

# **Pestalozzi and the Foundation of Education**

## **On “Wie Gertrud ihre kinder lehrt” and “Pestalozzi, nach unveröffentlichten Briefen an Eltern und Lehrer”**

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What is the absolute foundation of education? In Japan, many educators have considered Pestalozzi's educational model as an educational foundation. In this thesis, I analyze Pestalozzi's views and describe the foundation of education. Before World War II, there have been many educators who considered Pestalozzi's theories to be the fundamental basis.

This thesis focuses on his writings, "Wie Gertrud ihre kinder lehrt," which is the primary work of Pestalozzi, and "Heinrich Walther Pestalozzi, nach unveröffentlichten Briefen an Eltern und Lehrer."

In "Wie Gertrud ihre kinder lehrt," Pestalozzi describes the importance of teaching using a harmonizing nature, knowledge, skills, and morals by clarifying "Intuitive teaching" (*anschauungsunterricht*). He also asserts the importance of advancing "education for children." Pestalozzi's methods are also obvious in his letters, the foundations of which includes the appreciation of the position of children, education for children, and the facilitation of the most appropriate development for children.