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Part 3

For my Part 3, I collected data from a kindergarten classroom at Bel Pre Elementary School. The classroom is made up of 18 students, 11 of which are boys and the rest are girls. The classroom is very ethnically diverse. There are 8 African American students, 4 White/Caucasian, 4 Hispanic and 2 Asian students.

For the assessment sheet, I downloaded class summary sheet from the Montgomery County Public Schools Assessment Program. The assessment sheet deals with the kindergarten foundational skills and has 3 columns for the scores to be entered at three different times during the year: fall, winter and spring. Some of the foundational skills that are assessed in the sheet are, letter ID, Concepts about Print, Phonemic Awareness and Word Recognition. In the assessment sheet, the colors represent the ranges of scores. Blue is the highest, then green, yellow and red is the lowest.

From the collected data, I feel that the students need help on different aspects of literacy. The reading and writing levels vary. The majority of the students fall in the green and yellow levels. More importantly, I think that students need reinforcement in concepts about print. Only four of the students were within the range of upper level skills or blue range. I think that the students will benefit from learning about concepts of print because through concepts about print children not only learn to read, but also, it will help them in learning to write. Concepts about print along with letter recognition will serve as a foundation for many of the skills that the children need to learn to succeed in the classroom.

Ways to help children learn about concepts about print are to model the right way to do it. Through modeling the right way to read (top to bottom, left to right etc.), children will gain an understanding of the correct procedure. The children will also benefit from having their own experiences in reading and writing.

In conclusion, the children in my classroom would benefit from more knowledge about concepts about print because eventually, it will help them in reading and writing. Some strategies that would be useful for the children are modeling and allowing the children to have their own hands-on experiences with reading and writing.