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"The assurance of the future is based on a solid education, and education is based on the teacher." (M. K. Atatürk)

Dear Readers,

Teachers, as the professional groups who make great efforts for societies all over the world, have a great duty and responsibility in the development of the individual and therefore in the change of societies. They are the role models and life guides for many people. In addition to teaching, teachers should constantly renew themselves and develop their knowledge and skills in accordance with the needs of the contemporary time. A teacher is one who learns while teaching and teaches while learning and, should always remain as a student in a way. Teachers are always together with the new generations and thus can closely follow the new developments and changes. The first way for teachers to improve themselves in their profession is to follow the latest research results in their fields. Self-improving teachers try to reflect current approaches to their classroom practices and teaching approaches. Teachers should not confine themselves with their undergraduate education, and thus, should continue with graduate education. It is recommended that teachers gain an academic perspective, develop themselves, and do research by following current researches, which will definitely keep them updated in their profession.

As the Institute of Educational Sciences, our main aim is to train people who know the theory and practice in the field of teacher training, human and natural sciences; and establish their balance. Research and applications in the field of educational sciences are designed to create impact-oriented educational communities. Our goal is to promote researches which can turn the strong ideas into practice by putting the individual at the center, that are original, creative, enlightened and that shape the future with the ethical values. Our goal is to train leader teachers who shape the society in line with the Great Leader M.K. Atatürk' statement that "The future is the work of the youth, and the youth is the work of the teachers". Every year, November 24 is celebrated as Teachers' Day in Turkey, while World Teachers' Day is celebrated on October 5 in the world. Teachers' Day in our country is a celebration day where various activities are organized to honor those who practice the teaching profession. On this occasion, we celebrate the day of our teachers, who work at all levels from pre-school to higher education, who are the teachers of the past and present, and the founders of the future. In this issue the **Osmangazi Journal of Educational Research (OJER)**, there are studies that will contribute to the field of educational sciences that you can read with interest. We would like to express our gratitude to the researchers, the reviewer referees, the editorial board, the journal secretariat and our valuable readers who examined our journal and reached us via e-mail. **OJER** is on the way to be an international magazine that will be scanned in stronger indexes with your contributions.

In this second issue of <u>OJER</u> in 2021, there are 13 studies in total, as introduced below:

The 1st article of this issue is entitled "A Study of the Self-Efficacy of English Teachers for Educational Technology Standards" written by Meryem ARSLAN, Hilal HAMZAÇEBİOĞLU, and Ahmet Oğuz AKÇAY. The purpose of this study is to determine the efficacy of English teachers regarding the use of technology in education on the use of technology in all areas of our lives in order to provide a more effective and fun lesson environment. The results of this study show that English teachers' self-efficacy is low according to technology standards. According to the findings, it can be said that the technology self-efficacy of English teachers does not differ significantly according to gender, years of seniority and the school they work in.

The 2nd article of this issue is entitled "The Mediating Role of Positive Psychological Capital of the Relationship Between Visionary Leadership and Talent Management According to Teacher Perceptions" written by Kübra ÖZDİLEK, Semiha SAHİN. The aim of this study is to investigate the mediating role of teachers' positive psychological capital levels in the relationship between visionary leadership and talent management competency of school principals according to the perceptions of teachers working in secondary education institutions. The study was carried out with 287 teachers working in the official secondary schools of the Ministry of National Education within the borders of Büyükçekmece and Çatalca districts of Istanbul province in the 2017-2018 academic year. In the research, the Visionary Leadership Scale, Talent Management Scale in Education and Positive Psychological Capital Scale were used as data collection tools. According to the teachers' perceptions, it was determined that the positive psychological capital levels of the teachers' partial mediator role in the relationship between school principals' visionary leadership and talent management.

The 3rd article of this issue is entitled "GeoGames for Transition and Transformation in Environmental Education" written by Eyüp ARTVİNLİ and Leyla DÖNMEZ. Environmental education is an increasing important subject in schools that should be dealt with since early childhood. Looking at the life science course curriculum, it is aimed to educate individuals who are sensitive, environmentally conscious, and provide conscious consumption of resources. For this reason, it is of great importance for the child to be a conscious individual by taking care of the environment in which he / she is located first. In today's world, this educational process demands a deep interest that cannot be carried out only in the classroom environment. At the same time, in order to appeal to the children of this age in the changing and developing world, teaching with appropriate approaches to their world is valuable in terms of the sustainability of learning. This study covers an analysis aimed at achieving the attainments related to environmental education included in the life science curriculum through GeoGame. In this study, the life science course curriculum was examined by analysing the content through document review. Among the results of this research is that GeoGame is in a form that teaches while entertaining and entertains when learning with the achievements included in the curriculum of life science in early childhood decency.

