

### **Research on the Cultivation Strategy of Junior Middle School Students ' Mathematical Innovation Consciousness**

**Abstract:** With the implementation of mathematics curriculum reform in primary and secondary schools, the cultivation of mathematical innovation consciousness is becoming more and more important. Many scholars have conducted relevant research on the cultivation of junior middle school students ' mathematical innovation consciousness, however, few relevant findings have been summarized. Through the method of literature analysis, this paper reviews and sorts out the research on the cultivation of junior middle school students ' mathematical innovation consciousness, and draws the following conclusions : (1) The cultivation strategy of junior middle school students ' mathematical innovation consciousness is mainly studied from three aspects: before class, during class, and after class; (2) Previous studies have put forward more strategies for junior middle school students ' mathematical innovation consciousness from the perspective of the classroom, and there are few studies on pre-class and after-class aspects; (3) Researchers mainly use literature research method and case analysis method to study ; (4) The previous research methods are relatively simple, and the suggestions and strategies given by scholars are relatively broad and general. Most of them are put forward from the perspective of teachers, and there are gaps in the perspective of students. Therefore, in the future, it is necessary to improve the research methods and conduct research from a broader perspective in order to find more reasonable and specific suggestions and strategies.

**Keywords:** Junior Middle School; Mathematics; Innovation Consciousness

#### **Highlights of this paper**

This paper combs the research on the cultivation strategy of junior middle school students ' mathematical innovation consciousness and points out that the previous studies are mainly carried out from three aspects: before class, during class, and after class, and mainly focus on the classroom and most of the conclusions are from the perspective of teachers, mainly analyzing how teachers should do, lacking measures from the perspective of students.

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Compulsory education mathematics curriculum standards (2022 edition) points out that mathematics curriculum should cultivate students ' core literacy so that students can observe the real world with mathematical vision, and one of the manifestations of mathematical vision is innovation consciousness. Innovation consciousness helps students form a scientific attitude and rational spirit of independent thinking and questioning. Therefore, it is necessary to study the

cultivation strategy of junior middle school students ' mathematical innovation consciousness. At present, there are many types of research on the cultivation strategy of junior middle school students ' mathematical innovation consciousness, but there are few general studies on this topic. Therefore, this paper intends to review and sort out the current research, systematically analyze the research status of this topic, and provide a corresponding strategic reference for how to cultivate junior middle school students ' awareness of mathematical innovation. More importantly, by finding out its blank points, scholars are encouraged to further study.

The question studied in this paper is: What is the research status of the "cultivation strategy of junior middle school students ' mathematical innovation consciousness"? Specifically, it includes the following two aspects :

(1) What aspects have scholars studied on the cultivation strategy of junior middle school students ' mathematical innovation consciousness? What are the main results? What are the main methods used?

(2) Which areas are currently being studied more? Which aspects are less researched? What are the deficiencies? Are there any blank points?

## **2. METHOD**

### **2.1 Data Source**

This paper selects the literature in the CNKI (China National Knowledge Infrastructure) database as the sources of data. CNKI is the most authoritative document retrieval tool in Chinese academic journals, which approximately contains all the contents of Chinese journals. This database can ensure persuasion and reliability.

### **2.2 Data Collection**

Through the advanced search of CNKI, a total of 20 articles were retrieved by searching the three keywords of " innovation consciousness " " junior middle school mathematics " and " cultivation ". Through reading each article, 16 articles related to the topic were retained. In addition, 20 articles were selected according to relevance and publication time by searching the keyword " innovation consciousness ". Therefore, these 36 articles are analyzed in depth.

### **2.3 Data Collation**

Through the intensive reading of the literature, the author uses the method of taking notes to summarize the research contents, research methods, and research results in previous studies.

## **3. RESULTS**

### **3.1 Research aspects and categories**

Reading 36 articles, it is found that the research on the cultivation strategy of junior middle school students ' mathematical innovation consciousness mainly involves three aspects: how to cultivate innovation consciousness before class, during class, and after class. All strategies are roughly divided into 19 categories, namely : (1) Create an innovative thinking environment and inspire students to explore independently ; (2) Create a relaxed learning atmosphere and build a harmonious teacher-student relationship ; (3) Carry out extra-curricular activities to cultivate students ' practical ability ; (4) Encourage students to question and guide

