

Moses and Joannie at the Water Table – Handout

The teacher recorded the following observation:

A group of 5 children were at the water table. Joannie took the cup from in front of Moses. Moses tightened his lips and said, "That's mine." Then Moses picked up the tube and started playing with it.

Anecdotal Record Checklist

- Record facts rather than opinions.
- Record enough detail to capture what happened—avoid biasing your description.
- Use active verbs (action words).
- Observe without interpreting.
- Record only what you see or hear. Be careful to avoid recording something that did not occur.
- Use words that describe but do not judge.
- Record the behaviors in the order they occur. Order can make a difference.
- Consider what information you need about the context. (For example, are other children present? Is the child doing something that he or she observed you or another child doing earlier?)