Application of Mind Mapping in Primary School Mathematics Teaching

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Abstract: With the continuous development of educational technology, teaching methods are also constantly innovating. As an effective thinking tool, mind mapping has been widely used in primary school mathematics teaching. This paper aims to explore the application of mind mapping in primary school mathematics teaching, analyze its advantages, and how to effectively integrate it into teaching practice to improve students' mathematical thinking ability and learning efficiency.

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1.Introduction

In primary school mathematics teaching, cultivating students' mathematical thinking ability is one of the core goals of teaching. Traditional teaching methods often focus on imparting knowledge while ignoring the cultivation of students' thinking ability. As a graphical thinking tool, mind mapping can help students better organize and understand mathematical knowledge and promote the development of their thinking ability. This paper will discuss the definition, characteristics, advantages and application of mind mapping in primary school mathematics teaching.

2.Definition and characteristics of mind mapping

2.1 Definition of mind mapping

Mind mapping, also known as mental map, is a tool that visualizes the thinking process. It structures complex information graphically to help people understand and remember information more intuitively.

2.2 Characteristics of mind mapping

Graphical: Mind mapping concretizes abstract thinking processes through visual elements such as graphics, colors and lines.

Hierarchical: Mind mapping clearly shows the logical relationship between information through a hierarchical structure.

Flexible: Mind mapping can be flexibly adjusted and expanded according to personal thinking habits and needs.

Interactive: Mind mapping encourages interaction between individuals and others to promote the collision and innovation of thinking.

3. Application of mind mapping in primary school mathematics teaching

3.1 Application in new lesson introduction

3.1.1 Stimulating students' interest

In the new lesson introduction link of primary school mathematics, cleverly using mind mapping can effectively stimulate students' learning interest. When teaching "the sum of interior angles of a triangle", the teacher draws a triangle on the blackboard and marks "?" at the three interior angles respectively. This simple figure instantly catches students' attention and arouses their curiosity about the sum of interior angles of a triangle.

Then, the teacher uses mind mapping to show a series of questions related to the sum of interior angles of a triangle. For example, the question "Is there a relationship between the sum of interior angles of a triangle and the size of the triangle?" prompts students to think about whether the change in the size of a triangle will affect the value of the sum of interior angles. They will start to imagine triangles of different sizes and try to judge the relationship between the two from intuitive feelings. "How to measure the sum of interior angles of a triangle?" further stimulates students' desire to explore. They will actively think about various measurement methods and may think of measuring the three interior angles separately with a protractor and then adding them up, or exploring the sum of interior angles by folding the triangle.

By showing these questions through mind mapping, a thinking framework is constructed for students, guiding them to conduct in-depth thinking and discussion around the theme of "the sum of interior angles of a triangle". During the discussion, students express their own opinions and share their ideas and guesses. Some students may put forward some bold hypotheses, while some students will

analyze based on existing knowledge and experience. This interactive learning atmosphere can greatly stimulate students' interest in learning and make them full of expectations for the content to be learned.

At the same time, the visual characteristics of mind mapping also make these questions clearer and easier for students to understand and remember. Students can form a question network about the sum of interior angles of a triangle in their minds, laying a good foundation for subsequent learning. On the basis of stimulating students' interest, teachers can guide students to conduct further exploration and learning, so that they can master knowledge in active exploration and improve learning effects.

3.1.2 Clarifying learning objectives

Teachers can use mind mapping to show the learning objectives and key contents of the new lesson, so that students can have a clear understanding of the learning tasks of this lesson before learning the new lesson. For example, when teaching "addition and subtraction of decimals", the teacher can draw a mind map on the blackboard. The central theme is "addition and subtraction of decimals", and the branches are "the meaning of addition and subtraction of decimals", "calculation methods of addition and subtraction of decimals", "applications of addition and subtraction of decimals", etc., so that students can clarify the learning objectives and key contents of this lesson.

3.2 Application in knowledge explanation

3.2.1 Sorting out knowledge structure

In the process of knowledge explanation, teachers can use mind mapping to sort out and summarize knowledge points to help students establish a knowledge framework. For example, when teaching "cuboids and cubes", the teacher can take "cuboids and cubes" as the central theme and draw two branches, namely "cuboid" and "cube". Then, under the "cuboid" branch, draw branches such as "characteristics", "surface area", and "volume"; under the "cube" branch, also draw corresponding branches. In this way, the knowledge points of cuboids and cubes are systematically sorted out, so that students have a clear understanding of the characteristics, calculation methods of surface area and volume of these two figures.

