

Research and Development of Integrated Learning Activities in Science, Mathematics and Thai Language for Students in Small-sized School in Thailand

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Introduction:

- Primary Education in Thailand Small-sized schools
 - Teachers
 - Instructional medias and budget
 - Students quality
- Integrated Learning Model

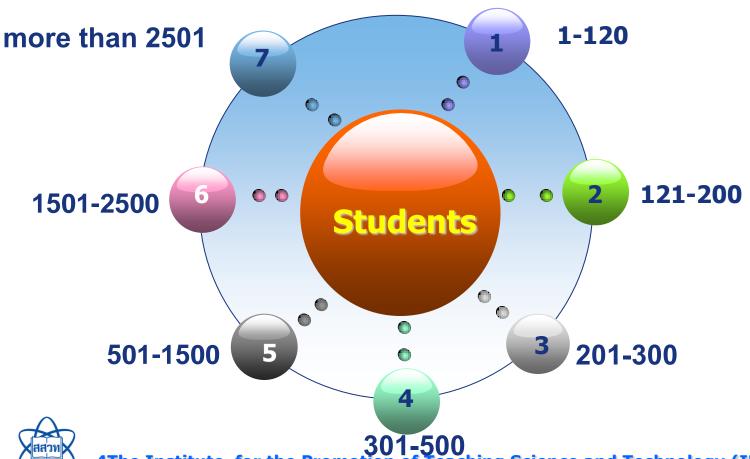






School -sized

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Research questions:



What is the problem of educational management in small-sized schools



What is the most effective way to implement integrated learning in Science Mathematics and Thai Language for Class level 1 small-sized school students?







Objective:



to study the status of educational management in small-sized schools



to develop effective Integrated Learning Activities (ILA) in Science, Mathematics, and Thai language.







Conceptual Framework:

Background information

- 1. Lack of teachers in small-sized school
- 2. Ideas about interdisciplinary learning management

Principle for development of ILAs

- 1. The activities of integrated learning are compliant with targets and National Standard of learning in order to reduce teacher burden and promote student learning.
- 2. Integrated learning for Science core learning subjects, Mathematics and the Thai Language. In ILA, Science content is used as a core subject; learners can learn from activities step by step in each activity while learning three subjects at one time in one activity
- 3. Integrated subjects are consisted of content, objectives, activities, media, and assessment /evaluation test

Process of ILA development

- 1. Trial activities in small- sized schools
- 2. Observe and interview participating teachers
- 3. Get information from real situations
- 4. Edit, improve, and modify activities for effective use



Integrate learning activities into teacher handbooks and instructional medias







Research Methodology

One –Group Pre-test Post-test Design







Participants:

- class level 1 teachers and students in Central Region, Bangkok and its vicinity.
- first semester of academic year 2009
- * 15 schools (Purposive Sampling)
 - 15 schools
 - 39 teachers
 - 494 students







Instruments:

Nine assessment tests of learning units					
Grade	Units test				
	We and Our Environment				
1	We Love Toys and Our Utensil				
	Soil				
	Our Surroundings				
2	Plant: How to Plant and Care for Them				
	Our Body				
	Around Our School test				
3	Valuable Natural Resources				
	Valuable Material				







Instruments:

- Learning and behavioral observation form
- Assessment forms for assessing responsibility, group discussion, handwriting, experiment and note-taking.







Process of activity development and Data collection

- Survey the conditions of educational management in 3 small-sized schools
- Study the theory about learning and integrated learning management from literature
- Study about Science, Maths, Thai in National Curriculum
- Conduct workshops on development of integrated learning management attended by fifteen experienced scholars and teachers
- Test content validity by specialists in Science, Maths and Thai
- Revise activities under suggestion of specialists before trial
- Tried on activities on five small-sized schools
- Collect data and summarize the results with teachers who use these activities to improve and modify activity plan
- Revise activities and learning plan to distribute to the public







Process of activity development and Data collection

Experiment procedure

- Hold a meeting of Grade 1-3 teachers (Unit 1)
- Try on unit 1 activities
- Collect data by observation method
- Interview (Focus group) for Unit 1 summarize and introduce Unit 2 and 3 to teachers
- Repeat step 1. for Unit 2 and 3 activities
- Collect data by observation method
- Summarize the result of unit 2 and 3



Analyze data for further research





The Process for developing the Integrated Learning activities

Step 1 Literature review

❖ To study National Education Act B.E.2542, Policy of basic National education: principle, targets and structure and integrated learning

Step 2 Framework and Units

❖ To manipulate pattern and subject comply with activities plan, standard and indicator of each subject group, condition of students and school. To verify unit and idea flow.

Step 3 Integrated learning Formation

❖ To manipulate time, objective, activities media/instrument, tool for evaluation







The Process for developing the Integrated Learning activities

Step 4
Trial on activities
and evaluation

- join meeting of scholars and teachers
- Pilot test (pre-test, post test, observe behavior,)
- interview (focus group)
- edit and improve activities in each learning unit
- test activities (pre-test/post-test)
- Interview (focus group) teachers that use integrated learning
- improve each activity in learning unit

Step 5
Report and public final edition







Data analysis

Quantitative

- frequency,
- percent, mean
- and standard deviation.