The 4th article of this issue is entitled "The Relationship Between Bullying and Students' Mathematics Achievement" written by Ufuk GÜVEN, Yasin Çağlar ÖZ, and Mustafa KÖKER. This research aims to examine the impact of physical bullying on the academic achievements of 8th graders in mathematics. Another purpose of the study is to compare the incidence rates of physical bullying in different countries and examine the effect of physical bullying on achievement in different countries. TIMSS 2019 student data from the TIMSS database, was used in the study. The study group was selected by a twostage method among the students who participated in the TIMMS 2019 exam at the 8th grade level. The selected countries are the UK, Turkey, and Qatar. 10927 students (3144 students from the UK, 4009 from Turkey, and 3774 from Qatar) constitute the study group. According to the findings, it was found that there was a statistically significant and negative relationship between the frequency of bullying and student success. Another finding is exposure to physical bullying by country. The results revealed that Qatari students were most likely to be physically bullied, while British students were the most unlikely to be physically bullied. Recommendations for parents, students, and school administrators are also included in the study to mitigate the impact of bullying in schools.

The 5th article of this issue is entitled "Evaluation of 2018 Turkish Language and Literature Curriculum According to Teachers' Opinions (Bursa Province Sample)" written by Hüseyin Sinan AVCI and Zühal ÇUBUKÇU. This study aims to evaluate the Turkish Language and Literature Lesson Curriculum which was put into use in 2018/2019 school year by the views of literature teachers. Teacher opinions about the components of the curriculum were collected, failing parts of the curriculum that were identified from the data and then teachers' recommendations to fix those failing were revealed. In this descriptive research, it was aimed to collect opinions of the branch teachers and to evaluate the curriculum according to the gathered data. In the conclusion of the research, bringing back the previous program's chronological, literary era-based subject arrangement, instead of newly presented genre - based subject arrangement would be the most crucial step to have integrity on content and to make sense of the subjects better for the students.

The 6th article of this issue is entitled "The Review of Primary School Science Textbooks in the Context of Values" written by Melahat Cansu POLAT and Nurhan ATALAY. The curriculums, which are one of the concrete criteria of the quality of education, play an active role in achieving this goal. The gains in the curricula should include acquisitions aimed at reducing social problems. The permanence of early learning indicates the importance of including values in the gains, in other words, the implementation of value education. Reviewing the existing programs' gains is important in guiding the program developers and the textbooks towards including values education. This study examines the values in the primary school 3rd and 4th-grade science textbooks in the 2020-2021 academic year and determines their distributions and ratios. The results showed that ten core values identified in the curricula are not adequately addressed and are unevenly distributed in the reviewed textbooks. Therefore, it is suggested that the core values identified for the content of the textbooks should be included at a sufficient level and that they should be distributed evenly.

The 7th article of this issue is entitled "Problems and Solutions for Science Education and Training in Secondary School Students with Special Needs in Turkey" written by M. Zafer BALBAĞ and Kadir AKSOY. In this study, it is aimed to examine the research published between 2015 and 2020, which has content related to the problems encountered for science education and training in secondary school students with special needs in Turkey and solution suggestions. With this purpose, a literature review was performed and 52 studies on the subject were included. The findings are classified into two sub-themes as "problems" and "solution suggestions". "Problems" theme is divided into five categories as originating from the teacher, originating from the student, originating from the environmental conditions, originating from the curriculum and origination from the family. "Solution suggestions" theme is divided into six categories as teacher-oriented, studentoriented, physical environment-oriented, curriculum-oriented, family-oriented, and researcher-oriented.

The 8th article of this issue is entitled "An Awareness Study On Judicial/Administrative Crimes That May Occur During Web-Based Education Process" written by Nida BAYINDIR and Levent SELVI. Within the current pandemic environment, distance education has become a process where those who teach and learn by using information technologies come together in virtual classrooms regardless of location. However, users inevitably face ethical and security problems. Therefore, a teacher who uses information technologies should be aware that they can negatively affect the individual and the society. The study covers the descriptive analysis of crimes regarding violation of education and training rights in the 2019-2020 academic year with document analysis technique. In the study, by examining the constitution, law, regulation, declaration, international treaty and contract, statutes, regulations, customs, scientific opinions, judicial decisions, etc. that guarantee the rights and freedoms related to education, the articles concerning obscenity, insult, privacy, the right to education and freedom and limits of communication were taken as themes, and some judgments were made. The results showed that both teachers and students may display negative behaviours that prevent students' education rights, restrict communication freedom, violate family privacy, involve obscenity and insult, etc. Thus, it is recommended that cyber awareness training should be given to teachers.

