

## Creative Curriculum Assessment Tools

Child-centered lesson planning provides a system to strengthen teaching. Great lesson planning helps teachers to choose a range of strategies that match what children are learning and doing-- from directed mini-lessons to facilitated group activities.

As the only text of its kind, this book provides in-depth information about Vygotsky's theories, neo-Vygotskians' findings, and concrete explanations and strategies that instruct teachers how to influence student learning and development. Key changes to this edition include a new chapter on dynamic assessment, separate and expanded chapters on developmental accomplishments of infants and toddlers, preschool/kindergarten, and primary grades and on supporting those accomplishments, and elaborations of Vygotsky's ideas from neo-Vygotskians from Russia. FEATURES: Written for the beginning student, the book provides a clear discussion of Vygotskian principles including...a historical overview and a complete chapter on the "Zone of Proximal Development," (ZPD). Each section of the book builds on the other...framework, strategies, and applications of the Vygotskian approach. The work of Vygotsky is compared in a fair and balanced way with the work of Piaget. Examples and activities have been class-tested in a variety of classroom environments including a Head Start program, private preschool, and in the Denver Public Schools.

The Early Language and Literacy Classroom Observation Tool (ELLCO) comes in a package of 5 and is part of ELLCO, the bestselling classroom observation tool that helps schools assess the quality of literacy practices and supports and give children the best possible start in language and literacy development. Trusted by schools across the country, ELLCO helps educators reliably gather the data needed for professional development and program improvement, leading to better literacy outcomes for young children. Order with the ELLCO Pre-K User's Guide and save \$10! Use code S1050 when placing your order. Learn more about ELLCO Pre-K and ELLCO KGÇô3.

The Creative Curriculum® Developmental Continuum Assessment Toolkit for Ages 3-5 has the materials and forms you need to assess up to 25 children at three summary checkpoints each year and share information with families. Included are forms for individual children, class summary forms, and report forms. The Toolkit may be used on its own or with our software reporting tool, CC-PORT (The Creative Curriculum Progress and Outcomes Reporting Tool). The Toolkit is a Complete Assessment System directly correlated to the goals and objectives of The Creative Curriculum. The Toolkit features The Creative Curriculum Developmental Continuum--a valid and reliable assessment tool. The boxed set includes enough forms to record progress for a class of up to 25 children at three summary checkpoints each year.

Includes Dimensions overview fold-out laminated sheet (28 x 60 cm.)

Make your everyday interactions with children intentional and purposeful with these steps: Be Present, Connect, and Extend Learning.

"This tool assesses the degree to which The Creative Curriculum for Preschool is being implemented as intended. The instrument is designed for use by teachers, administrators/supervisors, and trainers."--Page 3 of cover.

A surprisingly simple way for students to master any subject--based on one of the world's most popular online courses and the bestselling book *A Mind for Numbers* and its wildly popular online companion course "Learning How to Learn" have empowered more than two million learners of all ages from around the world to master subjects that they once struggled with. Fans often wish they'd discovered these learning strategies earlier and ask how they can help their kids master these skills as well. Now in this new book for kids and teens, the authors reveal how to make the most of time spent studying. We all have the tools to learn what might not seem to come naturally to us at first--the secret is to understand how the brain works so we can unlock its power. This book explains:

- Why sometimes letting your mind wander is an important part of the learning process
- How to avoid "rut think" in order to think outside the box
- Why having a poor memory can be a good thing
- The value of metaphors in developing understanding
- A simple, yet powerful, way to stop procrastinating

Filled with illustrations, application questions, and exercises, this book makes learning easy and fun.