Qualitative

- group factor analysis,
- frequency,
- percent and content analysis







Conclusion and Recommendation

Status of small-sized school

- have 5 -10 teachers,
- 1-5 buildings with areas 2,000 -9,200 square meter
- Double or more class teachings
- use of distant learning (satellite television)
- some budget provided by the Local Community Organization
- vegetable garden,
- herb garden
- learning sites







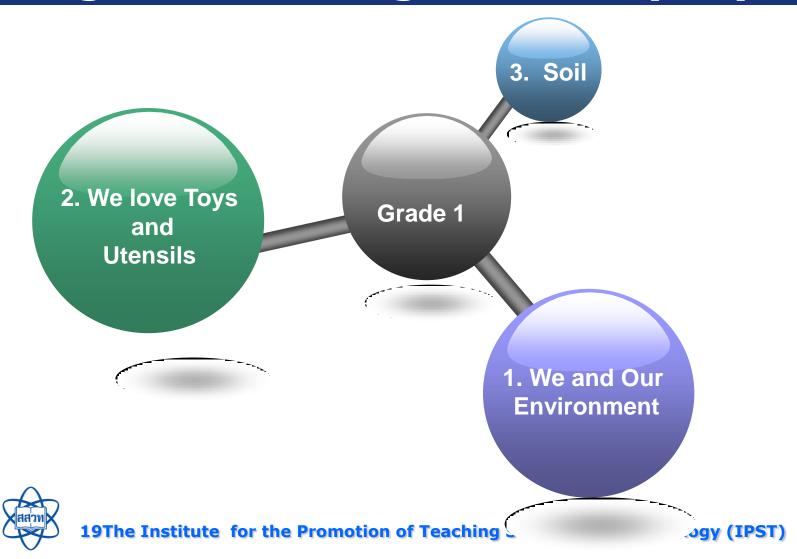
Conclusion and Recommendation

integrated learning activities Grade 1 - 3

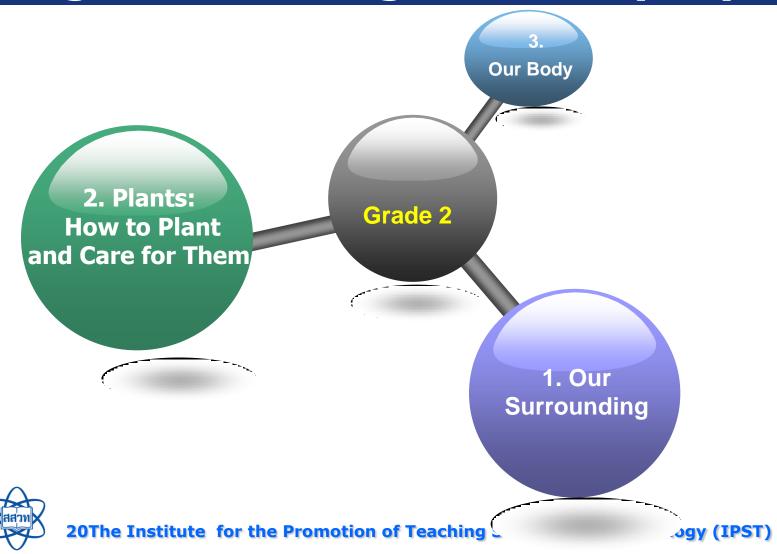
3 Units for each grade



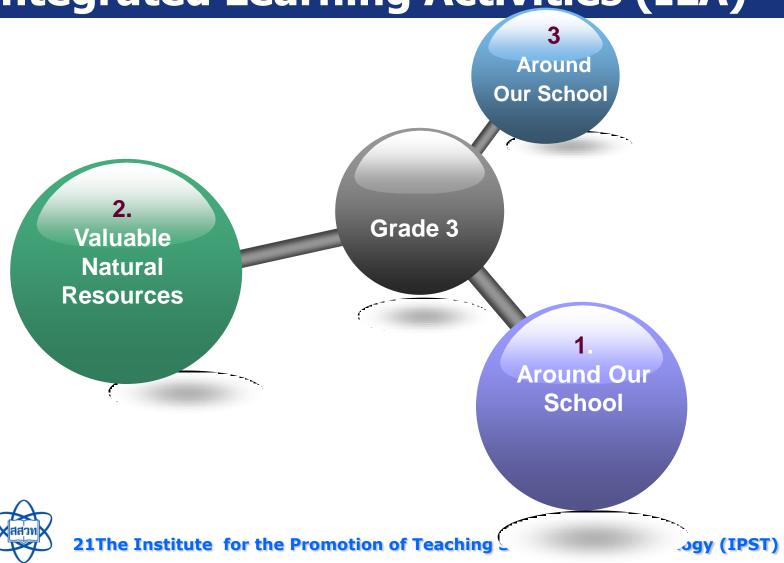
















Grade 1			
Unit 1 We and Our Environment	13 hour		
Unit 2 We love Toys and Utensils test	15 hour		
Unit 3 Soil	11 hour		
Grade 2			
Unit 1 Our Surroundings	16 hour		
Unit 2 Plants: How to Plant and Care for Them	17 hour		
Unit 3 Our Body	14 hour		
Grade 3			
Unit 1 Around Our School	16 hour		
Unit 2 Valuable Natural Resources	17 hour		
Unit 3 Valuable Material	14 hour		







