

Daily Reflective Journal

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Entry # 1

Reflective Journal

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**Suggested
topic of the
day:**

Think about your classroom. What is in the room and how is it arranged? How are materials displayed and made available? How does this environment encourage a sense of wonder or support play? How do you feel when you are in the space?

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day:**

What are you still wondering about after being at your placement for two days? Do you have questions that have not been answered yet? What surprises you after the first two days? What excites you? What are your goals for this placement and why have you chosen those goals?

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Suggested topic of the day:

How are you getting to know the children? What strategies are you using to gain their trust and respect? How do you know when your strategies are working?

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**Suggested
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What are your initial reactions to your first few days? What are you looking forward to and why? Is there anything you are disappointed about? Why?

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**Suggested
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Describe open-ended free play in your classroom. What strategies and materials do you see being offered to support this type of play in your classroom? What else do you think could be done to deepen and enrich this type of play?

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**Suggested
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Which are the centers/areas that are most used by the children? Which are the centers /areas least used by the children? Why do you think this is?

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Suggested topic of the day:	<i>What have you learned so far about how your contact teacher plans the curriculum? How are the children's learning experiences documented and shared with families?</i>
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**Suggested
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Describe something you tried that didn't go as anticipated. What did you do in the moment to try to fix things? Thinking back, what have you learned from this experience?

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**Suggested
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day:**

Describe something that made you nervous but you did it anyway. How did you approach it? How did this process work out for you? What did you learn by taking this risk?

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**Suggested
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day:**

What goals have you met for this placement so far? What goals have not been achieved yet and why? Do you have any new goals after being here for ten days? How are you going to achieve these goals and who needs to support you to do that?

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**Suggested
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day:**

What "trouble spots" do you see in the flow of the daily schedule? Are there times where children are hurried? Parts of the day where children repeatedly have behaviour problems? Identify these in the schedule and make recommendations for changes.

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**Suggested
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How often do you have the opportunity to interact with parents? What is the quality of those interactions? How do you help parents feel welcome? How do you let them know that you care about the wellbeing of their child?

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Suggested topic of the day:	<i>What is the approach to inclusion at this centre? How are children with special needs or challenges supported by the classroom teachers? Who are the other people who are part of the process of supporting these children?</i>
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**Suggested
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Describe how you came to understand what was expected of you in your placement. What did you find helpful? What was not helpful and why was it not helpful? Were there things you could have done or said to clarify the expectations?

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**Suggested
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Reflect on your behaviour guidance practices. What strategies do you feel comfortable with? How effective do you think they are? What is not working? Why do you think it is not working? What do you want to learn more about?

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Describe communication between you and your contact teacher. How and when did you share information during the practicum? How did you know you were doing okay in the practicum? How was feedback offered? What was your role in this process?

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**Suggested
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Describe a situation when you had a concern or dilemma regarding an aspect of your practicum. What was the outcome? How did you handle the situation? Why did you react as you did? What did you learn from the experience?

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**Suggested
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Describe your relationship with the teaching team in your practicum. What was your role in the team? Describe your contributions to the program and the centre. What was your role in this process? Are there things you could have done differently?

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What practices in this placement are you most comfortable with? Why do you think they feel "right" to you? What values/beliefs do you hold that make these practices feel "right"?

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**Suggested
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*Describe how you changed as a result of your practicum placement. Why do you think you changed?
What aspects of the process contributed to that change? What would you do if you could do the
placement over again?*

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