students to explore actively ; (5) Use students ' interests and hobbies to cultivate the innovative ability ; (6) Cultivate teachers ' innovation consciousness and divergent thinking ; (7) Cultivate students ' habit of active thinking ; (8) Carefully create problem situations ; (9) Fully explore the teaching material resources ; (10) Pay attention to the cultivation of students ' non-intellectual factors ; (11) Divide students into groups and study in groups ; (12) Pay attention to the history of mathematics teaching ; (13) Innovate teaching methods, rationally use multimedia research, and develop teaching aids and learning aids ; (14) Pay attention to the accumulation and flexible use of knowledge, cultivate students ' divergent thinking ; (15) Contact the reality of life to stimulate the willingness to innovate ; (16) Create an evaluation mechanism to enhance students ' innovative ability ; (17) Update the concept of education, deeply understand the new teaching ideas ; (18) Improve and optimize teaching methods ; (19) Cultivate students ' subject consciousness and make students experience the process of exploration. The details of the number of occurrences of each type of strategy in all articles are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Aspects and Categories

Research categories	Research aspects	Before class	During class	After class
Create an innovative thinking environment and inspire students to explore independently			6	
Create a relaxed learning atmosphere and build a harmonious teacher-student relationship			18	
Carry out extra-curricular activities to cultivate students ' practical ability				13
Encourage students to question and guide students to explore actively			12	
Use students ' interests and hobbies to cultivate the innovative ability			6	
Cultivate teachers ' innovation consciousness and divergent thinking		3		
Cultivate students ' habit of active thinking			5	
Carefully create problem situations		14		
Fully explore the teaching material resources		7		
Pay attention to the cultivation of students ' non-intellectual factors			3	
Divide students into groups and study in groups			3	
Pay attention to the history of mathematics teaching			2	
Innovate teaching methods, rationally use multimedia research, and develop teaching aids and learning aids		6		
Pay attention to the accumulation and flexible use of knowledge, cultivate students ' divergent thinking			5	
Contact the reality of life to stimulate the willingness to innovate			8	

Create an evaluation mechanism to enhance students ' innovative ability			1
Update the concept of education, deeply understand the new teaching ideas	7		
Improve and optimize teaching methods		4	
Cultivate students ' subject consciousness and make students experience the process of exploration		5	

Note: Numbers indicate the number of times the corresponding strategy appears in the article.

As can be seen from table 1, "Create a relaxed learning atmosphere and build a harmonious teacher-student relationship", " Carefully create problem situations" 、 "Carry out extra-curricular activities to cultivate students ' practical ability" and "Encourage students to question and guide students to explore actively", these four strategies are the most mentioned by scholars.

### 3.2 The method adopted

By summarizing the research methods involved in 36 articles, it is found that most of the articles adopt the literature research method and case analysis method. The number of times that various methods appear in the article is summarized. The details are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Research Methods

Research method	Literature research	Case analysis
Frequency	34	35

Note: Numbers indicate the number of times the corresponding method appears in the article.

### 3.3 Main viewpoints of predecessors

#### 3.3.1 How to cultivate mathematical innovation consciousness before class

How to cultivate junior middle school students ' awareness of mathematical innovation before class, there are mainly 5 strategies, which are : (1) Cultivate teachers ' innovation consciousness and divergent thinking ; (2) Carefully create problem situations ; (3) Fully explore the teaching material resources ; (4) Innovate teaching methods, rationally use multimedia research, and develop teaching aids and learning aids ; (5) Update the concept of education, deeply understand the new teaching ideas.

Tang pointed out that teachers should change traditional ideas and form advanced innovation consciousness. On this basis, teachers should subtly cultivate students ' innovation consciousness. Each student has an innovative ability, and the cultivation of teachers is the key factor in the development of students ' innovative abilities (Tang,2018). Yu, Huang, Yan, and others pointed out that a good teaching situation can effectively stimulate students ' thinking sparks, which is of great help to cultivate students ' innovative abilities. Teachers should pay attention to the creation of teaching situations, guide students to deepen their understanding of knowledge in the process of using what they have learned and enhance the flexibility of thinking (Yu,2019; Huang,2013; Yan,2020).

Zhou, Qin, and others pointed out that the new textbook under the new curriculum reform attaches great importance to new sources of knowledge, knowledge tends to be more intuitive and interesting, and students learn because they are interested and their thinking follows their interests. Teachers should fully tap the teaching material resources and cultivate students' innovation consciousness (Zhou,2007; Qin,2007). Yao, Chen, and others pointed out that compared with traditional educational methods, multimedia technology can create vivid and realistic teaching situations and make mathematical knowledge vivid and interesting. Teachers should make full use of multimedia means to teach, attract students' attention, and improve students' classroom participation (Yao,2020; Chen,2012). Yu, Wu, and others pointed out that as the guide of students, teachers should first update the educational concept in teaching work, separate from examination-oriented education, deeply understand new teaching ideas, innovate classroom teaching mode, and attach great importance to students' innovation consciousness in teaching (Yu,2020; Wu,2021).

