School: Culbreth Middle School in Chapel Hill, NC Classroom: ELA Grade Level: 6th

Physical Development	Language and Literacy Development
 Students annotate text Students provided written and typed responses to verbal questions asked by the teacher Students were able to move throughout the classroom without being reminded of expectations Collaborative group seating Raised their hand to be acknowledged by the teacher 	 Articulated questions for clarity during group discussion Referred to anchor charts and word wall for vocabulary Communicated well with peers
Cognitive Development	Self-Concept, Identity, and Motivation
 Student choice while reading to self in a comfy corner Graphic organizer used to organize students thoughts Analyzed text and provide responses to questions Received feedback from the teacher and made necessary adjustments 	 Helps peers stay on task Makes an effort to ask questions when needed Student choice helps encourage students
Peer Relations and Moral Development	

- Students were responding to questions during a whole group lesson
- Made connections to real-life experiences and conveyed their thinking in paired discussions
- The teacher builds positive relationships with students by making them feel included in class discussions
- Choice vs. force