



Ski Spectacular Instructor Academy

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Clinic Summary Notes

Clinic Topic: Fun School – Mary Ellen Whitney

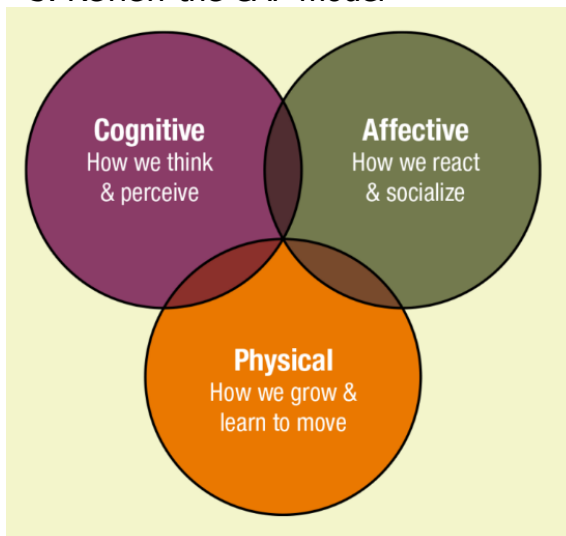
1. Fundamentally understand how the brain and body and emotions of children work for creating fun and engaging lessons that will delight kids of all ages.
2. Review Piaget’s Developmental Theory:

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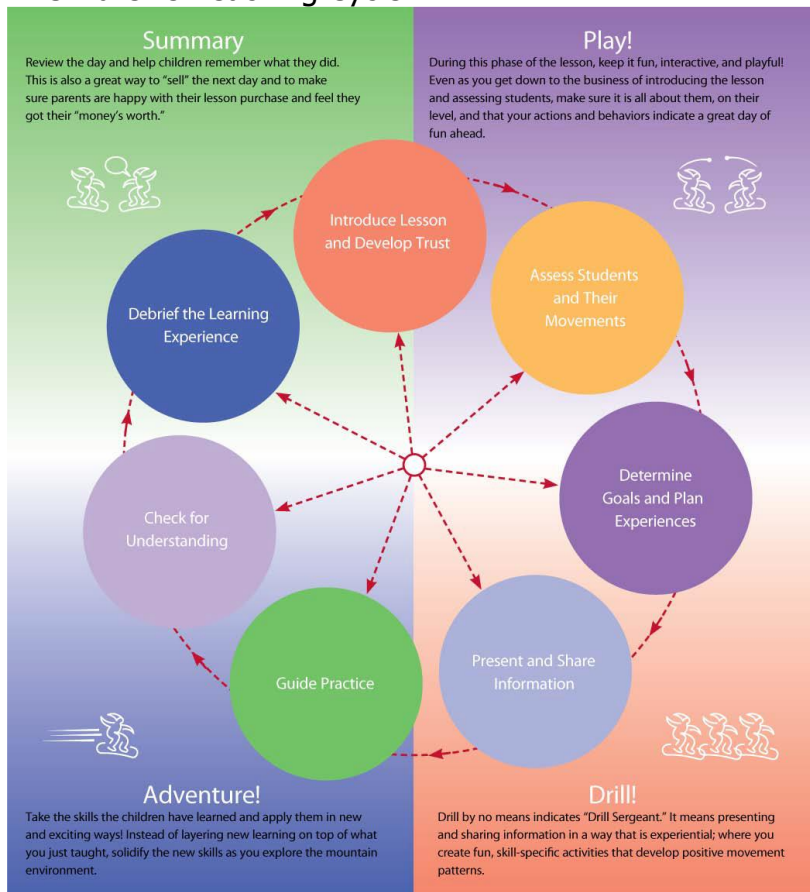
Stage	Age Range	Description
Sensorimotor	0-2 years	Coordination of senses with motor response, sensory curiosity about the world. Language used for demands and cataloguing. Object permanence developed
Preoperational	2-7 years	Symbolic thinking, use of proper syntax and grammar to express full concepts. Imagination and intuition are strong, but complex abstract thought still difficult. Conservation developed.
Concrete Operational	7-11 years	Concepts attached to concrete situations. Time, space, and quantity are understood and can be applied, but not as independent concepts
Formal Operations	11+	Theoretical, hypothetical, and counterfactual thinking. Abstract logic and reasoning. Strategy and planning become possible. Concepts learned in one context can be applied to another.

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3. Review the CAP model



4. Children's Teaching Cycle



5. Arm yourself with a list of games; flatland drills; and other sensory or visual 'toys' to grab for adapting to on-snow lessons. Be prepared for making every minute "Fun" with playful adaptations to lesson segments.

Resources at <https://www.thesnowpros.org/education/digital-manuals-for-every-discipline/>
PSIA/AASI Core Concepts Manual
PSIA Children's Ski and Snowboard Movement Guide; Children's Instruction Manual, 2nd ed.
Children's Alpine Teaching Handbook
Children's Ski and Snowboard Movement Guide
Captain Zembo's Ski & Snowboard Teaching Guide for Kids, 2nd ed.