



PROJECT CONSTRUCT CURRICULUM & CURRICULAR ENHANCEMENTS CARLSON'S KIDS PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Carlson's Kids Pre-Kindergarten Programs utilize the "Project Construct" Curriculum. Methods and objectives for student learning are listed below:

Project Construct is a process-oriented curriculum and assessment framework for working with children ages three through seven. *Project Construct* is based on constructivist theory, which states that children construct their own knowledge and values as a result of interactions with the physical and social world. The project design provides for a variety of resources, including curriculum material and assessment instruments, support pieces for educators and parents that address a range of theoretical and practical concerns, and guidelines for teacher evaluation and professional development.

Although it is strongly present in the classroom, *Project Construct* is not the only teaching theory used in the Carlson's Kids Pre-Kindergarten Program. Several different types of teaching theories are used to foster knowledge and continue a child's development throughout their educational career.

To learn more about *Project Construct*, click on the link below:

http://www.kids-international.com/childcare-articles/PCNC_Info_Brochure.pdf

Project Construct was developed to fulfill a need for a curriculum and assessment framework that supports young children's characteristic ways of learning while at the same time providing teachers, parents, and administrators the information they need to make appropriate decisions regarding the education of young children.

In order to allow the child to master the *Project Construct* goals & indicators for scientific thinking, symbolic expression, & language development, curricular enhancements have been made to the Carlson's Kids program. The Pre-K 4 classroom, for example, uses the **WeeklyReader program** and **BrainPOP Jr.** to supplement the curriculum. In addition, both Carlson's Kids classrooms utilize an age-appropriate religion book ("God Made Me" - PK3 & "God Made the World" – PK4).

To learn more about *BrainPOP Jr.* and the *WeeklyReader* program, click on the links below:

<http://www.brainpop.com/about/>

<http://www.weeklyreader.com/>

The Project Construct Assessment System assists teachers in documenting the attainment of student goals. The system has two primary components: one part is based on informal assessment techniques that are designed to monitor students' day-to-day progress, while the other part reflects a more structured approach and is most useful for summative evaluation. Both components feature performance-based methods and promote developmentally appropriate assessment practices.