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ABSTRACT

The study entitled "Effectiveness of Reward on Mathematics Achievement of Grade III Students" is an attempt to study the effectiveness of reward on students' achievement. It was conducted in Rasuwa district involving 17 students in experimental group and 15 students in control group. The study had two purpose: one is to analyze the effect of reward on mathematics achievement of grade III students and second is to gain an insight into the students' participation in learning during experiment.

This study used pre-test post-test non-equivalent group design and data was collected through experiment done providing one group with reward and another without reward by conducting the experiment for three weeks duration. Open-ended interview and classroom observation, where also taken for qualitative data. Achievement test papers, open-ended questions for interview, checklist and rating form for observation were main tools of this study. The t-value was calculated from the scores of achievement test to find the significance difference between two mean scores of pre-test and post-test and the information from interview and observation were analyzed using qualitative techniques.

It is concluded that psycho-symbolic reward with verbal reward play effective role to increase students' achievement scores and practice of reward creates positive consequences such as increasing students' involvement, punctuation and appropriate changes in students' activities and work habits.

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