

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
EDUCATION 488-4
SPECIAL TOPICS: KINDERGARTEN
(E1.00)

Spring Semester, 1992
(January 6 – April 3)
Wednesday, 4:30–8:20 p.m.
Location: MPX 7600B

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PREREQUISITES: Educ. 401/402

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will introduce you to a survey of principles and practices of school programs for the early years — specifically for the first two years of the Primary Program (Kindergarten and Year One) in British Columbia.

The course will focus on such topics as:

- selected aspects of child growth and development as they relate to, and hold implication for, school programs in the initial years;
- goals and objectives of the Early Primary (Kindergarten/Year One);
- creating learning environments and selecting, organizing, and implementing instructional strategies, materials and content;
- appraising pupil learning, assessing teaching performance, and evaluation education programs.

The course will comprise a broad range of experiences (lectures, workshops, seminars, discussion groups, etc.) organized in such a way as to model a student-centered approach and to maximize individualization of learning.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance and participation in all parts of the program.
Completion of readings, completion of various follow-up assignments, and an exam.
Demonstration of competency in fulfillment of selected assignments.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Board of Education. (1983). *Look! Hear! Developing Programs for Primary Children Based on Observation of Learning Needs*. The Board of Education for the City of North York. ISBN 1-55000-002-0.

Jaggar, A., & Smith-Burke, M.T. (1985). *Observing the Language Learner*. Newark, Del.: IRA & NCTE.

Ministry of Education. (1990). *Primary Program Foundation Document*. Province of British Columbia. CG0279

Ministry of Education. (1990). *Primary Program Resource Documents*. Province of British Columbia. RB0008.

Wasserman, Selma. (1988). *Put Some Thinking In Your Classroom*. Simon Fraser University, B.C.

Yardley, Alice. (1989). *Young Children Thinking*. Oakville, Ontario: Rubicon Publishing. ISBN 0-921156-04-9 – ISBN 0-921156-06-5 (set).

RECOMMENDED READING

Ministry of Education. (1991). *Supporting Learning. Understanding and Assessing the Progress of Children in the Primary Program. A Resource for Parents and Teachers*. Province of British Columbia. RB0018.

Schwartz, Susan, & Pollishuke, Mindy. (1990). *Creating the Child-centred Classroom*. Toronto, Ont.: Irwin Publishing. ISBN 0-7725-1722-3.

Wasserman, Selma. (1990). *Serious Players in the Primary Classroom. Empowering Children Through Active Learning Experiences*. New York and London: Teachers College, Columbia University. ISBN 0-8077-3030-0