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Abstract

This study aimed at exploring the effectiveness of training on using the cooperative learning strategy in developing young children's science process skills. The sample of the study was randomly chosen and distributed into two groups: experimental and control. To collect data, an achievement test was developed by the researcher to find out the extent to which science process skills were improved. The analysis of the data revealed that the performance of the subjects of the experimental group

.(Gagné and Dick, 1983)

was better than their peers in the control group with statistical significance on all science process skills and on each dimension separately (observation, classification, and prediction). In addition, there were no statistically significant differences in the performance of the experimental group on the science process skills test due to the variable of academic achievement in science (high achievement and non-high achievement). This finding gives an indication on the effectiveness of training on using the cooperative learning strategy in developing children's performance regardless of the variation in their academic achievement.

Based on these findings, a set of relevant recommendations were introduced.

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