

Observation Protocol for Putman Dissertation

Each kindergarten classroom will be observed for a total of four hours during literacy instruction. Hours of observation will vary, based on the teacher's classroom schedule. The following data will be recorded on an observation worksheet:

1. Description of the classroom
2. Start/end time of activities
3. Materials used for the lesson
4. Teacher actions
5. Child actions

Example of Observation Worksheet

| Description of the classroom: <i>The classroom has a horseshoe table where the teacher gathers to work with children in small groups. Library center has a bright rug and bean bag chairs. Student work is displayed on walls and bulletin boards. Large rug for large group gathering near the front of the room, with the dry erase board in front. Children sit at five small, round tables.</i> | | | |
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| Start/end | Materials Used | Teacher actions | Child actions |
| <i>Time record sequences by minute</i> | <i>Note materials used by teacher and students in segment observed</i> | <i>Describe what teacher is doing Describe interaction with children Describe instructional sequence</i> | <i>Describe student actions Describe groups I=individual alone SG=small group FG=full group Note content of activity</i> |
| <i>9:00 am-9:15 am</i> | | | |
| <i>9:15 am- 9:45 am</i> | | | |