







## Reflecting on Instruction: Snow Poem

Six Essential Components		Examples of 6 essentials observed in video of activity	Reflection notes to adjust Instruction
	1. Builds on <b>student's strengths and interest, opportunity for choice-making</b>	Angel could use the keyboard to demonstrate concepts he understood, when he was unable to demonstrate these using spoken language through more standardized forms of assessment and evaluation.	
	2. Includes <b>peers in the interaction</b>	Classmates LOVED this story and wanted Angel to tell it often. Angel was viewed as an author by others and this became a great source of visible pride.	
	3. <b>Creates an atmosphere of play</b> (social and/or symbolic) with modeling and encouragement	We were able to provide extensions on this story by substituting other things that could fall from the sky. We talked about feathers, chocolate, grilled cheese sandwiches and cats landing on our shoulders, cheeks, and in our hair. We imagined a snowman made out of grilled cheese sandwiches. YUM! This kind of play with absurdity helped us think critically through pretend ("I wonder what else could fall from the sky and what would happen? Could that REALLY happen?")	
	4. <b>Provides a context for activity</b> through predictable routines, consistent and accessible locations, adequate space for enactment and story creation	The addition of the keyboard drew out so many additional details that Angel was previously unable to share expressively using language.	

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	<p>5. <b>Includes</b> the use of <b>props</b> and <b>actions</b> and <b>physical enactment</b></p>	<p>The piano was a motivating prop!</p>	
	<p>6. <b>Adult is flexible and supportive</b> and <b>provides scaffolding</b> between highly directive and participatory role and non-directive encourager and scribe.</p>	<p>Though I was focused on the long-term goal, it was important to realize that it took multiple sessions to get there. This would not have been possible through drilled or memorized content. Angel practiced this story over and over because it was important to him personally, and the keyboard made it multi-sensory, fun and different.</p>	