**LINC 3.4 Activity 2**

**Assessment and Instructional Practices in One Classroom**

**Overview**

In this assignment, you will apply what you’ve learned—about developmentally appropriate practice, differentiation, and assessment—to one classroom. If you are currently teaching, you can complete the assignment with your own classroom in mind. If you are not currently teaching, please observe and interview a teacher (preschool – 3rd grade) to get answers to the questions below.

**Gather Information**

Gather evidence of classroom assessment practices in order to answer the following questions:

* What types of assessments are used in this classroom?
* Does the teacher provide different types of assessments for different learners? If so, describe and explain why they do this.
* Are the assessments appropriate to the developmental levels of the students? Why or why not?
* How does the teacher use assessment data to make instructional decisions? In particular:
* How does the teacher PLAN FOR assessment and then use assessment to PLAN FOR instruction?
* How does the teacher use assessment data to differentiate instruction?

**Reflect**

Put on your “leadership hat” and think about:

* When you look at the assessments in this classroom: are there too many, too few, or just about right? Which are the most helpful assessments to improve instruction and align curriculum and instruction? Which are the least helpful?
* Are there any important assessment data missing that would provide some key information about the level of student learning and any difficulties that they might be experiencing?
* As the school leader, how might you help this teacher and other teachers in your school think about how these assessments are aligned across the school continuum? Do the assessments build on the assessments in earlier levels and also help to prepare children for the next level of learning?
* How would you use these data to improve instruction at earlier levels and inform instruction at later levels? What other data would you need to make these improvements?