### 3.3.2 How to cultivate mathematical innovation consciousness during class

How to cultivate junior middle school students' awareness of mathematical innovation during class, there are mainly 12 strategies, namely : (1) Create an innovative thinking environment and inspire students to explore independently ; (2) Create a relaxed learning atmosphere and build a harmonious teacher-student relationship ; (3) Encourage students to question and guide students to explore actively ; (4) Use students' interests and hobbies to cultivate the innovative ability ; (5) Cultivate students' habit of active thinking ; (6) Pay attention to the cultivation of students' non-intellectual factors ;(7) Divide students into groups and study in groups ;(8) Pay attention to the history of mathematics teaching ;(9) Pay attention to the accumulation and flexible use of knowledge, cultivate students' divergent thinking ;(10) Contact the reality of life to stimulate the willingness to innovate ;(11) Improve and optimize teaching methods ;(12) Cultivate students' subject consciousness and make students experience the process of exploration.

Ji, Ma, and others pointed out that mathematics is everywhere in life. Teachers should be good at creating an atmosphere conducive to cultivating students' innovative ability, infiltrating into all aspects so that students can accept the cultivation of innovative thinking in a subtle way (Ji,2020; Ma,2020). Wang, Qin, Jiang, and others pointed out that in a relaxed learning environment, students will be more active to express their own ideas. In teaching, teachers should establish a democratic and equal teacher-student relationship, create a relaxed and harmonious classroom atmosphere, and guide and encourage students to make bold attempts and actively participate in learning (Wang,2020; Qin,2015; Jiang, 2020). Ma, Yi, Zhou, and others pointed out that in the teaching process, teachers should constantly encourage students to question, form questioning thinking, and constantly deepen their understanding of knowledge in questioning, communicate in questioning, improve in communication, and innovate in improvement (Ma,2020; Yi,2012; Zhou,2019).

Wang, Qiao, and others pointed out that interest is the best teacher. Teachers

should fully consider students' interests and hobbies, and use this as a starting point to encourage students to actively use the knowledge they have learned, imagine, guess, and verify independently, so as to promote students' independent innovation (Wang,2020; Qiao,2018). Wang, Sun, and others pointed out that in addition to teaching knowledge in the classroom, teachers should also plan independent thinking time for students, guide students to deeply understand the knowledge they have learned in the process of independent thinking, generate more novel ideas, and also promote students to develop a good habit of seeking new and thinking (Wang,2022; Sun,2020). Zhang et al.pointed out that good non-intellectual factors have positive effects on students' growth in many aspects, such as guidance, maintenance, and adjustment. Therefore, in the teaching process, teachers should pay attention to students' emotional experience and self-pursuit tendency, mobilize students' non-intellectual factors, enable students to have learning motivation, and thus be able to devote themselves to learning activities (Zhang,2014).

Yao et al.pointed out that team spirit is conducive to the cohesion of class members. Teachers can design some problems that need students to cooperate with each other in teaching. While cultivating students' team spirit, it also provides a good platform for the cultivation of innovation consciousness (Yao,2016). Chen and others pointed out that the study of the history of mathematics is helpful for students to understand the role of mathematics in the development of human civilization, to feel the rigorous attitude and perseverance of mathematicians, to understand the formation process of mathematical knowledge, and to stimulate students' national pride and carry forward the responsibility of the excellent traditional culture of the motherland (Chen,2012). Wang, Zhou, and others pointed out that teachers should guide students to use knowledge points flexibly, use divergent thinking and logical thinking to think and solve problems from multiple perspectives and promote the development of students' innovative thinking abilities (Wang,2020; Zhou,2011).

Tian, Nan, and others pointed out that the combination of mathematics learning and life practice is the inevitable trend of curriculum reform. Teachers need to focus on bringing mathematics to life, introducing mathematical problems in life into the classroom, let students realize the practical significance of mathematics, so as to improve their enthusiasm for learning mathematics and innovation consciousness (Tian,2022; Nan,2019). Zhou, Liu, and others pointed out that scientific teaching methods can cultivate students' innovation consciousness more efficiently. Teachers should make full use of various teaching tools and means to help students better understand and master mathematical knowledge according to the key and difficult contents of classroom teaching (Zhou,2019; Liu,2019). Shi, Ma, Liu, and others pointed out that teachers should help students clarify their roles, guide students to learn and explore independently, let students experience the exploration process personally, and improve their innovative literacy (Shi,2021; Ma,2020; Liu,2019).