The old saying goes, "To the man with a hammer, everything looks like a nail." But anyone who has done any kind of project knows a hammer often isn't enough. The more tools you have at your disposal, the more likely you'll use the right tool for the job - and get it done right. The same is true when it comes to your thinking. The quality of your outcomes depends on the mental models in your head. And most people are going through life with little more than a hammer. Until now. *The Great Mental Models: General Thinking Concepts* is the first book in *The Great Mental Models* series designed to upgrade your thinking with the best, most useful and powerful tools so you always have the right one on hand. This volume details nine of the most versatile, all-purpose mental models you can use right away to improve your decision making, productivity, and how clearly you see the world. You will discover what forces govern the universe and how to focus your efforts so you can harness them to your advantage, rather than fight with them or worse yet- ignore them. Upgrade your mental toolbox and get the first volume today. AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY Farnam Street (FS) is one of the world's fastest growing websites, dedicated to helping our readers master the best of what other people have already figured out. We curate, examine and explore the timeless ideas and mental models that history's brightest minds have used to live lives of purpose. Our readers include students, teachers, CEOs, coaches, athletes, artists, leaders, followers, politicians and more. They're not defined by gender, age, income, or politics but rather by a shared passion for avoiding problems, making better decisions, and lifelong learning. AUTHOR HOME Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

An illustrated guide for 32 different Early Childhood Learning Centers.

Much more than a measurement tool, the activity-based, field-tested AEPS links assessment, intervention, and evaluation for children from birth to 6 years who have disabilities or are at risk for developmental delays. With this reorganized, extensively updated second edition, early intervention professionals can assess and monitor six key developmental areas in young children: fine motor, gross motor, cognitive, adaptive, social-communication, and social. AEPS helps identify educational targets tailored for each child's needs, formulate developmentally appropriate

goals, conduct evaluations to ensure interventions are working, and involve families in the whole process. AEPS Test results can also be used as a corroborating second source for determining a child's eligibility for services. AEPS components include - AEPS Administration Guide. This guide includes a "Quick Start" section that makes AEPS easier for new users; instructions on collecting data and translating test results into IFSP/IEP goals and objectives; and guidelines for involving families, fostering team collaboration, and linking assessment, intervention, and evaluation. Appendices detail the psychometric properties of AEPS and include photocopiable data recording forms. - AEPS Test: Birth to Three Years & Three to Six Years. The AEPS Test helps gather assessment data for one child or a group of children in home- or center-based settings. The tests for both age levels are divided into six developmental areas, each subdivided into strands of general skill areas, goals made up of skills in those areas, and objectives made up of smaller skills that build up to the goals. Professionals assess each area while children and their caregivers engage in everyday activities. Then, with the Child Observation Data Recording Form, professionals score each item with 0 (does not pass), 1 (inconsistent performance), or 2 (passes consistently). To supplement the scores, professionals can choose from five qualifying notes and add more specific comments. This multi-part scoring process lets users pinpoint what children can do, identify areas that need attention, and use that information as a starting point to develop IFSP/IEP goals and objectives. The Child Progress Record helps professionals create a visual display of the child's abilities and development by shading in goals the child has met, and the Family Report allows caregivers to add their own input. - AEPS Curriculum for Birth to Three Years and AEPS Curriculum for Three to Six Years. These two curricula allow professionals to match the child's IFSP/IEP goals and objectives with age-appropriate, activity-based interventions that correspond to the six areas scored on the AEPS Test. Because the test and curricula use the same numbering system, users can easily locate activities in the curricula that correspond to specific goals and objectives identified with the test--a feature that also helps with ongoing evaluation. In both volumes, professionals will find sample teaching tactics, instructional sequences, recommendations for environmental arrangements, and strategies for incorporating the activities into the child's daily routine. To reflect the individual learning styles many children acquire by 3 to 6 years of age, the Curriculum for Three to Six Years is more flexible--it provides general intervention considerations and suggested activities rather than specific instructional sequences. - AEPS Forms. Forms are sold separately in paper format or as a complete set on CD-ROM. The Forms AEPS CD-ROM is the only place AEPS users will find Spanish translations of the forms. The English version of the CD-ROM includes an exclusive bonus set of Child Observation Data Recording Forms that describe what to look for when assessing the child, so there's no need to look these criteria up in the AEPS volumes.

