

VIEWS OF THE 8TH GRADE STUDENTS' ABOUT THE ASTRONOMY SUBJECTS THROUGH THEIR PRIMARY EDUCATION LIFE

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Abstract

The aim of this study was to determine 8th grade students' views about the astronomy subjects through their primary education life. Qualitative research approach is used in this study and semi-structured interview has been used as a data collection tool. With 12 students who are studying at elementary school in Corum from 8th grade were interviewed. NVIVO9.0 program was used to analyze the interviews. The results of analysis are determined that students like instructions supported with visual materials such as documentary and animation films about astronomy, students are not interested in astronomy subjects because they are the last subjects so they are ignored and teaching is based on oral language and students want this units should be taught at the start or middle of term. It has been suggested that astronomy subjects should be supported with visual materials and should not be end of the curriculum.

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