SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Education 487-4

Special Topic Kindergarten

Summer Semester, 1990 May 7 - August 3, 1990 Monday, 5:30 - 9:20 Location: MPX 9511

Instructor: Darlene Forrest

Prerequisite:

Education 401/402 or equivalent

Course Description:

The course will introduce you to principles and practices of school programs for the beginning year of school.

The course will focus on the following topics:

- childhood growth and development and its implications for E.C.E. program development.
- the goals and philosophy of the Primary Program.
- creating enabling learning environments.
- selecting, organizing, and implementing instructional strategies (ie. play), materials, and appropriate content for young children.
- dual entry.
- evaluating young children's learning.
- parental involvement and education.

Course Requirements:

Attendance and participation in all parts of the program. Completion of all required readings and assignment. Demonstration of competency in course assignments.

Texts:

Elkind, David, (19) <u>Miseducation: Preschoolers At Risk.</u> New York: Alfred A Knopf. ISBN 0394756347.

Hall, Nigel, (1987) Emergence of Literacy. Toronto: B.C. Kindergarten Curriculum Guide and Resource Book.