Are you interested in moving from thematic teaching to in-depth studies but don't know where to begin? The Creative Curriculum Study Starters are designed with you in mind. This valuable new science and social studies resource is a series of step-by-step guides on developing studies about real-life topics that spark children's curiosity. Study Starters begin with topics that children want to explore--boxes, rocks, milk, hats, hands, buildings--and help you identify children's questions, learn background information and vocabulary, organize and plan the environment, facilitate investigations, incorporate content skills and knowledge, and involve families. Most important, Study Starters lead you to look at your own children and community to develop a study that is unique and customized for the children you teach. Each Study Starter is available individually, or you may purchase the complete set to receive a free teacher's guide and full-color binder to store the Study Starters and your notes. For preschool and kindergarten.

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Comprehensive and user friendly, this ideal professional reference and graduate text provides a developmentally informed framework for assessing 3- to 6-year-olds in accordance with current best practices and IDEA 2004 guidelines. The authors are leading clinician-researchers who take the reader step by step through selecting appropriate measures, integrating data from a variety of sources, and using the results to plan and evaluate effective interventions and learning experiences. Coverage encompasses screening and assessment of cognitive, linguistic, emotional, and behavioral difficulties, including mental retardation and autism. Case studies illustrate key facets of assessing diverse children and families; appendices offer concise reviews of over 100 instruments.

Clearly babies come into the world remarkably receptive to its wonders. Their alertness to sights, sounds, and even abstract concepts makes them inquisitive explorers--and learners--every waking minute. Well before formal schooling begins, children's early experiences lay the foundations for their later social behavior, emotional regulation, and literacy. Yet, for a variety of reasons, far too little attention is given to the quality of these crucial years. Outmoded theories, outdated facts, and undersized budgets all play a part in the uneven quality of early childhood programs throughout our country. What will it take to provide better early education and care for our children between the ages of two and five? Eager to Learn explores this crucial question, synthesizing the newest research findings on how young children learn and the impact of early learning. Key discoveries in how young children learn are reviewed in language accessible to parents as well as educators: findings about the interplay of biology and environment, variations in learning among individuals and children from different social and economic groups, and the importance of health, safety, nutrition and interpersonal warmth to early learning. Perhaps most significant, the book documents how very early in life learning really begins. Valuable conclusions and recommendations are presented in the areas of the teacher-child relationship, the organization and content of curriculum, meeting the needs of those children most at risk of school failure, teacher preparation, assessment of teaching and learning, and more. The book discusses: Evidence for competing theories, models, and approaches in the field and a hard look at some day-to-day practices and activities generally used in preschool. The role of the teacher, the importance of peer interactions, and other relationships in the child's life. Learning needs of minority children, children with disabilities, and other special groups. Approaches to assessing young children's learning for the purposes of policy decisions, diagnosis of educational difficulties, and instructional planning. Preparation and continuing development of teachers. Eager to Learn presents a comprehensive, coherent picture of early childhood learning, along with a clear path toward improving this important stage of life for all children.

The debate surrounding testing and accountability in early childhood education continues, but one thing is universally agreed upon: effective observation and assessment of young children's learning are critical to supporting their development. Educators balance what they know about child development with observation and assessment approaches that both inform and improve the curriculum. This foundational resource for all educators of children from birth through third grade explores What observation and assessment are, why to use them, and how Ways to integrate documentation, observation, and assessment into the daily routine Practices that are culturally and linguistically responsive Ways to engage families in observation and assessment processes How to effectively share children's learning with families, administrators, and others Find inspiration to intentionally develop and implement meaningful, developmentally appropriate observation and assessment practices to build responsive, joyful classrooms.

Aimed at teachers and future teachers of children from birth through age eight, this book examines the positive effects of play on children's social/emotional, cognitive, and physical development. You will learn how to assess a child's learning through play, making play a more practicable teaching mechanism. You also will learn step-by-step recommendations for establishing a classroom that promotes play and how to develop play-based programs for children in specific age groups: infants and toddlers, preschoolers, kindergarten children, and primary-age children. Incorporating play into the program of special needs children is addressed in each age-specific section and in a separate chapter. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Early Learning and Development offers new models of 'conceptual play' practice and theory.

