Things to Look for During Your Visit

- Sense of Independence
- Degree of concentration demonstrated
- Ability to choose one's own work
- Respectful of each other and the classroom
- Positive social interactions
- Children of varying ages working together
- Peaceful and calm body movements
- Returning to work after a distraction

Classroom Observation Worksheet

As you observe the classroom for the first time, what catches your eye?

What are your first impressions?

How is the classroom organized? What do you notice about the layout of materials, activities, furnishings, and shelves?

What do you notice about the way the adults interact with the children?

Perhaps during your observation, you will see the teacher correct or guide a child who was acting inappropriately. What did you notice? How did the other children react?

Does this observation raise any questions for you? If so, please jot them down to ask the Teacher or Magnet Lead later: