

INNOVATIVE METHODS OF APPLYING PEDAGOGICAL SKILLS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

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Annotation: This article is about the importance of pedagogical skill in modern education, necessity of individualized approach to children, the use of contemporary teaching methods, and the application of innovative technologies.

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"The core aspect of pedagogical skill is understanding the child and approaching them with respect as an individual."

The 21st century is the century of innovations and technologies. In today's era of globalization, new tasks are being set for the education system as well: to develop skills in students such as independent thinking, creative approaches, problem-solving, and adaptability. Pedagogical skills and their innovative methods play a major role in achieving these goals.

Pedagogical skill is not just about imparting knowledge, but also about understanding the child, inspiring them to realize their potential, and conducting the learning process using modern methods. Therefore, a modern teacher must be not only an expert in their field but also a creative professional who skillfully utilizes technology.

A skillful teacher must take into account each child's psychological characteristics, as every child's individual potential and developmental level are different. Children's speed of absorbing knowledge, interests, emotional reactions, thinking styles, levels of motivation, and social skills vary greatly from one another. If a teacher does not consider each child's personal and psychological condition:

Lessons will become uninteresting for students;

The level of knowledge acquisition will decrease;

Students may develop a lack of self-confidence and a loss of interest. Such situations lead to difficulties in students' social and emotional development. However, if a teacher approaches students based on their individual characteristics:

Each student's inner potential will be fully revealed;

Students will be active, participative, and positive during lessons;

The process of acquiring knowledge will be easier and more natural. Therefore, a skillful teacher must:

Study each child's needs;

Identify which methods are most suitable for each student;

Select appropriate teaching formats;

Apply an individualized approach to each student.

As L.S. Vygotsky pointed out, school-age children go through an intensive phase of intellectual development. During this stage, previously spontaneous development of perception, memory, and speech improves in quality and needs to be organized and regulated. Freobel studied the system of play, which he considered "the highest stage of children's development," and methodically analyzed several open-ended games. Freobel also regarded play as one of the tools for moral education, believing that by imitating adults in both group and individual games, children would internalize rules and norms of moral behavior and develop their willpower. Moreover, games help foster imagination and thinking, which are essential for children's creativity.

Due to the reasons mentioned above, today significant reforms are being carried out in the field of children's education to introduce modern and effective teaching methods and take steps towards innovation. Instead of traditional methods, innovative approaches are being implemented to develop children's independent thinking, creative reasoning, and problem-solving skills. The main reason for this is that innovative teaching methods increase children's activity and have a positive impact on their social and intellectual development. Moreover, this approach helps cultivate competencies that meet the demands of modern society, such as communication, teamwork, leadership, and adaptability. At this point, it is important to highlight one concept: Pedagogical technology — a field that studies the application of modern pedagogical technologies in the educational and upbringing process, and addresses the challenges of enhancing the effectiveness of teaching and upbringing based on a technological approach.

Based on these, it can be said that applying innovative approaches in children's education is not only about providing knowledge, but also about nurturing the child as an independent, creative, and adaptable individual. Today's educator must always be open to innovation and enrich the educational process with modern methods. Therefore, a number of initiatives are currently being carried out to develop various educational programs:

1. One of the widely adopted innovative approaches in modern education is "STEAM education". What is the "STEAM education"? "STEAM education" (often written as STEAM) is focused on the integrated teaching of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. This educational program aims to teach children and students not just through theory, but through practical experiences, project work, and problem-solving activities. Its main goals are to develop students' logical thinking, teach them to create

creative solutions through engineering and art, and to prepare competitive and skilled professionals. In the future, this model will undoubtedly continue to help guide the younger generation toward modern technologies and creative fields for a long time. Z. Ashurova, a lecturer at the Department of Preschool Education, also cited the following opinion of M. Kh. Tashibayeva: "STEAM is an educational technology based on project-based activities that involve collective, group, and individual experiences aimed at acquiring practical knowledge through contexts, electronic tools, printed and natural materials, ensuring the integration of various modern methods and forms of teaching among the participants of the educational process," — during explaining the essence of STEAM technology.

2. Flipped Classroom Model- the flipped classroom is a modern educational approach in which the traditional structure of the learning process is reversed. In a conventional classroom, theoretical knowledge is delivered during class time, and students complete practice or homework assignments afterward. In contrast, the flipped classroom model encourages students to learn theoretical content outside the classroom, while class time is dedicated to discussion, problem-solving, and practical activities. In this model, students are introduced to new topics at home through video lectures, articles, or slide presentations. During class, the teacher facilitates deeper discussions, collaborative projects, and hands-on exercises related to the content. This approach supports early comprehension of key concepts and helps develop skills such as independent thinking, critical analysis, and self-directed learning. It also allows for a more personalized approach to student support during class. For example, interactive tools such as Kahoot, Quizizz, and Padlet can be integrated into the lesson to make the classroom experience more engaging and effective.

3. Problem-based learning is a teaching method based on interactive research that ensures students gain knowledge by finding solutions to problems that are close to real life. In this process, children acquire necessary knowledge through asking questions, discussing, researching, and creating. This model develops students' independent thinking skills, encourages them to be prepared for unexpected events in life, and helps them adapt. It emphasizes not memorization, but understanding and applying knowledge. In addition, it develops observation and critical thinking. In organizing lessons in an interesting and understandable way, especially in primary grades, this method is usually implemented through games, drawing, storytelling, or role-playing activities.

4. Gamification —is also teaching method ,considered as game-like elements in non-game contexts such as education, work, training. That method is also quite same with the above expressed ideas , due to the fact that it also contributes to the high performance of children and enhance motivation ,as well as participation in ongoing lessons. Through this method pupils may gain levels, points, rewards as well as competitive atmosphere .Duolingo ,for example, can be seen clearly elements of above method.

In modern educational process pedagogical skill requires not only spreading knowledge , but also deeply understanding and delivering information individually. Each creative teacher who is proficient in their field must consider children's interests, willings, abilities , while being in process of learning innovative strategies such as STEAM, problem-based learning and other models could provoking a crucial role in students ' creativity and social skills.

Therefore, learning lesson with combination of high-tech features can cause gaining knowledge effectively in short term.

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