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**IMPROVING PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS' SKILLS BASED ON THE
PRINCIPLE OF COLLABORATION**

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Abstract: *This article is dedicated to studying the theoretical and practical foundations of improving primary school students' skills based on the principle of collaboration. It highlights the importance of collaborative learning as a modern pedagogical approach and analyzes its role in developing communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills in young children. The article also includes recommendations for enhancing effective teaching methods in primary education.*

Keywords: *primary education, principle of collaboration, collaborative learning, communication skills, teamwork.*

Introduction

In today's modern education system, the primary goal is not only to equip students with theoretical knowledge but also to develop their communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. These skills are considered essential for shaping a successful individual in the 21st century. Special attention should be paid to the social and personal development of students, particularly at the primary education level. In this process, education based on the principle of collaboration plays a crucial role.

The principle of collaboration is a pedagogical approach that involves students working together, exchanging ideas, and acquiring knowledge through collective activities. This principle not only makes the learning process more engaging and effective but also fosters mutual respect, responsibility, and creativity among students. Collaborative methods, especially when working with young learners, offer great opportunities for creating a cooperative environment and enhancing students' social skills.

In Uzbekistan's new phase of development, creativity and modernization based on innovation have become essential tasks in the process of reforms across every sector and newly evolving structure. Creativity and creative collaboration are among the most critical characteristics for a transforming society. To achieve this, it is vital to comprehensively support young people, provide employment opportunities, create conditions for them to acquire modern knowledge and skills, and develop their talents and abilities. Alongside these efforts, it is equally important for the government to ensure

suitable conditions for these initiatives. Therefore, it is necessary to foster collaborative skills in students starting from primary education.

Collaboration refers to the partnership of two or more individuals working together to achieve a common goal. Collaboration in primary education implies a learning and educational process based on students' creative cooperation and partnership.

This article examines the theoretical foundations and practical methods for enhancing the collaborative skills of primary school students based on the principle of collaboration. Furthermore, it highlights the effectiveness of this method in the educational process based on research findings and provides recommendations for its broader implementation in the primary education system.

Collaborative skills are a set of abilities, knowledge, and competencies required to successfully participate in teamwork. These include:

- **Communication skills:** The ability to engage in clear and effective conversations with primary school students.
- Communication skills are the ability to express one's thoughts clearly and understandably, listen to and comprehend others' perspectives, and engage in effective dialogue. These skills are an integral part of children's social development and are essential not only for academic success but also for overall success in life.

Developing and enhancing communication skills in primary school students holds special importance because, at this age, they:

- Learn how to work in teams;
- Begin to understand and respect each other;
- Develop their ability to express their thoughts through oral and written communication.

In this process, the role of the teacher and the educational environment is significant. Properly organized lessons create favorable conditions for students to develop effective communication skills.

Teamwork skills: Improving the ability to effectively solve complex tasks and exercises. Teamwork skills refer to an individual's ability to collaborate effectively with others to achieve a specific goal, fulfill their responsibilities, and work in harmony with others. These skills are considered one of the key factors for social and professional success in the modern world.

Developing teamwork skills in primary school students not only enhances their academic performance but also lays the foundation for their future personal and professional success. From an early age, children need to learn how to work together, show mutual respect, take responsibility, and solve problems collectively.

Listening skills: The ability of primary school students to understand the teacher's ideas and solve complex tasks through attentive listening.

Listening skills involve the ability to carefully hear and understand others' thoughts, emotions, and messages. This is one of the essential aspects of communication and a vital condition for effective interaction. Especially for primary school students, listening skills play a crucial role in shaping their learning activities and social relationships.

The importance of listening skills in primary school:

- ✓ *Ensuring learning:* Through listening, students perceive and assimilate new information. This strengthens their reading, writing, and thinking skills.
- ✓ *Developing communication culture:* Students learn to listen to others and develop the skill of communicating respectfully.
- ✓ *Social integration:* Effective listening helps children build good relationships with their classmates.
- ✓ *Enhancing thinking skills:* Listening activates logical thinking and information processing abilities.

All these skills contribute to successful classroom activities, ensuring teamwork and effective collaboration.

