

## Chapter 6

# Characteristics of Portfolio Assessment



- A portfolio is a purposeful collection of a child's work across multiple environments.
- Portfolio assessment provides a complex, comprehensive, and meaningful portrait of the child.
- It provides coherent documentation of a child's progress over time.
- It documents a child's functioning in authentic, meaningful tasks that are part of daily routines.
- It recognizes the child's active participation in the construction of his or her own knowledge and the effects of the social context on learning.
- It provides documentation of a child's learning processes and ways of constructing knowledge.
- It is both child originated and adult guided.