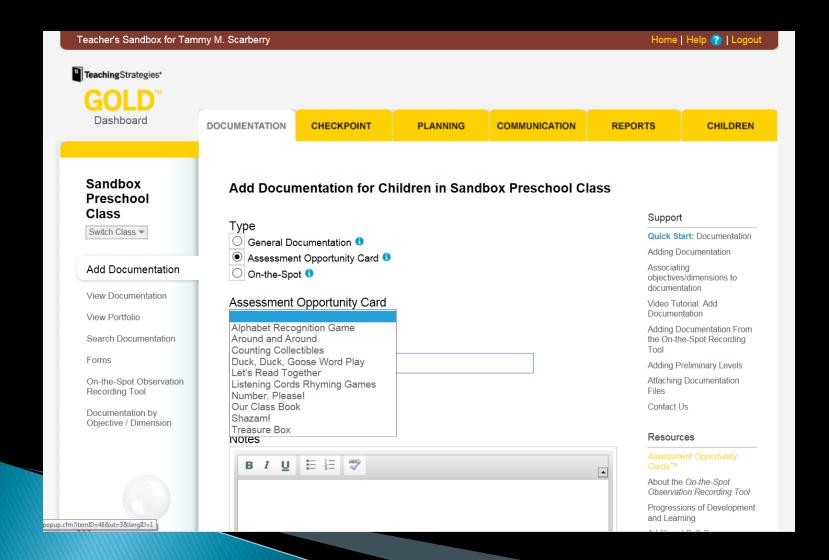
Resources

<u>Assessment Opportunity Cards™</u>

The <u>On-the-Spot Observation</u>

<u>Recording Tool</u>

"Where can I Find the 10 Assessment Opportunity Cards?"







The Creative Curriculum®

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Volume 5

Objectives for Development & Learning

Birth Through Kindergarten

Resource: Creative Curriculum-5th Edition

