

My Philosophy of Assessing Student Learning

Assessment is necessary for a teacher to understand what students' are learning in class and help them make decisions about students' learning and development as well. Assessment is used to promote learning and advance development in students. When assessing students' learning and development you want to make sure that the ways you chose to assess them are valid and also reliable in order to be effective. There are many different ways to assess students learning and development such as tests, quizzes, paying attention to students work in class (watching for same mistakes), questioning, homework/papers, and portfolios. Assessment should be frequent in order to help students with anything that they may struggle with quickly and effectively. There are many forms of development in class that are important for students' to achieve such as academic, emotional, social, and moral. Different methods of assessment should be used and should help to cover all the forms of development not just academic.

As an elementary school teacher one of the best ways to evaluate students' learning and development is by student work and by performance assessments. Monitoring student work will help me understand if my students are learning the subjects that we are working on and help me decide whether we need to work longer on specific subjects or if specific students need more help individually. I am definitely going to pay close attention to the work my students' are doing in class and be sure to give them work frequently in order to make sure they are grasping the concepts that we are learning. I will also do frequent questioning on the subjects that we are learning because this will also help me assess their progress in those subjects as well.

Testing is also important in assessing students' learning and it gives you concrete information on how much students are learning, but it can sometimes create problems which can prevent the understanding of students' learning. Testing alone is not a great way to determine just how well a student is doing in class because some students cannot concentrate well during tests or even get anxiety when taking tests which can make it to where they do not perform to their full potential. This is another great reason why it is important for me to use the other forms of assessment along with tests/quizzes to make sure that I am able to get a full understanding of my students' learning and development.

It is important to focus on developmental learning as well as academic learning as an elementary teacher because students and their parents need to know how well they are doing with emotional, social, and moral development as well as academic as stated before. I will make sure to evaluate each student keeping these developmental characteristics in mind so I can help students learn and grow not just academically but developmentally as well. One thing that I think is very effective when it comes to developmental learning is by leaving notes on report cards to parents and students about the students behavior in class. I think that this is a great way to inform them of how the student is doing in class. If the student is doing well in class regarding these things it can really help the student's self-esteem and if a student is not doing well then I will suggest nicely how a student can improve in order to help their developmental learning.

Once again, assessing students' learning and development is extremely important because it will help promote their learning and will help advance their development. While assessing my students' learning and development I will make sure that my assessments are aligned with the standards and objectives and will not only measure students' knowledge but their thinking as

well. I will make sure to give frequent detailed feedback to my students to help them advance their learning and development and I will definitely make sure to avoid social comparisons between my students when assessing them.