South Dakota State University

ECE 361: Methods and Materials in Early Childhood Education

Concepts addressed in this course: *Major cognitive processes associated with student learning: social reasoning*

**Students should refer to:**

**Specifically, students should review:**
Social Reasoning in Children
- Transformational reasoning - lack of ability to see change
- Centration – attending to only one attribute
- Irreversibility – unable to reverse thought to starting point
- Egocentrism – taking only self perspective

Social Reasoning Development
- Development at different ages
- Affect development - awareness of emotions
  1. Labeling one’s emotions
  2. Recognizing other’s emotions

Development empathy
- Perspective taking
  1. Conversations
  2. Conflict resolution situations

Development of social skills and an awareness of societal norms
- Socio-moral development
  1. Meeting emotional needs
  2. Fostering peer interaction
  3. Promoting responsibility
  4. Valuing different points of view
  5. Learning from natural consequences
  6. Developing conflict resolution strategies