Early Childhood Laboratory Professional Development Visits and Observational Opportunities
The SFA Early Childhood Laboratory is a public childcare for Infants through Pre-Kindergarten. We are successfully implementing many highly effective practices in the following areas of focus: autonomy and assessment of young children, classroom management and environment, learning centers and academic choice.

Many schools request to observe in our classrooms, and in an effort for these observations to be truly effective, the following procedures and options are in place:

Professional Development Visits
Scheduling and Fees:
All visits must be scheduled and follow approved procedures.
Visits are limited to one group per month.
Visits are not scheduled during the first or last three weeks of the school, the weeks surrounding holidays, and during testing windows.
Available hours are between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm.
Maximum observation group size is 10 persons.
Visits are designed with three components: preview, observation, and review presented by an observation facilitator and classroom teacher.
Fee for one professional development block: 2 hours - $500

Includes preview (approx. 20 minutes), observation (approx. 1 hour), and review (approx. 40 minutes).
Materials related to the requested area of focus included.
Additional professional development block fee: 2 hours - $500
Visits matched to classrooms which offer the most expertise in the requested areas of focus.

If you are interested in a professional development visit opportunity, please contact Lori Harkness, lharkness@sfasu.edu, 936 468 4006.
Observational Visits
Scheduling:
All visits must be scheduled and follow approved procedures
Allowed only with facilitation by Elementary Education faculty member
Visits are limited to one group per week
Visits are not scheduled during the first or last three weeks of the school year, the weeks surrounding holidays, and during testing windows
Available hours are between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm
Maximum observation group size is 20 persons
Visits are limited to the observation booth only
No classroom teacher access
No materials are included (except one-page information sheet)
Observational visits are free of charge for a 1 hour block
Visits matched to classrooms which offer the most expertise in the area requested

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