Pleasures and Problems in Teaching

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Listed below are typical activities of early childhood teachers. Read the activities and indicate whether you feel each activity would be pleasant, unpleasant, or if you are unsure.

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1. Rocking children to sleep.

2. Meeting new parents.

3. Changing diapers.

4. Teaching children to dress themselves.

5. Writing parent letters.

6. Selecting new equipment.

7. Reading stories.

8. Helping children cope with fears.

9. Comforting sad children.

10. Teaching songs to children.

11. Designing bulletin boards.

12. Arranging the classroom.

13. Selecting art activities.

14. Attending conferences.

15. Reading articles on child development.

16. Settling disputes between children.

17. Taking field trips.

18. Telling puppet stories.

19. Cleaning up art activities.

20. Coping with temper tantrums.

21. Planning holiday parties.

22. Teaching safety.

23. Planning nutritious meals & snacks.

24. Laughing with children.

25. Recording children’s progress.

26. List at least 5 activities that you would consider most pleasant and explain why.

27. List at least 5 activities that you would consider the most unpleasant and explain why.

28. Do you want to be an early childhood teacher? Why or why not?