

Three Basic Dimensions for high quality teaching

Classroom management

both a *condition* for students **getting attentive** (e.g., through teacher monitoring) and an *indication* of students **being attentive** (e.g., lack of interruptions)

Supportive Climate

both a *condition* for **students developing learning motivation** (e.g., teacher being sensitive to individual needs) and an *indication* of students **being motivated in a self-determined way** (e.g., low level of achievement pressure).

Cognitive Activation

both a *condition* for **students engaging in knowledge construction** (e.g., through challenging tasks implemented with adequate pace) and an *indication* of **students' being engaged in higher order thinking** (e.g., students providing reasons for their answers).

Basic Experiences as goal for learning mathematics

Mathematics lessons should provide three **basic experiences**:

(1) - MODELLING

“Phenomena of the world around us, which concern or should concern us all, from nature, society and culture should be perceived and understood in a specific way.

(2) - MATHEMATICS INSIGHT

Mathematical objects and facts, represented in language, symbols, images and forms, should be learned and understood as intellectual creations and as a deductively ordered world of their own kind.

(3) - PROBLEM SOLVING

In dealing with tasks to develop problem-solving skills that go beyond mathematics, (heuristic skills)."

→ In every preamble of german curricula and in the national standards

Main principles of teaching mathematics

Wagenschein 1977
Winter 1989
Freudenthal 1991
Hiebert & Carpenter
1992

Wagenschein 1977
Skemp 1976
Hiebert & Carpenter
1992

Freudenthal 1973

- sense-making by starting with meaningful problem
- developing conceptual understanding
- students' active engagement



Kontexte für Sinnstiftendes Mathematiklernen

Contexts for Meaningful Learning of Mathematics

Researchproject, 2006 - 2017

Begin of design research

Different design cycles

2006

2009

2011

2012

2017



Self-assessment
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Underlying approaches for the design:

- Realistic Mathematics Education (Freudenthal 1991)
- Sequentially guided discovery learning with productive failure (Kapur 2010, Loibl et al. 2017)

Design Principles

Develop students' conceptual understanding

(Hiebert & Carpenter 1992; Wagenschein 1977)

Establish high cognitive demands & active epistemic processes

in mathematization and inquiry processes

(Freudenthal 1991, Winter 1989)

in active knowledge organization processes

(Glade & Prediger 2017, Barzel et al. 2013)

in intelligent exercises

(Winter 1984, Wittmann 1994, Foster 2018)

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(Duval 2... Heuvel...)

Realization of design principles

Design principle

Develop students' conceptual understanding

(Hiebert & Carpenter 1992; Wagenschein 1977)

Design element

- curricular focus on conceptual understanding throughout all teaching units
- connect multiple representations
- develop learning trajectories in the RME approach to allow students' meaning of all mathematical concepts starting from rich imaginable contexts
- start from students' intuitive knowledge

Example for a learning trajectory

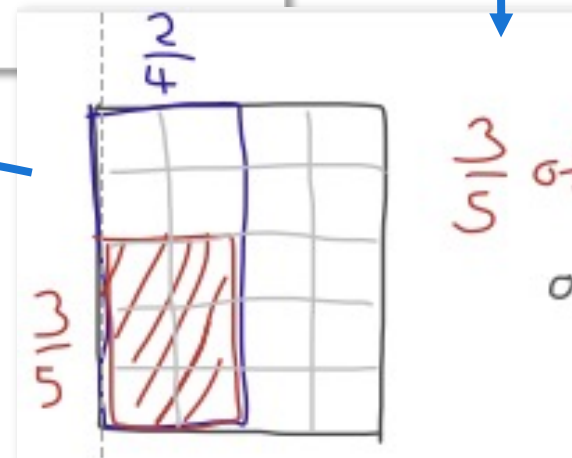
How many children go to school?
 In the Chad, only one half of the children go to school and visit grade 1. The rest of the children has to work. Until grade 5, only three fifth of the school children stay at school.

a) Draw a picture for the situation.
b) What is the part of children staying in school until grade 5?



