

### **Construction play observation:**

#### **S1:**

- Construction play takes place indoors.
- There are only four participants. Two girls and two boys.
- The teacher was just an observer, but very interested in the session. She had a positive attitude.
- The type of construction play that took place was box, block, big LEGO blocks, and open-ended material play.
- The materials and resources used were boxes, wooden blocks, toy animals, big LEGO blocks, and open-ended materials.
- The teacher was very open to the experience. The children preferred the wooden blocks and started playing with them and the toy animals.
- The least favourite materials were the LEGO blocks and open-ended materials. later on, they started playing with the boxes.

#### **S2:**

- Construction play takes place in the classroom.
- There are five participants. Three girls and two boys.
- The teacher is very welcoming, but she does not observe the session.
- She has a positive attitude towards this form of play.
- The type of construction play that took place was box, block, and open-ended material play.
- The materials and resources used were wooden blocks, toy animals and boxes.
- The school only had big LEGO blocks, colourful blocks, and sensory material.
- The children preferred the wooden blocks and toy animals.
- Later on, they played with the boxes, but had no interest in the other open-ended materials.
- Lastly the children started climbing into the boxes.

### S3:

- Construction play took place in the classroom.
- There are six participants. Four girls and two boys.
- The teacher is observing and interested in the session. She is moving around and taking photos of the children and their constructions.
- The teacher has a welcoming and positive attitude towards this form of play.
- The type of construction play that took place is block, big LEGO, and open-ended material play.
- The material and resources that were used are toy animals, wooden blocks, and big LEGO blocks.
- One of the girls played alone and built her own construction.
- Another boy did not want to play with any of the materials, later he started stacking some of the bottles.
- There was a girl that only wanted to play with the toy animals, and she had no interest of sharing the toys.

### S4:

- Construction play took place outside. There is no space for group construction play in the classroom.
- There are eight participants. One girl and seven boys.
- The teacher only observed the session.
- She had a positive and open attitude towards this form of play.
- The type of construction play that took place was wooden blocks, big LEGO blocks and open-ended material play.
- The materials and resources that the children used were toy animals, wooden blocks, and big LEGO blocks.
- The children mostly played on their own. Here and there two children played together, but that caused a fight.
- The children enjoyed the toy animals.
- Most of the children played very rough with the wooden blocks and at one stage they started throwing the blocks.

**S5:**

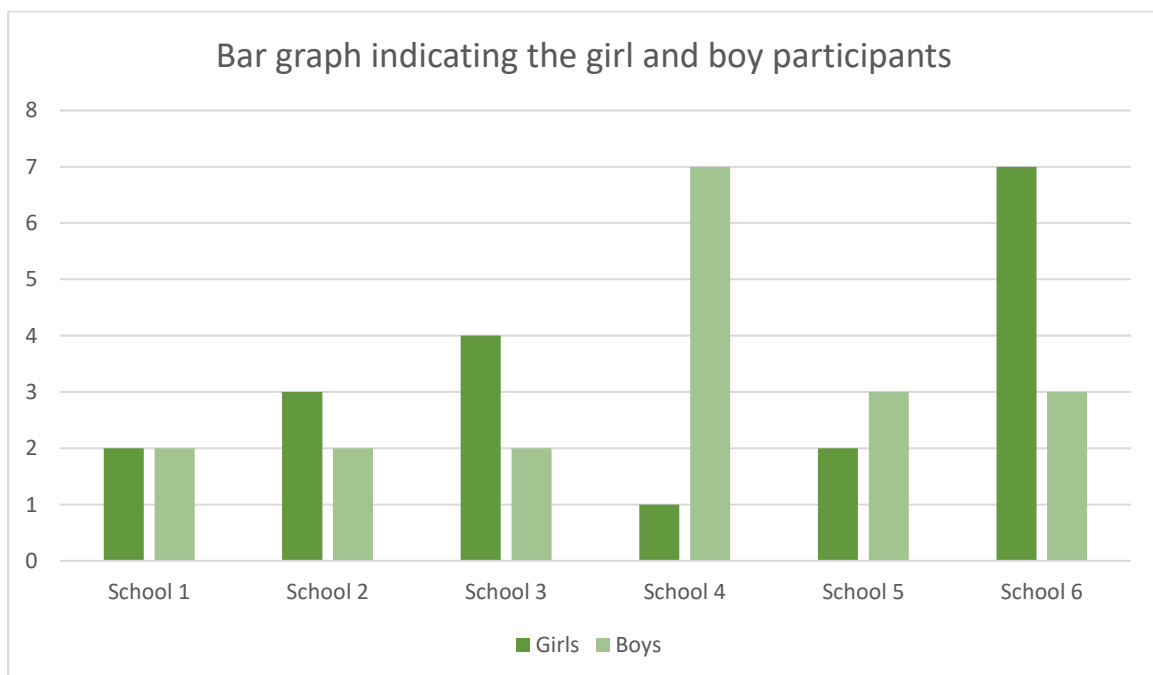
- Construction play took place outside on the playground.
- There are five participants. Two girls and three boys.
- The teacher was not involved during the observation session.
- In general, the teacher is very involved, and she is prone construction play. The children regularly use the six brocks method.
- The type of construction play that took place was wooden blocks, big LEGO blocks and open-ended material play.
- The materials and resources that the children used were wooden blocks, big LEGO blocks and toy animals.
- The children only seem to want to play with the toy animals and big LEGO blocks.
- One of the boys does not want to play at all, he shows no interest in any of the materials.
- Later three children started using the wooden blocks to build a house. It was more piling and less building.

**S6:**

- Construction play took place outside, the indoor play area is too small.
- There are 10 participants. Seven girls and three boys.
- The teacher was only an observer.
- The teachers attitude to this form of play was very positive and she was welcoming and open to the observation session.
- The type on construction play that took place was box, wooden blocks, big LEGO blocks and open-ended material play.
- The materials and recourses used was wild animal toys, toy cats and dogs, toy trucks, big LEGO blocks, and boxes.
- The children seem to ask before they play with something.
- Most of the children wanted to play with the wooden blocks.
- The children seem to have split into two groups, only two girls play with the LEGO blocks.

- A few girls started playing with the bottles, they putt all the lids back on the bottles.

The following diagram indicates the girl and boy participants per school:



Bar graph indicating the amount of girl and boy participants per school