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Assessing and Evaluating Student Learning

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1. Introduction

Kindergartens in Australia are not keen on assessments. "We don't give homework to children. Children aren't supposed to sit at the desk doing tests."



What teachers do instead:

- Observations: Teachers observe and document children's behaviors, interactions, and skills in various learning contexts.
- Portfolios: Teachers compile portfolios containing samples of children's work, projects, and assessments to document progress and growth over time.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: Regular meetings between parents and teachers provide an
 opportunity to discuss assessment results, share insights, and collaboratively support the child's
 development.

1. Introduction

- Purpose: Assessments in kindergartens serve multiple purposes and offer various benefits.
- Approach: Assessments in kindergartens should be age-appropriate, playbased, and focus on holistic development.
- Goal: Support each child's growth, provide personalized learning experiences, and create a positive foundation for future education.



Overview

- Assessment Objectives Why do we make assessments?
- Assessment Strategies What are the assessment methods for kindergartens?
- The Assessor the importance of educators
- The Benefits of Assessment
- Application of Assessment
- Conclusion











2. Assessment Objectives – Why do we make assessments?



Assess to an innovative world



Learning is a Lifelong Journey

Educational Philosophy

- Appropriate measurement the contrast
- Learning is a lifelong journey, we want to provide information for the learning journey.
- Provide the evidence to support and give challenge to every child





3. What are the assessment strategies for kindergartens?

Types of Assessment Method

- 1. Anecdotal Notes
- 2. Learning Story
- 3. Documentation
- 4. Children Development Portfolio
 - Photos
 - Artworks
 - Developmental Progress







4. The Assessor – the importance of educators

Teachers' Mindset

Acceptance
Openness
Respect
Equality



Teachers' Role

- Observer
- Listener
 Facilitator
- Motivator
- Assessor



5. The Benefits of Assessment

- Learning journey is holistic approach, not only emphasises on academic
- Respect individual learning pacing
- Children learning interest are easy to observe
- The evaluate cycle foster the planning cycle



6. Application of assessment in kindergartens

- Promote teacher understanding of the philosophy of assessment and evaluation
- Arise teacher observation skill and quality
- Improve the curriculum base on the children learning outcome





- Respect children need, interests by using the assessment evident
- Value children development in different aspects
- Appropriate assessment tool



7. Conclusion