Horizontal mathematization

Vertical mathematization by progressive schematization



$$3 \times 2 \text{ of } 5 \times 4$$

$$= \frac{3 \times 2}{5 \times 4}$$

Realization of design principles

Design principle

Use multiple strategies, approaches and representations

(Hiebert & Carpenter 1992; Wagenschein 1977)

Design element

- represent different approaches and representations consistently by four rows
- compare approaches
- connect their approaches

Example

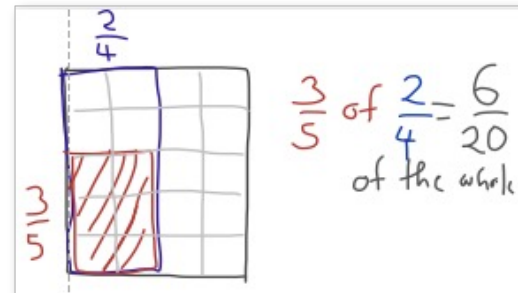
How to determine $\frac{2}{4}$ of $\frac{3}{5}$?



Trial & Error-Till

I first calculate $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{3}{5}$..
The result times 4 must be $\frac{3}{5}$, though $\frac{12}{20}$
Let us try:

- Try $\frac{1}{20} \rightarrow \times 4$ is $\frac{4}{20}$, that is not enough
- Try $\frac{5}{20} \rightarrow \times 4$ is $\frac{20}{20}$, that is too much
- Try $\frac{3}{20}$, then yes, the result is $\frac{12}{20}$



Model Merve

$\frac{2}{4}$ of $\frac{3}{5}$ is one half of $\frac{3}{5}$
I imagine a cake with 5 pieces
then I half every fifth,
so I get $\frac{3}{10}$

$$\frac{3 \times 2}{5 \times 4} = \frac{3 \times 2}{5 \times 4}$$



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Study-Examples: Local controlled trials for teaching unit

Teaching Unit Elementary Number Theory

- grade 6
- design focus: Strategies for exploration and problem solving

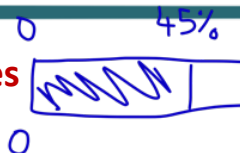
$$12 = 3 + 4 + 5$$

$$12 = 3 \cdot 4$$



Teaching Unit Percentages

- grade 7
- design focus: engaging students in rich discourse through high cognitive demands and multiple paths

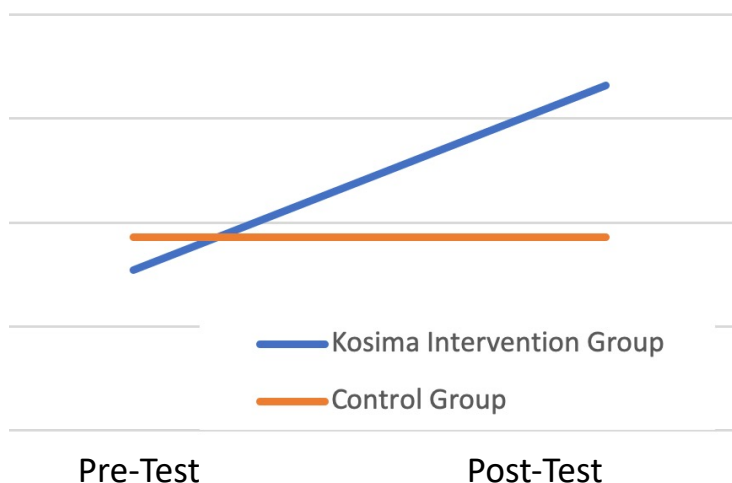


Randomized controlled trial:

- sample: n = 227 sixth graders

Empirical evidence for efficacy:

- significantly different development of problem solving strategies



Field study:

- sample: n = 655 seventh graders in 79

Empirical evidence for effectiveness:

- significantly different development of conceptual understanding of percentages

