Part A: Commentary

The classroom I chose to view is the "Westwood Preschool Classroom". I observed that this classroom is spacious; there is plenty of room to move freely about the room for any child or adult. There also is enough space for a child with a wheelchair to move freely around the room. They have a nice spacious meeting area for whole group meetings or to have music and movement. There is a block area against the wall, with blocks on the shelves that are accessible to the children. All the learning and play materials are on shelves that are eye level to the children and easily reachable for them.

The class seems well organized and actively engaged in the various activities I observed. The teachers make the activities engaging and diverse. They sing, dance and move their bodies on a regular basis throughout the day. When having whole class instruction, every student was engaged in the activity.

I gave the classroom a 5 in overall space and furnishings. There was ample amounts of space to move about the classroom freely and independently. The different play areas were clearly defined, but not all materials were clearly labeled. There were no hazardous materials or teacher's personal belongings left within reach of children.

The only suggestion I have is to add more decorations to the walls. I did notice some artwork and decorations related to what they were learning about in class. However I still felt the walls were a little bare. My suggestion is to add more artwork from the students, or maybe photos of the students during activities and play.