Most children wait their turn for an activity or material without interrupting or resorting to force. Most children handled materials with care and precision. Some children observed without touching or interfering in others' work. There is a mix of children who are able to shift plans, activities, partners, and/or focus and children who cannot. Children consistently use materials for their intended purpose. Some children were seen to exercise persistence in their work, attempting multiple ways of solving a problem, and working through frustration. Some children were able to express needs verbally, and resolve conflicts peacefully. Teacher consistently held lesson presentations sacred, protecting the mutual engagement between adult, child, and material. Adults consistently moved around the classroom slowly, calmly, and deliberately. Digital technology is not observed in the room. Child have some opportunities for food preparation. Turn taking is embedded into activities such as sharing snack, using the restroom, and selecting materials.

### **Notes**

3 or 4 children were distracted at length after a friend dropped their pouring tray and broke a pitcher. A young child asked an older friend for help zipping their jacket.

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# **Working Memory** Holding and updating information • Relating ideas 77

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Children were able to navigate the classroom with coordination and attention to detail. Most children return work to the shelves when at the completion of a work cycle. Adults were observed interrupting a concentrating child. Adults' physical movements were consistently calm, intentional, and precise. The environment was carefully maintained, with meticulous attention to order and cleanliness; shelves and tables are tidy, free of dust, and ready for children's use. Materials for hands-on experimentation and multisensory learning are available. Some areas of the classroom were cluttered. Child have some opportunities for food preparation. Wall decor is somewhat curated, contributing to a comfortable, home-like environment.

### Notes

Children all walked carefully around the large work that was on rugs in the middle of the classroom. When you invited the child who had been working with the color tablets to a lesson on a game with that work they had been deep in concentration at the time. There is not much art that reflects the community the school is part of, consider more folk art.

Linguistic and Cultural Fluency Interpreting cultural attitudes and expectations 80 Low-functioning Developing High-Functioning Optimal

Children sometimes interrupted peers or adults who were engaged in other activity. Some children demonstrated care for their peers, including assisting with dressing, offering food, and resolving conflicts. Children consistently interacted as part of a community, using social graces spontaneously. The classroom is characterized by a low hum of conversation. Adults consistently made eye contact with children, bending or stooping to their level when speaking with them. Adults consistently model social graces. Verbal instructions were consistently clear, precise, and delivered with attention to the child's ongoing language acquisition. Adults often used a soft, conversational voice. Most learning materials are made from natural materials, including wood, glass, and fabric; there was minimal use of plastic. The classroom is language-rich, with multiple items to name and discuss, a variety of texts, and a cozy reading area. Children have no access to outdoor environments. Some child-sized work tools are available and a few children are observed using them. The classroom is language-rich, with multiple items to name and discuss, a variety of texts, and a cozy reading area.

## **Notes**

Both the teacher and aide always moved to the children's level when talking with them, even for just a brief moment. Reading area is so very inviting, the lamp is a nice touch.

## Social Fluency & Emotional Flexibility Responding to social cues • Understanding emotions • Recovering from disappointment

75 Developing High-Functioning Optimal Low-functioning Children frequently demonstrated care for their environment, including spontaneously dusting, washing, setting tables, tidying shelves, pushing in chairs. Adults sometimes encourage

children to help one another. Adults refrain from using loud, didactic talk. Adults consistently exhibited warmth and connection by smiling and sharing in children's enthusiasm. Adults refrained from calling across the room. Adults consistently redirected rather than punished when children behaved in experimental or inappropriate ways; limits were expressed kindly, but firmly. All interaction among children is directed by adults; adults assign students seats and groups/partners. Children are in mixed-age groups of three years. Child have some opportunities for food preparation. Interaction among children is organic and not orchestrated by adults.

# **Notes**

## **Rated Attributes** Rating

Child behaviors Adult behaviors Environment Praising to Flatter\* Disrupting\* Easy Access to Nature Warning/Correcting Errors\* Misusing Materials\* Presence of Digital Technology\* Loud, Didactic Talk\* Seeking Adult Approval or Permission\* Directed Child Interaction\* Calling Across the Room \* Work as Prop\* Interrupting Concentrating Children\* Clutter\* Interrupting\* Focus on Monitoring\* Animals Observing without Disturbing Others Curated Decor Prompting Children to Help One Another Resolving Needs with Words Child Sized Cleanliness Uninterrupted Work Materials Ready for Use Mixed Age Grouping Waiting Turn Natural Materials Handling Materials with Care Multisensory Offering/Accepting Help from Peers Soft/Conversational Voice Language Rich (Oral) Shifting Wonder Access Persisting in the Face of Challenge Food **Plants** Activities Requiring Turn-taking Real Tools and Real Work Language Rich (Written) Moving/Bending to Speak to Child **Initiating Work Social Courtesies** Clarity Caring for Classroom Precision Protected Instruction Engaging with Purpose Social Courtesies Offering Options Warmth and Connection Navigating Room with Care

Redirecting Children's Behavior Friendliness with Error

\* Indicates item is negatively scored: a higher score on these items will result in a lower domain score.

Completes an Activity Cycle

# All five domain scores are represented here in a single graphic.

Spider Graph: Summary by Domain



# Adult interactions with children were predominates by a feeling of calm and mutual respect. Students and teacher had easy conversations and the teacher always moved to the

Areas of growth:

Goals:

Allowing the children to begin assisting in care of the classroom birds. Adding more art of a variety of mediums that is reflective of the children's and school's community.

2. Research some traditional art from the Mexican culture. Follow up on where you can purchase some of these works of art. Support needed to attain these goals:

1. Begin to incorporate children into different parts of caring for the classroom bird: feeding and watering, cleaning the cage, covering the cage during high stress/busy times of the

Work with school director to determine budget for classroom decor.