### 3.3.3 How to cultivate mathematical innovation consciousness after class

How to cultivate junior middle school students' mathematical innovation consciousness after class, there are 2 main strategies : (1) Carry out extra-curricular activities to cultivate students' practical ability ; (2) Create an evaluation mechanism

to enhance students' innovative ability.

Zhu, Pei, Cao, and others pointed out that in the process of junior middle school mathematics teaching, in order to enhance the sense of innovation, it is necessary to combine thinking with practice. Students deepen their understanding of the knowledge they have learned in the process of participating in practical activities so that the knowledge they have learned can be used for themselves, improve their practical ability, and improve their sense of innovation (Zhu,2020; Pei,2020; Cao,2019). Chen pointed out that when evaluating students, teachers should pay more attention to the changes in students' thinking in the learning process, give full play to the incentive role of evaluation, and stimulate students' innovative thinking and learning enthusiasm (Chen,2021).

## **4. DISCUSSION**

### **4.1 Discussion on relevant aspects and categories**

Through the collation of statistics, it can be seen that the previous research on the cultivation strategy of junior middle school students' mathematical innovation consciousness mainly focused on three aspects: before class, during class, and after class, and a total of 19 strategies are proposed. The research mainly focuses on how to cultivate students' awareness of mathematical innovation during class. It can be seen that the research on strategies during class is relatively concentrated and is the focus of current research. There are 12 types of strategies for cultivating innovation consciousness during class, and the research is more comprehensive; however, there are few studies on how to cultivate students' innovation consciousness before and after class. Before class, only five strategies are proposed: carefully create problem situations, fully explore the teaching material resources, update the concept of education, deeply understand the new teaching ideas, innovate teaching methods, rationally use multimedia research, and develop teaching aids and learning aids, and cultivate teachers' innovation consciousness and divergent thinking. After class, only two strategies are proposed: carry out extra-curricular activities to cultivate students' practical ability, and create an evaluation mechanism to enhance students' innovative ability. It can be seen that there is a lack of research on how to cultivate students' innovation consciousness before and after class, and further research is needed.

### **4.2 Discussion on research methods**

For research methods, most of the 36 articles use the literature research method and case analysis method. The research methods are relatively simple, mostly based on speculation and drawing on previous experience, and lack certain persuasiveness. Later research can use the questionnaire method and interview method, through real data collection and analysis, objectively put forward strategies to ensure the reliability and persuasiveness of the results. The experimental method can also be used to verify the effectiveness of the relevant strategies proposed by the predecessors in cultivating students' innovation consciousness through the comparison between the experimental group and the control group.

### **4.3 Discussion on the main strategies**

In view of how to cultivate junior middle school students' awareness of mathematical innovation, the researchers mainly mentioned 19 strategies. During class, the strategies commonly mentioned are to create a relaxed learning

atmosphere and build a harmonious teacher-student relationship, encourage students to question, and guide students to explore actively, it can be seen that these two strategies are generally recognized by current scholars; before class, the strategy commonly mentioned is to carefully create problem situations, it can be seen that this strategy is generally recognized by current scholars; after class, the strategy commonly mentioned is to carry out extra-curricular activities to cultivate students' practical ability, it can be seen that this strategy is generally recognized by current scholars. There are relatively few previous studies on the other 15 strategies, and further research is needed to verify the effectiveness of these strategies.

## 5. CONCLUSION

In this paper, through the analysis of the results of previous studies, the following conclusions are obtained :

(1) By sorting out 36 articles, this paper finds that the previous research on the cultivation strategy of junior middle school students' mathematical innovation consciousness mainly focuses on three aspects: pre-class, in-class, and after-class, and there is more research on the in-class aspect.

(2) By analyzing the previous views, it is concluded that the current common views are mainly to create a relaxed learning atmosphere and build a harmonious teacher-student relationship, encourage students to question and guide students to explore actively, carefully create problem situations, carry out extra-curricular activities to cultivate students' practical ability.

(3) Most of the previous studies used the literature research method and case analysis method. The application of the questionnaire method, interview method, and experimental method is blank. It can be seen that the research methods used in previous studies are relatively single, so more research methods can be used in future research to ensure the reliability of the results.

(4) All kinds of strategies are studied by researchers from the reference of other people's literature or their own experience, lacking certain persuasiveness. Therefore, in the future, it is necessary to further study the cultivation strategy of junior middle school mathematical innovation consciousness from multiple perspectives, put forward more effective strategies, and further verify its effectiveness for other strategies proposed by predecessors.

(5) At present, most of the research on " innovation consciousness " is put forward from the perspective of teachers, while the measures from the perspective of students are relatively few. In the future, we should study from a wider perspective and give more reasonable strategies.

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