3.2.2 Breaking through teaching difficulties

For some teaching difficulties, teachers can use mind mapping to analyze and explain to help students understand and master. For example, when teaching "the meaning of fractions", students often have difficulty understanding the concept of "unit '1'". Teachers can use mind mapping to show the meaning, function and relationship with fractions of "unit '1' to help students break through this teaching difficulty. Specifically, the teacher can take"unit '1'" as the central theme and draw branches such as "meaning", "function", and "relationship with fractions", and then give detailed explanations and examples under each branch.

3.2.3 Expanding thinking space

In the process of knowledge explanation, teachers can guide students to use mind mapping for expansion and extension to cultivate students' divergent thinking and innovative thinking ability. For example, when teaching "the circumference of a circle", after explaining the calculation formula of the circumference of a circle, the teacher can guide students to think about how to measure the circumference of a circle by other methods. Students can discuss in groups and use mind mapping to show various measurement methods, such as winding a rope around the circle once and rolling on the circle. In this way, students' thinking space is expanded and their innovation ability is cultivated.

3.3 Application in review and consolidation

3.3.1 Knowledge summary

In the review and consolidation stage, teachers can guide students to use mind mapping to summarize and summarize the learned knowledge to help students master knowledge systematically. For example, when reviewing "four arithmetic operations of integers", the teacher can let students take "four arithmetic operations of integers" as the central theme and draw branches such as"addition","subtraction", "multiplication"and "division", and then summarize the corresponding operation rules, operation methods and precautions under each branch. In this way, students can have a comprehensive understanding and understanding of the four arithmetic operations of integers.

3.3.2 Error analysis

In the process of primary school mathematics review, error analysis is an important link to improve students' problem-solving ability and learning effect. Teachers guiding students to use mind mapping for error analysis can help them more systematically recognize their own errors and find effective solutions.

Taking reviewing "multiplication of decimals"as an example, first, let students sort out the questions they have done wrong. These

wrong questions often reflect students' loopholes in knowledge understanding or problem-solving methods. Then, students use mind mapping to analyze the reasons for the errors. For example, there may be "decimal point position errors", which is usually due to students' insufficient clarity of the concept of decimal places or incorrect handling of the decimal point position during the calculation process. There may also be "calculation errors", such as unfamiliar multiplication tables and problems with carrying and borrowing.

For the reason of "decimal point position error", students can clearly write the solution method of "check the decimal point position carefully" on the mind map. In future problem-solving, after the calculation is completed, carefully check whether the position of the decimal point is correct. This can be checked by comparing with the number of digits in the question. For "calculation errors", the solution of "strengthen calculation practice" can be written down. For example, do more decimal multiplication calculation problems and improve the accuracy and proficiency of calculation through repeated practice. In this way, mind mapping clearly presents wrong questions, error reasons and solutions, making it clear at a glance for students. Students can review and improve more targetedly to avoid making the same mistakes again. At the same time, this also cultivates students' self-reflection and problem-solving abilities, making them more active and positive in the learning process and continuously improving their problem-solving abilities and learning effects.

3.3.3 Comprehensive application

Teachers can design some comprehensive problems and let students use mind mapping to analyze and solve them to cultivate students' comprehensive application ability. For example, when reviewing "area of figures", the teacher can give a practical problem, such as "The school wants to build a garden. The shape of the garden is a combination of a rectangle and a square. It is known that the length and width of the rectangle are 10 meters and 8 meters respectively, and the side length of the square is 6 meters. Find the area of the garden." Students can analyze the key elements and problem-solving ideas of the problem through group cooperation and use mind mapping, such as first finding the area of the rectangle and the square respectively, and then adding the two to get the total area of the garden. In this way, students' comprehensive application ability and teamwork spirit are cultivated.

As an effective thinking tool, mind mapping has significant advantages in primary school mathematics teaching. By integrating mind mapping into teaching practice, it can effectively promote the development of students' mathematical thinking ability and improve learning efficiency. However, to give full play to the role of mind mapping, it also requires the joint efforts of teachers and students as well as the support and guidance of educational departments.

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