A comprehensive curriculum for preschool and other early childhood programs. It covers all domains of early learning. The content of each unit is built around daily routine within an activity-center day. Themes, skills, and concepts are developed through quality children's fiction and nonfiction trade books. This program is designed to develop language and early literacy skills in the context of rich content - primarily in the areas of mathematics, science, and social studies. Unit topics include Family, Friends, Wind and Water, World of Color, Shadows and Reflections, and Things That Grow. Research-based strategies include whole-group, individual, and small-group activities. The daily schedule allows teachers to focus intensively on language and literacy.

Educators know that teachers are a school's most essential strength. In Building Teachers' Capacity for Success, authors Pete Hall (winner of the 2004 ASCD Outstanding Young Educator Award) and Alisa Simeral offer a straightforward plan to help site-based administrators and instructional coaches collaborate to bring out the best in every teacher, build a stronger and more cohesive staff, and achieve greater academic success. Their model of Strength-Based School Improvement is an alternative to a negative, deficit-approach focused on fixing what's wrong. Instead, they show school leaders how to achieve their goals by working together to maximize what's right. Filled with clear, proven strategies and organized around two easy-to-use tools--the innovative Continuum of Self-Reflection and a feedback-focused walk-through model--this book offers a differentiated approach to coaching and supervision centered on identifying and nurturing teachers' individual strengths and helping them reach new levels of professional success and satisfaction. Here, you'll find front-line advice from the authors, one a principal and the other an instructional coach, on just what to look for, do, and say in order to start seeing positive results right now. Note: This product listing is for the Adobe Acrobat (PDF) version of the book.

The CEFR Companion volume broadens the scope of language education. It reflects academic and societal developments since the publication of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and updates the 2001 version. It owes much to the contributions of members of the language teaching profession across Europe and beyond. This volume contains: ? an explanation of the key aspects of the CEFR for teaching and learning; ? a complete set of updated CEFR descriptors that replaces the 2001 set with: - modality-inclusive and gender-neutral descriptors; - added detail on listening and reading; - a new Pre-A1 level, plus enriched description at A1 and C levels; - a replacement scale for phonological competence; - new scales for mediation, online interaction and plurilingual/pluricultural competence; - new scales for sign language competence; ? a short report on the four-year development, validation and consultation processes. The CEFR Companion volume represents another step in a process of engagement with language education that has been pursued by the Council of Europe since 1971 and which seeks to: ? promote and support the learning and teaching of modern languages; ? enhance intercultural dialogue, and thus mutual understanding, social cohesion and democracy; ? protect linguistic and cultural diversity in Europe; and ? promote the right to quality education for all.

The assessment of young children's development and learning has recently taken on new importance. Private and government organizations are developing programs to enhance the school readiness of all young children, especially children from economically disadvantaged homes and communities and children with special needs. Well-planned and effective assessment can inform teaching and program improvement, and contribute to better outcomes for children. This book affirms that assessments can make crucial contributions to the improvement of children's well-being, but only if they are well designed, implemented effectively, developed in the context of systematic planning, and are interpreted and used appropriately. Otherwise, assessment of children and programs can have negative consequences for both. The value of assessments therefore requires fundamental attention to their purpose and the design of the larger systems in which they are used. Early Childhood Assessment addresses these issues by identifying the important outcomes for children from birth to age 5 and the quality and purposes of different techniques and instruments for developmental assessments.

Focused Portfolios offers an innovative method to accurately document children's growth and development by observing them in the midst of their everyday activities. Used for years in programs across the country, this easy-to-use system has recently been updated to reflect current best practices in observation and assessment using portfolios, include information on apps and other digital tools to create portfolios for individual assessment and parent engagement, and incorporates individual state standards to develop portfolios that reflect the child's performance.

