

Procedures for Live Observational Research:

1. Observers should introduce themselves to the Research Director and the Assistant to the Director, to ensure safety for our children, senior citizens and staff.
2. For each observational period, observers must wear name tags (first name is fine), and sign in at the appropriate window, including what study they are part of.
3. Observers are requested to restrict themselves to the observational windows, except under the following circumstances: a) they cannot see or hear adequately in the classroom; b) the class is in the Intergenerational Studio or on the playground, out of the range of the observational windows. In these cases, observers may position themselves within the children's "space." They should not initiate interaction. If children or teachers initiate interaction, observers should identify their role as a "listening friend," and clarify they are not teachers.
4. Any questions or concerns about any facet of this process should be addressed promptly with the Research Director.
5. See Procedures for Recording, Storage and Use of Data for details of how to protect participant identity in the data collection process.

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