5 Guidelines for Effective Teaching

Through the decisions they make, excellent teachers translate the DAP* framework into high-quality experiences for children. These guidelines address five key aspects of the teacher’s role:

01 Creating a caring community of learners
02 Teaching to enhance development and learning
03 Planning curriculum to achieve important goals
04 Assessing children's development and learning
05 Establishing reciprocal relationships with families

Let’s think of these guidelines as five points on a star—a “mariner’s star” to guide our journey to help children learn best. Each point of the star is a vital part of good practice in early care and education. None can be left out or shortchanged without seriously weakening the whole.

* DAP = Developmentally Appropriate Practice

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