Collaboration plays a significant role in students' development for several reasons:

- *Support:* When a student struggles to express their ideas or makes mistakes in a group, another student can help by clarifying or completing their topic.
- *Professional growth:* A topic is assigned to the group, and instead of a single student working on it, everyone collaborates on the topic. They share their ideas with one another, which fosters growth compared to other groups.
- *Encouragement:* By listening to other groups and acknowledging their ideas, students can support and encourage each other.
- *Knowledge sharing:* Collaboration is important for sharing knowledge and ideas among students. They can learn from each other's acquired knowledge.
- *Team building:* Collaboration helps create strong, supportive teams among students during games or other activities. These teams foster connections and reduce interpersonal tensions.

Developing Collaboration Skills in Primary School Students: Interactive Methods

Enhancing students' collaboration and expanding the number of knowledgeable learners is crucial for the development of schools. By working together, we strengthen students' unity.

When forming collaborative skills in primary school students, the following tasks can be addressed:

- Equipping students with theoretical knowledge to understand collaboration as a set of conscious actions aimed at creating innovation, rooted in socio-cultural values.

- Introducing the axiological, intellectual, and functional foundations of collaboration and providing an understanding of the factors that facilitate its implementation.
- Developing an understanding of collaboration as a social and creative nature of students, as well as its manifestation in specific professional activities.
- Cultivating the ability to propose creative ideas and analyze the processes of their implementation.
- Fostering the skills to demonstrate creativity and apply them in practice.
- Encouraging students to internalize the values of creative collaboration while identifying and enhancing their necessary individual potential in creative activities.

Based on the priority features of forming collaborative skills in primary school students, the issue of creative collaboration encompasses many independent aspects and defines several conceptual principles.

In conclusion, developing students' creative collaboration skills remains one of the essential social demands of today. Therefore, conducting research on effective pedagogical models and conditions for developing creative collaboration skills in primary school students and creating targeted educational technologies is one of the key tasks.

Interactive Methods to Develop Collaboration Skills

Here are some interactive methods for developing collaboration (teamwork) skills:

1. **Group Problem-Solving:** Assign students tasks that require joint efforts to find solutions, encouraging brainstorming and shared decision-making.
2. **Role-Playing Games:** Students can assume roles in scenarios where teamwork is essential, promoting communication and mutual understanding.
3. **Project-Based Learning:** Assign collaborative projects that require students to work together over an extended period to achieve a common goal.
4. **Peer Teaching:** Allow students to teach each other in pairs or small groups, fostering mutual learning and cooperation.
5. **Collaborative Story Writing:** Encourage students to work together to create and write a story, which enhances their ability to share and build on each other's ideas.
6. **Think-Pair-Share:** Students think individually, discuss their ideas in pairs, and then share their conclusions with the group, fostering active participation and collaboration.
7. **Debate Teams:** Organize debates in which students must work as a team to prepare and present their arguments.
8. **Creative Workshops:** Design activities where students collaboratively create artwork, crafts, or other projects, focusing on shared effort and creativity.
9. **Problem-Based Scenarios:** Present students with real-life challenges they must solve collaboratively, developing critical thinking and teamwork skills.

10. **Reflection Circles:** After collaborative activities, have students discuss their teamwork experience, highlighting what worked well and areas for improvement.

Conclusion:

The development of collaborative skills based on the principle of collaboration is one of the most important requirements of the modern education system. This principle not only increases students' participation in the learning process but also significantly contributes to their social and emotional development. The theoretical and practical research conducted in this article leads to the following key conclusions:

1. **Enhancing Knowledge Acquisition and Analysis Skills:** Involving primary school students in collaborative activities significantly improves their ability to acquire and analyze knowledge. The process of working in teams helps develop skills such as mutual understanding, support, and respect among students.

2. **Communication Skills Development:** Through collaborative activities, students acquire communication skills such as listening to others, expressing their thoughts clearly, and engaging in meaningful discussions. Moreover, teamwork helps develop responsibility, patience, and problem-solving abilities.

3. **Increased Engagement and Interest in Learning:** Activities such as games, role-playing exercises, and group tasks help students approach their studies with greater interest. Collaboration transforms students from passive listeners into active participants, which enhances their success levels.

4. **Social Value Formation:** A collaborative environment not only helps students develop academic skills but also shapes their social values. They begin to understand the importance of working for the benefit of the group, valuing others' opinions, and contributing to joint efforts.

5. **Flexible Teaching Methods:** Organizing the educational process based on the collaboration principle can be implemented through various methods, such as interactive games, discussions, and role-playing exercises. These methods are flexible and adaptable to the students' needs and abilities, offering opportunities for individual approaches.

In summary, the integration of collaboration in primary education contributes significantly to the holistic development of students, enhancing both their academic and social skills, and preparing them for the demands of modern society.

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