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Observations of the Preschool-Aged Child

Task: Observe a child aged 3 – 5 years. The observation must be at least one hour. Look for signs of development and record a check mark in the appropriate columns. Record comments or details you wish to remember about each sign of development. After your observation, summarize and analyze the physical, emotional, social and cognitive development of the preschool-aged child.

Location of observation: _____

Date of observation: _____ Age of child: _____

Part One – Observations

Signs of Development	Yes	No	Comments
Physical Development			
1. Throws a ball.			
2. Catches a ball.			
3. Skips.			
4. Stacks blocks.			
5. Draws recognizable shapes.			
6. Draws recognizable pictures.			
7. Draws recognizable letters.			
8. Cuts with scissors.			
9. Dresses self.			
10. Brushes own teeth.			
Emotional Development			
11. Shows self-control.			
12. Shows empathy for others.			
13. Shows pride in abilities by demonstrating them to others.			
14. Expresses affection openly.			
Social Development			
15. Plays in groups of two or three.			
16. Joins in activities suggested by others.			
17. Suggests activities for others to join.			
18. Plays cooperatively with others.			
19. Shares willingly.			
20. Takes turns.			
21. Follows rules.			

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22. Wants to be like friends.			
Cognitive Development			
23. Demonstrates imagination thought.			
24. Groups objects by color.			
25. Groups objects by size.			
26. Counts three objects accurately.			
27. Understands the concepts of morning, afternoon and night.			
28. Understands the concepts of time and sequential order.			

Part Two – Summary

29. Summarize your observation of the child.

30. Compare and contrast your observation with what you know about the physical, emotional, social and cognitive development of the preschool-aged child.
