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**Abstract:** This article analyzes the scientific and methodological foundations of primary education methodology, its theoretical basis, and practical significance. It also highlights the age characteristics of primary school students, modern pedagogical approaches used in the educational process, and the role of innovative technologies. The study substantiates the importance of methodological approaches in improving the effectiveness of primary education.

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The system of primary education is an important stage of continuous education, where not only knowledge, skills, and abilities of students are formed, but also a foundation is laid for their development as individuals. Therefore, a deep study of the scientific and methodological foundations of primary education methodology is one of the urgent issues. The modern education system requires a learner-centered approach, which necessitates the formation of new methodological perspectives.

At the primary education stage, it is essential to develop students' independent thinking, logical reasoning, creativity, and communicative competencies. From this point of view, improving the scientific and methodological foundations of primary education methodology has become a pressing issue. Practice shows that traditional approaches cannot fully ensure the development of students at the level of modern requirements. Therefore, the need to introduce innovative pedagogical technologies into the educational process, reconsider methodological foundations, and harmonize them with contemporary demands determines the relevance of this topic.

In recent years, research in the field of pedagogy has focused on improving primary education methodology. In particular, issues of organizing education based on a competency-based approach are widely studied. Modern researchers emphasize increasing student activity, developing independent thinking, and supporting creativity as the main directions of educational methodology. The main goal of this study is to analyze the scientific and methodological foundations of primary education methodology, determine their role and significance in the educational process, and develop proposals and recommendations aimed at improving educational effectiveness based on modern pedagogical approaches. Scientific sources particularly highlight the effectiveness of interactive methods, digital technologies, and differentiated learning approaches. At the same time, the use of game-based technologies in primary education is considered an important factor in increasing students' interest.

Among foreign scholars, J. Hattie analyzed factors that enhance teaching effectiveness and scientifically proved that active teaching methods and a student-centered approach yield high results. N. Selwyn extensively discussed the role of digital technologies in education and their



methodological potential, emphasizing the need for digitalization in modern education. L. Darling-Hammond highlighted the importance of effective teaching strategies such as reflective approaches, collaborative learning, and problem-based methods. M. Fullan deeply studied educational reforms and the implementation of innovative approaches, substantiating the necessity of systematic methodological renewal. Research conducted by international organizations such as OECD and UNESCO demonstrates the need to develop competency-based approaches, functional literacy, and learner-centered education in primary education. The use of scientifically grounded methodology in primary education significantly increases the effectiveness of the learning process. In particular, the following results can be achieved:

- an increase in students' level of knowledge acquisition;
- development of independent and critical thinking skills;
- formation of positive learning motivation;
- making the educational process more interactive and engaging.

The effectiveness of primary education methodology largely depends on the professional competence of the teacher. A modern teacher should not only be a source of knowledge but also an organizer, facilitator, and motivator of the learning process. The use of innovative technologies in education is also of great importance. Organizing lessons with digital tools increases students' interest and ensures an individual approach. However, maintaining methodological balance—combining traditional and modern methods—is crucial. Improving the scientific and methodological foundations of primary education methodology is an important factor in enhancing education quality. Education organized on a scientific basis contributes to the comprehensive development of students. Therefore, it is necessary to introduce innovative methods, improve teachers' professional qualifications, and strengthen methodological support. During the research process, a number of important scientific conclusions were drawn from the in-depth analysis of the scientific and methodological foundations of primary education methodology. First, it was determined that the systematic and goal-oriented application of methodological approaches significantly increases the effectiveness of the learning process. In particular, lessons organized based on a competency-based approach contribute not only to improving students' knowledge but also to developing their practical skills. It was also observed that the use of interactive methods and innovative pedagogical technologies increases students' engagement, fosters independent thinking, and develops decision-making skills in problem situations. The results showed that applying elements of game technologies, problem-based learning, and project-based approaches leads to higher academic performance compared to traditional methods. In addition, integrating digital technologies into the educational process expands opportunities to consider students' individual characteristics. Lessons organized on the basis of a differentiated approach help reduce differences in students' knowledge levels and create conditions for each student to demonstrate their potential. At the same time, it was found that the effectiveness of methodological approaches increases when teachers have a high level of methodological preparedness. The obtained results indicate the need for a comprehensive approach to improving primary education methodology. This means not only introducing new methods but also integrating them with all components of the pedagogical process. From this perspective, the teacher's role fundamentally changes, requiring them to act more as a facilitator and organizer rather than just a knowledge provider.

The discussion revealed that the effectiveness of methodological approaches largely depends on their alignment with students' age, psychological, and individual characteristics. For



example, game-based and visual methods are more effective for younger students, while problem-based and research-based approaches become more important in higher grades. Although the role of digital technologies in modern education is increasing, their improper or purposeless use may not yield expected results. Therefore, technologies must be applied in alignment with pedagogical goals; otherwise, they remain merely external tools.

The research findings indicate that for the effective application of methodological approaches in primary education, it is necessary to continuously develop teachers' professional competencies. Methodological training, mastering pedagogical innovations, and the ability to apply them in practice are among the key factors determining the quality of education. Overall, improving the scientific and methodological foundations of primary education methodology is an essential condition for modernizing the education system and contributes to the comprehensive development of students.

In conclusion, the use of scientific research methods in pedagogical activity helps improve teachers' professional skills, increases the effectiveness of research outcomes, and encourages the organization of the educational process based on students' age characteristics and child psychology.

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