Chesapeake College

ECD 270 Practicum in Early Childhood Development

Circle Time

1. How did you transition children to and from circle time?

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**It was announced by the children’s teacher that I had a special activity to do with them and for them to all meet up at the front of the room (large meeting area). I transferred them from circle time to getting their nap stuff by using there letter of the week; what word starts with a “V”, they would raise their hands once they had an answer and I would call on them to answer and they would leave area to collect nap stuff.**

1. List the activities that you engaged the children in during circle time?

**I asked them to tell me everything they knew about a book; the spine, the front, the cover, the back, who wrote the book (author), the illustrator, etc.**

**We then read the book and interacted throughout book; open ended questions before, after and during the book.**

**Briefly discussed the book afterwards; closing.**

1. Describe activities that you engaged the children in during circle time that were initiated by you?

**I prompted open ended questions throughout entire activity.**

1. How did these activities relate to the current unit theme?

**The book tied into their current theme of “Exploring Space.” (2 week theme)**

1. Do you feel that you were successful in engaging the children?

**Yes, the children enjoyed the book, were engaged and interacted with me and each other.**

1. Were your activities developmentally appropriate and appropriate for a large group?

**Yes, the book was developmentally appropriate, as well as the discussions we had before and after reading book.**

1. Is there anything you would do differently next time in regard to planning and/or carrying out circle time?

**This was different from normal “morning message”/circle time where they go through what they are doing today, the theme, calendar, weather, number and letter of the week, etc. This was an individual circle time I had to create since I am not at the center in the AM. Considering that it was already different, I don’t think I would have done anything differently.**

 Observer Comments (sign and date):