

## Anecdotal Assignments

### **CLDDV 101**

As a practice, the first two anecdotal assignments will receive 10 points for completion. They **MUST** be typed and submitted on time in order to receive the points. They will not be “graded” but will receive feedback.

The real” anecdotal assignments are worth 25 points each. Due dates are on your syllabus. Follow the directions below for each assignment.

#### **Anecdote # 1**

Each student will complete 5 anecdotes. These must be typewritten and should fit on one page. The “practice” anecdotes will be exchanged with other students in the class and we will all learn the technique of looking for objective description and recognizing judgment and inference. These first 2 anecdotes will be worth 10 points each.

**No in class work can be made up. If you do not bring a completed assignment to class you will not receive points.**

#### **Anecdote # 2 same as above**

#### **Anecdotal assignment # 3 and # 4 25 points**

During the first few weeks of class, observe children interacting with each other in a child develop program. You must observe in a licensed, center based program serving 3-5 year-olds. Keep written records of what you observe. **Write 5 anecdotes**, of 5 sentences each, based on your written notes. **Each anecdotal will be worth 5 points.** Grammar, punctuation, spelling and format will be graded.

#### Sample Anecdotal Assignment

The samples below are intended to help you document a child's learning through anecdotal records. Anecdotal records are helpful in tracking children's interests and progress. Below are some examples.

*January 12, 2004: Jeffrey sat outside on the blocks with Henry and Alex. Jeffrey listened as we talked about how soft the rabbit's fur was. When the rabbit came near, he reached down to pet the soft fur. His hand went from the rabbit's head down her back. Jeffrey said, "This fur is softer than my mommy's face."*

*January 13: Jeffrey and Alex rode outside on their tricycles. They talked to each other on the cell phones. Jeffrey told Alex, "I'm coming. I can hear you." As he sped around the course, Jeffrey made a noise like a siren. "Now I'm the firefighter!" he exclaimed.*

*January 13: Jeffrey sat outside at the snack table with Debbie, Karen and Liz. The children shared silly stories about birds. Jeffrey laughed and said, "Have you ever seen some birds in the milk to drink it?" Then he got up and danced like a bird. "Cheep, cheep, cheep," he said*

*January 16: Outside at the picnic table, Jeffrey made a family tree. He dipped his right hand in the paint to make a handprint leaf on each of the branches of his tree. Then he identified each handprint. He included his animals too. "This is my cat, Hyrum, my dog, Scout, and my fish, Oscar. Actually, Oscar died and we flushed him down to fish heaven."*