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THE IMPACT OF MUSIC LESSONS IN PRESCHOOL EDUCATION ON CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT AND THE FORMATION OF AESTHETIC TASTE THROUGH ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES

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ANNOTATION

This research explores the significance of music lessons in preschool education for fostering children's overall development and shaping their aesthetic taste through artistic activities. Early childhood music education creates a stimulating environment that promotes cognitive, emotional, and social growth while encouraging creativity and an appreciation for the arts. Engaging in singing, playing instruments, rhythm exercises, and musical games helps children improve memory, attention, and auditory skills, as well as express emotions and cultivate social abilities such as cooperation and empathy. Additionally, exposure to musical experiences contributes to the development of aesthetic sensibilities, including the capacity to recognize harmony, rhythm, and beauty in artistic expressions. The study emphasizes the value of incorporating music-based activities into preschool programs to support comprehensive development, foster artistic creativity, and nurture early aesthetic awareness.

Keywords: Preschool education, music lessons, artistic activities, aesthetic development, cognitive development, social skills, creativity, early childhood education, musical games, emotional development.



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АННОТАЦИЯ

В данном исследовании рассматривается значение уроков музыки в дошкольном образовании для содействия общему развитию детей и формирования их эстетического вкуса посредством художественной деятельности. Музыкальное образование в раннем детстве создает стимулирующую среду, способствующую когнитивному, эмоциональному и социальному росту, а также развитию творческих способностей и интереса к искусству. Пение, игра на музыкальных инструментах, ритмические упражнения и музыкальные игры помогают детям улучшить память, внимание и слух, а также выразить эмоции и развить социальные навыки, такие как сотрудничество и эмпатия. Кроме того, знакомство с музыкой способствует развитию эстетических чувств, включая способность воспринимать гармонию, ритм и красоту в художественных произведениях. В исследовании подчеркивается важность включения музыкальных занятий в программы дошкольного образования для всестороннего развития, развития художественного творчества и формирования раннего эстетического восприятия.

Ключевые слова: дошкольное образование, музыкальные занятия, художественная деятельность, эстетическое развитие, когнитивное развитие, социальные навыки, креативность, раннее образование, музыкальные игры, эмоциональное развитие.

INTRODUCTION

Early childhood represents a crucial stage for developing cognitive, emotional, and social skills, as well as for cultivating aesthetic taste. At this age, children actively explore their surroundings, express emotions, and build interpersonal relationships, laying the groundwork for lifelong learning and creative growth. Music education



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in preschool provides an effective and engaging means to support these developmental processes.[1]

Participation in musical activities—such as singing, rhythm exercises, instrument playing, and musical games—offers children opportunities for both artistic expression and skill development. These experiences enhance auditory perception, memory, attention, and fine motor abilities while fostering emotional awareness and social interaction. Additionally, exposure to diverse musical styles helps children appreciate harmony, melody, and rhythm, promoting the early formation of aesthetic sensibilities.[2]

With increasing emphasis on holistic child development in contemporary preschool education, incorporating music lessons into daily routines plays a key role in nurturing creativity, emotional intelligence, and social competence. This study examines the pedagogical value of music lessons in fostering cognitive, emotional, and social growth, as well as aesthetic appreciation, highlighting the significance of early musical experiences for lifelong artistic and personal development.

DISCUSSION AND RESULTS

Music education in early childhood is founded on the principle that play and creative activities are essential to learning. According to Vygotsky's sociocultural theory, children develop cognitive and social skills through guided interaction and collaborative experiences. Music lessons reflect this approach by providing structured yet creative opportunities for children to explore sounds, rhythms, and melodies while engaging with peers and educators.[3]

Research in early childhood pedagogy highlights that music lessons simultaneously stimulate multiple areas of development:[4]

- Cognitive development: Learning songs, recognizing musical patterns, and playing instruments enhance memory, attention, auditory discrimination, and problem-solving abilities.
- Aesthetic development: Exposure to melodies, harmonies, and rhythms nurtures creativity, artistic perception, and an appreciation for beauty in music and other art forms.



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- Social and emotional development: Participating in group singing, ensemble activities, and musical games cultivates cooperation, empathy, emotional expression, and self-regulation.

Music lessons provide a natural context for cognitive growth. Children strengthen memory and concentration through memorizing lyrics, rhythms, and movement sequences. Playing instruments enhances fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination, while musical games support pattern recognition and sequencing. These activities also develop auditory perception, enabling children to differentiate tones, pitches, and rhythms—skills closely related to later language and literacy development.[5]

The study's findings indicate that preschool music lessons significantly influence children's cognitive, social, emotional, and aesthetic growth. Observations of classroom activities and teacher feedback highlighted several key outcomes:[6]

1. Cognitive Development. Children participating regularly in music lessons demonstrated noticeable improvements in memory, attention, and auditory skills. Memorizing lyrics, following rhythmic patterns, and learning simple musical sequences strengthened concentration and problem-solving. Teachers observed increased focus and enhanced ability to recognize patterns, which supports early literacy and language acquisition.

2. Aesthetic Development. Music activities promoted aesthetic awareness by fostering creativity and appreciation for artistic expression. Singing, improvisation, and exposure to diverse musical genres encouraged imagination and helped children perceive harmony, rhythm, and emotional nuances in music. Activities such as composing melodies or interpreting songs through movement enabled children to express emotions and engage with artistic beauty, enhancing their overall aesthetic sensitivity.

3. Social and Emotional Development. Group music activities positively impacted social skills and emotional intelligence. Collaborative singing, ensemble participation, and musical games required children to listen, take turns, and coordinate actions, strengthening teamwork and communication. Expressing emotions through music allowed children to convey joy, excitement, or calmness,



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promoting empathy and emotional regulation. Shy children gained confidence in participation, while more outgoing children learned patience and cooperation.

4. Inclusive Learning Environment. The study also emphasized that music lessons create an inclusive and supportive classroom environment. Both introverted and extroverted children found ways to engage and express themselves. Teachers reported fewer conflicts during free play and smoother peer interactions, attributing these improvements to the social and emotional skills nurtured through musical activities.

Overall, the results confirm that incorporating music lessons into preschool curricula supports holistic child development. By enhancing cognitive abilities, aesthetic appreciation, and social-emotional skills simultaneously, music education contributes to the growth of well-rounded, creative, and emotionally intelligent children. These findings align with existing research underscoring the importance of early music experiences in developing artistic taste and comprehensive developmental competencies.

CONCLUSION

The study highlights music lessons as a highly effective and versatile approach for supporting the comprehensive development of preschool children. Engaging in singing, rhythm exercises, instrument playing, and musical games enhances cognitive skills such as memory, attention, and auditory perception, while also fostering social abilities, including cooperation, communication, and empathy.

Music education is equally important for nurturing aesthetic sensibilities. Through interaction with melodies, harmonies, and creative musical activities, children cultivate an appreciation for artistic expression, expand their imagination, and learn to perceive beauty and emotion in art. Additionally, group music experiences create an inclusive environment where children of varying temperaments can express themselves, collaborate with peers, and strengthen emotional intelligence.

Integrating music lessons into preschool curricula is therefore essential for holistic child development, supporting cognitive, social, emotional, and aesthetic growth. Early exposure to music not only equips children for future academic and social



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challenges but also lays the groundwork for lifelong creativity, artistic appreciation, and emotional well-being.

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