Review of My Virtual Child

I really enjoyed working through My Virtual Child program. The scenarios presented had me really reflect on what I would “naturally” choose and then what I felt I should choose due to the reading in our text. Most of the time, my responses were already in alignment with what the text was saying was an effective way of parenting. I appreciated being able to use the program to see what the possible outcomes were of my choices. I realize in real life that there are many factors that could change the outcomes of my choices with my child, although I feel the program was able to follow guidelines that are relatively typical of real life.

I also enjoyed being able to see a physical representation of my child during the course of her growing up. I was excited to see what she would look like each time I completed a year. I also was very appreciative of the overviews of my child that were given rather frequently towards the end of a year. These overviews gave me the chance to reflect on how the choices I made effected the development of my child. They also gave me insight on how to better my child’s development, which I was able to incorporate throughout the following years.

Overall, I felt that using this program helped give me an interactive experience on child development. I feel the use of this program is very beneficial for teachers to better understand their students and for parents to better understand their children as well. I am grateful for the opportunity to use this software and learn how to be a more effective parent and teacher. The lessons I learned in this program have greatly enhanced my knowledge and my appreciation of childhood and adolescent development.