Results

Table.1 Comparison of the score between pre-test and post-test

Grade	Unit	N	Pre-test		Post-test		t-test
				S.D.		S.D.	
1	1	81	1₹.02	2.75	17 <u>x</u> 14	2.71	-31.69**
	2	81	13.59	3.42	17.96	2.38	-12.99**
	3	62	10.39	4.49	18.50	2.11	-13.79**
2	1	76	7.90	3.60	14.19	4.13	-18.58**
	2	86	11.15	4.06	16.37	2.63	-12.82**
	3	71	11.54	3.08	16.66	2.77	-16.46**
3	1	62	14.87	4.87	20.03	4.9	-12.74**
	2	76	9.79	3.78	14.66	3.28	-15.07**
	3	56	16.52	5.74	21.04	5.26	-8.21**

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Teacher and School Administrator Opinions

Teacher

- Activities very useful and can help alleviate the burden on the teachers.
- Easily implemented and save time.
- Students can understand and enjoy learning ILA.
- Some teachers have problem about time teaching
- Students enjoy learning
- Provide Media and material







Teacher and School Administrator Opinions

School Administrator

- Teacher behavior has changed in teaching and learning activities.
- talk and share ILA and plan to developing ILA.
- Students understand the scientific learning process, and understand the meaning of words.
- Media and teaching materials in school not available for ILA.
- Students are enjoy in learning with ILA.







Discussion

- Higher score level after using activity for each units
- behavior assessment
 - Group Participation.
 - Enthusiasm and questioning.
 - Discussion and exchange of ideas.
 - Reasoning, and expressing creative ideas with clear.
 - Speaking and writing skills.







Discussion

Teachers

- Really use the series of ILA.
- Make own teaching equipment.
- Confidence of teaching.







Recommendation

Policy Recommendations

- The integrated learning activities developed in this project should be disseminated to teachers in small-sized schools throughout the country.
- Institutions related to teachers' professional development should develop practicable learning activities that integrate several learning areas for the limited number of teachers in small-sized schools. They should also be supported by continuous training programs with post-teaching consultations, in order to probe the extent that the trainings are useful and the need for improvement.







Recommendation

Recommendations for School Administrators

- Encourage teachers to participate in the training of integrated learning activities
- Participate in planning the instructions involving integrated learning activities and specify the use of integrated learning activities as one of the school academic strategies.







Recommendations for Further Research

- Integrated learning activities based on other learning areas should be developed.
- Classroom behaviors of teachers who use integrated learning activities may be examined further, in comparison to teachers who base their teaching on non-integrated methods.







Recommendation

- Recommendations for Teachers
 - The teachers should examine and comprehend the described learning activities. For practical activities, they should understand the use of materials, instruments and chemicals and should perform trail experiments before the actual classes
 - The teachers should prepare the learning media beforehand, especially if the school lacks materials, media or experimental equipment, substitutes should be considered.
 - The teachers should be aware of the students with slow learning progress who may not complete the activities in time due to insufficient reading and writing ability. The teachers may allocate extra time period for practice of reading and writing





Students activities











Students activities













NOTE (public distribution)

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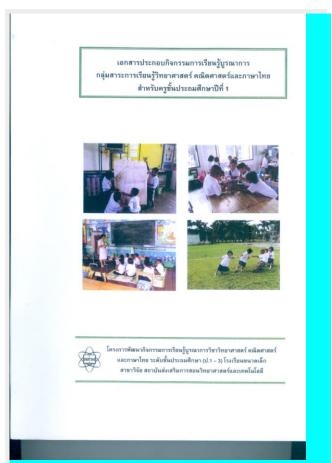












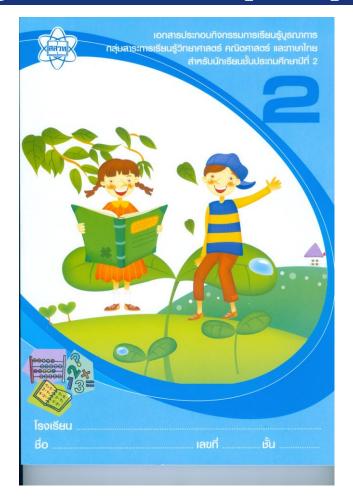




















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