Measurement of Meaningful Play

Principles of Play	Limited (1)	Basic (2)	Proficient (3)	Exemplary (4)	SCORE
Promotes Skill Development	The activity does not effectively promote the development of sensory, motor, communication, or executive functioning skills.	1-2 elements of skill development are present, but they are not well-integrated or targeted.	The activity promotes skill development 1-2 areas (e.g., motor skills and communication skills) with good integration.	The activity effectively promotes the development of all 3 areas (sensory, motor, communication, and executive functioning skills) in a well-integrated and targeted manner.	
Enhances Independence	The activity does not support or encourage independence in the child's play experience	Limited opportunities for independence are provided, with significant support needed for self-directed play.	The activity offers some opportunities for independence, allowing the child to make choices and take initiative with moderate support.	The activity actively promotes independence, empowering the child to make decisions, solve problems, and engage in self-directed play with minimal or no support.	
Fosters Communication & Social Interaction	The activity does not encourage social communication or interactions with others.	Limited opportunities for social communication or interactions are provided, with minimal emphasis on cooperative play or peer engagement.	The activity supports social communication and interactions, providing opportunities for cooperative play and peer engagement with moderate effectiveness.	The activity actively fosters social communication and interactions, promoting cooperative play, turntaking, and collaboration with peers in a meaningful and inclusive manner.	
Encourages Exploration	The activity does not encourage or facilitate exploration and discovery.	Limited opportunities for exploration are provided, with minimal variety or novelty in play materials.	The activity offers some opportunities for exploration, allowing the child to discover new ideas, materials, or experiences with moderate effectiveness.	The activity actively encourages exploration, providing diverse and engaging play materials and opportunities for the child to investigate, experiment, and learn in a dynamic and	
Total Meaningful Play Score: Low = 4-6 Basic = 7-10 Proficient = 11-14 Exemplary = 15-16					