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Commentary

The reason why individualizing instruction is important is because it allows students who are above or below average to learn at their own pace and wouldn't have to repeat an activity/worksheet that they already mastered. Whereas, differentiated instructions allows students to uncover a deeper layer of learning, while structuring curriculum to support lower level students or those with disabilities. Some differences that I've noticed in the children that I have observed is that most of them can formulate full sentences, can walk and do things for themselves without the guidance of a teacher/caregiver. However, there are some that still need a little help/guidance in some areas from the teacher/caregivers but they still can do for themselves.

Being an objective observer wasn't as challenging as I anticipated. It was more so interesting and fun for me when trying to identify and use the different types of observation techniques. Some of the specific challenges I've noticed about myself is being able to keep my feelings and emotions in check when doing the observation techniques that were used. It was hard because of what I felt when watching the videos. I couldn't express it when i was writing what the children were doing specifically in the video, i had to strictly keep it within the observational technique structure.

The way I would use this developmental information from the videos to set up my classroom environment is by having an open floor layout where the children can find everything easily, having a scenery area, a play area, a block area, a book station and so much more. This will allow the children to have freedom within the classroom to choose what they want to do or if we have a curriculum planned everything is where it's supposed to be.

There's so much that I've learned from this class and from observing development through videos is that when working with children you must have patience, must be loving, caring, etc. it's important to make a child feel safe, secure, and comfortable within your class environment. It's also important to make the families feel welcomed and comfortable knowing that they are part of your community and knowing that their child is going to be in good hands. It's important to have open communication with families, building trust and creating a relationship with them. When observing a child making sure that they are developing appropriately is very important, making sure that each child meets their developmental domains for their age group is a must. I've also learned that having families involved in their child's learning environment is very important and crucial to their development.