Young children and teachers both have active roles in the learning process How do preschoolers learn and develop? What are the best ways to support learning in the early years? This revised edition of The Intentional Teacher guides teachers to balance both child-guided and adult-guided learning experiences that build on children's interests and focus on what they need to learn to be successful in school and in life. This edition offers new chapters on science, social studies, and approaches to learning. Also included is updated, expanded information on social and emotional development, physical development and health, language and literacy, mathematics, and the creative arts. In each chapter are many practical teaching strategies that are illustrated with classroom-based anecdotes. The Intentional Teacher encourages readers to- Reflect on their principles and practices- Broaden their thinking about appropriate early curriculum content and instructional methods- Discover specific ideas and teaching strategies for interacting with children in key subject areas Intentional teaching does not happen by chance. This book will help teachers apply their knowledge of children and of content to make thoughtful, intentional use of both child-guided and adult-guided experiences.

Chamine exposes how your mind is sabotaging you and keeping you from achieving your true potential. He shows you how to take concrete steps to unleash the vast, untapped powers of your mind.

Teachers, coaches, and supervisors will learn how to help elementary school students build mathematical proficiency with standards-based, differentiated, small-group instruction with the strategies in this book. Both novice and veteran educators will gain in-depth knowledge for conducting effective guided math lessons, scaffolding learning in small groups, and assessing student learning. Lots of actual templates, graphic organizers, black-line masters, detailed lesson plans, and student work samples are included, as well as vignettes of mini-lessons, center time, small guided math groups, and share time. This practical, hands-on guide will help you... Understand the framework of Guided Math lessons Gain an in-depth look at the role of assessment throughout the Guided Math process Develop an action plan to get started immediately This is a must-have resource for all educators looking for a structure to teach small groups in math that meet the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics.

The Creative Curriculum comes alive! This videotape-winner of the 1989 Silver Apple Award at the National Educational Film and Video Festival-demonstrates how teachers set the stage for learning by creating a dynamic well-organized environment. It shows children involved in seven of the interest areas in the The Creative Curriculum and explains how they learn in each area. Everyone conducts in-service training workshops for staff and parents or who teaches early childhood education courses will find the video an indispensable tool for explaining appropriate practice.

The moment is right for critical reflection on what has been assumed to be a core part of schooling. In *Ungrading*, fifteen educators write about their diverse experiences going gradeless. Some contributors are new to the practice and some have been engaging in it for decades. Some are in humanities and social sciences, some in STEM fields. Some are in higher education, but some are the K-12 pioneers who led the way. Based on rigorous and replicated research, this is the first book to show why and how faculty who wish to focus on learning, rather than sorting or judging, might proceed. It includes honest reflection on what makes ungrading challenging, and testimonials about what makes it transformative. CONTRIBUTORS: Aaron Blackwelder Susan D. Blum Arthur Chiaravalli Gary Chu Cathy N. Davidson Laura Gibbs Christina Katopodis Joy Kirr Alfie Kohn Christopher Riesbeck Starr Sackstein Marcus Schultz-Bergin Clarissa Sorensen-Unruh Jesse Stommel John Warner

This fully updated new edition of *The Oxford Handbook of Infant, Toddler, and Preschool Mental Health Assessment* remains the leading reference for those seeking to understand and assess mental health in infants and young children. Detailing the latest empirical research on measures and methods of infant and young child assessment and providing clinically applicable information for practitioners, this handbook takes a closer look at current developmentally based conceptualizations of mental health function and dysfunction in infants and young children as well as current and new diagnostic criteria in specific disorders such as sensory modulation dysfunction, autism spectrum disorders, affective disorders, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Presented in four sections, chapters correspond to four broad themes: contextual factors in early assessment; temperament and regulation in assessment of young children; early problems and disorders; and translation and varied applied settings for assessment. Each chapter presents state of the science information on valid, developmentally based clinical assessment and makes recommendations based on developmental theory, empirical findings, and clinical experience. Chapters have been added to this second edition covering family assessment, early care and educational environments, new approaches for distinguishing temperament from psychopathology, assessing language, and implementing second stage screening and referral. The volume recognizes and highlights the important role of developmental, social, and cultural contexts in approaching the challenge of assessing early problems and disorders. This new, updated volume will be an ideal resource for teachers, researchers, and a wide variety of clinicians and trainees including child psychologists and psychiatrists, early interventionists, and early special educators.

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