ECE 478: Integrated Curriculum in Birth-to-Age-8 Education

Concepts addressed in this course: Techniques for planning instruction, including addressing curriculum goals, selecting content topics, incorporating learning theory, subject matter, curriculum development, and student development and interests: themes/projects

Review notes on integrated curriculum, including:
- Review state standards and look for areas to easily integrate the curriculum utilizing themes or projects
- Science and social studies topics lend themselves well to themes/projects
- Review the thematic model for teaching social studies
- Motivation for learning increased when students actively involved with “real” problems, planning their learning and making choices
- Decrease in behavior problems
- Students engaged in learning as they make connections across the curriculum and with the world outside of the classroom

Web Resources:
http://members.tripod.com/exworthy/projthemecollections.htm
http://eduscapes.com/ladders/start.htm

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