

EFFECT OF PANDEMIC ON THE LITERACY LEVEL OF LEARNERS IN ELEMENTARY LEVEL

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School was considered as one of the most affected institutions when pandemic came. New normal schooling was then organized to continue education no matter what. Thankful to all administrators who crucially planned to keep instructions on and to all teachers who dedicatedly pursued learning to happen.

It's been two years since the new normal schooling was conducted. Different kinds of distance learning were imposed. After the phase of virus situations, everyone seems to be excited for the face-to-face class this school year. Teachers are thrilled that finally teaching will be delivered one on one to the learners.

The Effect of Pandemic on the Literacy Level of Learners is the widest interest of pedagogy. Reading and Numeracy are the major topics. For the elementary pupils, it is the most concern that teachers necessary to confirm. To verify if there were gaps that are needed to fill, assessment was the first step done by the teachers. As a teacher in this institution, some insights have been made. There are some effects on the literacy level of learners at elementary level. They are the following.

- 1. Reading Skills-There are some situations where disruptions to the pupils' reading were observed. In reading they are intimidated to express. Their confidence level is inactive. Some show that they disliked reading. Few cannot be able to read well.
- 2. Numeracy Skills-Some basic numeracy abilities have been missed among children. Their motivation to embrace math was not detected. Anxiety was also seen in some children specifically to challenging instructions.



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- 3. Communication Skills-Teachers witnessed how children were excited to be in school on the first day. Communicating with them added up to the enthusiasm they felt. Some children were observed that they are very active in participating in discussion. Others are still catching up to speak with others.
- 4. Creative Thinking Nowadays, ideas of children are very creative. Impact of technology use on distance learning was seen. Digital environment provided them the ability to be more creative in terms of discussion with peers, clarifications and question answering.

In the above topic mentioned, it is indeed that there is neither positive nor negative effect on literacy learning of the learners after pandemic schooling. Adjustment is greatly advised. Teachers with the guidance of administrators are now taking actions.

Reading and Numeracy are now the major concerns of the teaching profession for this school year, especially in Elementary level. It is imperative to have by children because reading and numeracy serves as a kind of entry point for the growth of intellectual abilities across all fields. It's a key that unlocks every door. The positive effects mentioned above may be blended to the negative effects to achieve the optimistic result for the sake of the learners. Indeed, the pedagogy field has a crucial mission. All these instructions were established for the student's concern. This is because learners are our next generation. Innovative education must always be served to the children and students for us to achieve a brighter future for our nation.

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