

ANG PAG-ASA NG BAYAN: THE IMPORTANCE OF TEACHING MOTHER TONGUE TO ELEMENTARY STUDENTS.

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Teaching mother tongue subjects to elementary students is crucial for several reasons. It helps in preserving the cultural heritage, building a strong foundation in language and cognitive skills, and promoting bilingualism.

Preserving cultural heritage: The mother tongue is a crucial part of a person's cultural identity. By teaching mother tongue subjects in schools, the students are introduced to their cultural heritage and language, which helps in preserving it for future generations.

Strong foundation in language and cognitive skills: A strong foundation in the mother tongue lays the foundation for success in other subjects such as mathematics and science. Children who are fluent in their mother tongue have a better understanding of the language, which helps in their overall academic performance. Research has shown that children who have a strong foundation in their mother tongue perform better in other subjects than those who do not.

Promoting bilingualism: Bilingualism is an important skill that is highly valued in today's globalized world. By teaching mother tongue subjects, students are encouraged to learn and use two or more languages, which has many benefits. Bilingual children have a better understanding of different cultures and are more open-minded. They are also more likely to excel in languages and other subjects, as well as be better equipped to communicate with people from different backgrounds.

Improved self-esteem: Children who are taught in their mother tongue feel more confident and comfortable in their academic environment. This improved self-esteem has a positive impact on their overall academic performance and personal growth. When children feel valued and respected for their cultural heritage and language, they are more likely to engage in the learning process and develop a positive attitude towards education.

Reduced language barriers: In many countries, students come from different cultural backgrounds and speak different languages. By teaching mother tongue subjects, the language barriers are reduced, and students are able to communicate better with each other. This helps in promoting a more inclusive and diverse learning environment, where students are able to learn from each other and form strong bonds.

In conclusion, teaching mother tongue subjects to elementary students is important for several reasons. It helps in preserving the cultural heritage, building a strong foundation in language and cognitive skills, promoting bilingualism, improving self-esteem, and reducing language barriers. It is therefore imperative for schools to incorporate mother tongue subjects in their curricula to ensure that students are able to fully benefit from the advantages they provide.

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