The 9th article of this issue is entitled "Determining the Views of Students with Chronic Kidney Disease about Online Learning Environment" written by M. Serhat SEMERCIOĞLU, Ufuk AKKURT, and Uğur SARUHAN. This study was carried out to evaluate the educational experiences of students who are at risk due to the pandemic and who have chronic renal impairment, during the pandemic process. The sample of our study consists of 5 students with chronic renal impairment between the ages of 13 and 16, registered in an organ transplant center, and studying at public schools affiliated with the Ministry of National Education in the 2020-2021 academic year. The data was collected and analyzed through a semi-structured form. The majority of the participants stated that they could not go to school enough, their priority was education and health, they wanted face-to-face education, they had difficulty in understanding the lessons in face-to-face education, and they wanted to receive education at home and dialysis center. As a result, students in this group cannot get efficiency from distance education. Considering the dialysis days and hours of the students in this group, a new formal education program can be created and more efficient education can be provided.

The 10th article of this issue is entitled "Why aren't They at School?: An Analysis of the Student Absenteeism among the High School Students" written by Özge ÖZTEKİN BAYIR and Ahmet AYPAY. The aim of this study is to reveal the reasons for high school students' absenteeism. The participants are 1037 high school students attending eight high school with the highest rate of absenteeism. The reasons for absenteeism were categorized as follows: (i) health-related problems, (ii) environment-related factors, (iii) school and school administrator-related reasons, (iv) student-related reasons, (v) friendsrelated reasons, (vi) teacher-related reasons for the absenteeism of students, the reasons related to health problems have the highest average. The lowest average is found to be the family-related reasons.

The 11th article of this issue is entitled "Problems Faced by School Administrators According to Different Genders" written by Veli DENİZ, Çiğdem OKTAR, and Hamit ÖZEN. In this research, it was aimed to determine the problems that school principals and viceprincipals experienced in schools they work. Eight school principals and eight viceprincipals during the spring semester of 2019-2020 academic year participated in this research. According to the findings, the problems faced by school administrators with their colleagues, were examined in three categories: administration, human relations, and academically and field proficiency levels. It was found that almost all of the problems experienced were reported by the vice-principals without gender exception. This situation, with a different discourse; indicated that the subordinates had problems with their superiors. Another important point to be expressed is; although there are problems in both genders, considering the negative effects of these problems in terms of the depth and functioning of the school, it can be said that the negative relationships of female school administrators with their colleagues and the psychological damage they have caused to the communication channels are more severe than males. **The 12**th **article** of this issue is entitled "A Scale Designed for Specifying Educational Needs of Teachers of Gifted and Talented Students" written by Cavide DEMİRCİ and Güzin İĞCİ. The purpose of the study is to develop a valid and reliable scale specifically designed for identfying the eduational needs of the teachers of gifted and talented students. The study group is composed of 343 teachers from 18 branches employed at the Science and Art Centers (BİLSEM). At the end of the study which has passed through the stages of qualitative data collecting and during which the pcychometric features of the proposed scale have been analysed, a 5-point Likert scale has been developed having 65 items and one factor, a good level of explained variance (66%), and high level of validity and reliability (Cronbach-Alpha .99).

The 13th **article** of this issue is entitled "From Past to Present Gifted and Talented The Evolution of Terminologies" written by Ebru ILİMAN GÜLLÜHALI, Gamze İNCİ, Rukiye BALTACI, and Meral MELEKOĞLU. The phenomenon of giftedness has been expressed in many different terms with the characteristics of dominant culture since it began to be wondered and studied. While the term giftedness is defined very strictly by adhering to numerical measurements, over time it is defined with a more flexible perspective as types of intelligence tests increased. The concept of giftedness has been a curious subject in various disciplines such as sociology and psychology. The term giftedness consists of three stages. These are; the theological stage, the metaphysical stage, and the experimental stage. Studies in this area date back to Ancient Sparta, Ancient Greece, Renaissance Europe, China, and Japan. Galton and Simon are among the first scientists who studied about giftedness. The phenomenon of giftedness does not have a certain term agreed upon in both literature and law. But terms such as gifted, talented, giftedness, gifted and talented, high ability are used as synonyms interchangeably. In Turkey, the term "special talent" which includes gifted and talented has been used in law since 2013.

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