Do you know what is happening to and for children today? The current event portfolio is an accumulation of three (3) articles, newspaper reports, news magazines, and/or internet articles related to the current issues concerning the welfare of young children.

Guidelines

A. Grade Sheet
B. Article Reflection: (Typed) A three-prong folder (not binder) is needed. Reflections should not be placed in sheet protectors and will not be graded; however, if you choose, you may use sheet covers for your articles only. This checklist/grade sheet should be placed at the beginning of your folder. Each item should include a short reflection: The article must reflect a date from the start of this course until the due date. Use three different resources.

1. Citation: Record the source by providing the author, year, title, type of source, and page numbers for each articles. Articles obtained from the internet must include address and date obtained;
2. My brief summary:
3. Relation to this class: (Lecture topic and date or Chapter/title/Page of Text)
4. Reason for selection:
5. Your Thoughts:
6. The article should come next. The date MUST be included on the article.

One Required Topic: One of the three reflections and articles must be on health care or child abuse issues.
Optional Topics: Other topics may include the following: These websites are provided for you to gain background information about the topic; they may not be used as an article.

- Children living in poverty or Children’s health care
- Governor or Representative Stance: where does your governor or political representatives stand on issues affecting early care and education, schools, poverty, health, violence, families, and/or revenue for supporting children and families?
- Media effects on children
- Health issues in your community
- Medical attention to children
- California’s Family Leave Act http://www.calaborfed.org/resources/index.html
- Government decisions and the effects on children and families State of California http://www.ca.gov
- Adoption or Foster Care System: (Gay adoptions and foster care: current issue in the news 2005)
- Treatment of Children (+ and -)
- Megan’s Law
- English as a Second Language
C. Portfolio Reflection: (Typed) After you have completed the three Current Event Reflections include a Portfolio Reflection that answers each of the bullets below. Each of these headings must be noted on your reflection page. Points will be deducted for not including them.

- How difficult was it to find these sources? Best source? Worst source?
- If you used the Web, what were the best sites?
- Items locate in the newspaper or news magazines, in what sections were the articles generally found – for instance, lifestyles, front page, education section, or editorial pages.
- What stories about young children attract the attention of reporters and editors of newspapers and newsmagazines?
- What message(s) do these items send to the general public about our society’s stance toward young children and families
- What did you learn from this activity?
- What would you like to see as the headline of tomorrow’s regional newspaper? Give details to explain your response and write the first paragraph of the lead article.

D. Advocacy Letter: What will you do about an issue of importance? After you have collected all of your articles choose one article and write one Advocacy Letter. Your advocacy letter must be to advocate for a particular change. The letter MUST include an actual receivers name and address, however it is not required that you mail this letter.
CURRENT EVENTS PORTFOLIO

Your Name: ____________________________________________________________

Date Begin: ___________________________ Date Due: ________________________

Double CHECK Your Work:

_______ 1. Have you included your items in a folder (not a binder)?

_______ 2. Have you submitted your folder by the due date? Date: ______________

_______ 3. Have you included your name and class time on the cover of your folder?

_______ 4. Have you included the following in this order:
   a. Checklist (this sheet)
   b. Article Reflection
   c. Article w/ date included on the article and no webpages
   d. Portfolio Reflection
   e. Advocacy Letter

_______ 5. Are the dates of your articles within the terms of this course?

_______ 6. Have you included articles that are from three DIFFERENT sources?

_______ 7. Have you avoided using webpages? (Not acceptable)

_______ 9. If you have decided to use sheet protectors, you have placed only the article in the sheet protectors and left the reflection out and available for grading?

_______ 10. Did you use APA formatting for your references?

_______ 11. Did you include the required sub-headings in the article/portfolio reflection?

_______ 12. Did you include your Advocacy Letter: Include a real address and signed your letter?

Table of Content and Grade Sheet

CE1 ______/5  Article Title: ________________________________________________

CE2 ______/5  Article Title: ________________________________________________

CE3 ______/5  Article Title: ________________________________________________

Portfolio Reflection ______/10

Advocacy Letter ______/15  Addressed to: _________________________________

Organization _____________/10