

JOURNAL 1
Observing the Opening of School

Student _____ Grade _____

Cooperating Teacher _____ School _____

There are many tasks to be accomplished to insure that the school year starts and continues smoothly. If you were not in the school for the beginning of the school year, you will have to rely heavily upon a discussion with your cooperating teacher to complete this assignment. Please refer to Journal Guidelines for the format of your paper. Attach this paper to the front of your journal assignment. Following are six items you may want to consider or you may use any number of these in combination with your own for a total of six items.

1. What does the teacher do, both before school starts and during the first week, to become familiar with the children?
2. How does the teacher work with the children to establish a class climate?
3. How are rules and consequences established or explained?
4. How are the seating arrangements decided and the seats assigned?
5. Is the first week schedule different than the regular schedule for the year? If so, how and why is it different?
6. What kinds of administrative tasks and paperwork must the teacher complete during the first week or two of school?

Each numbered topic is clearly and adequately addressed. CC U

Answers are mechanically and structurally correct. CC U
(proper grammar, spelling, etc.)

Answers reflect collaboration with cooperating teacher. CC U

General Comments:

Total Points Earned

Evaluator's Signature

10 points Clearly competent in all areas

8 points Competent in most areas

6 points Marginally competent

Papers receiving 6 points or less need to be rewritten and submitted to receive up to 8 points

(Points will be deducted for late assignments.)