

Findings from Analysis of Draw-a-Scientist Test, Summer 2014

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Draw-A-Scientist Test

- Children were given the direction to “draw a picture of a scientist”
 - Provided with crayons and pencils
 - Monday and Friday mornings of each week they spent at camp



DAST Coding

Standard scale

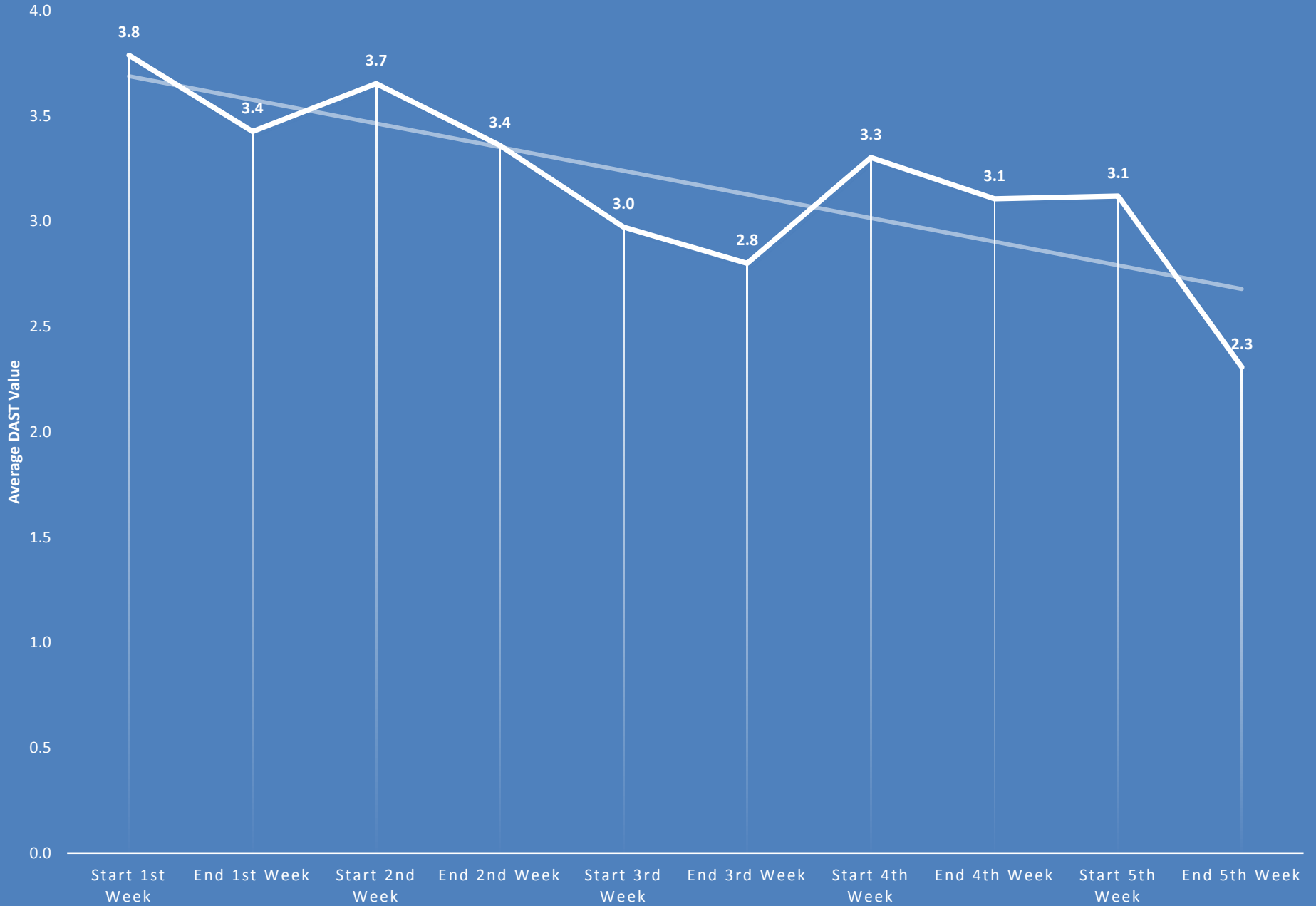
- DAST-C
- Multiple coders used to establish reliability
- Scale ranges from 0-15
- Higher scores represent more stereotypical views of science/scientists

DAST-C Items include:

- Lab coat
- Eyeglasses
- Facial hair
- Male scientist
- Indications of danger
- Technology (computers, microscopes)



AVERAGE DAST-C VALUES BY NUMBER OF WEEKS SPENT AT PROJECT SCIENTIST CAMP, SUMMER 2014



Findings

- Students began the camp with fairly unsterotypical ideas of who a scientist is and what a scientist does relative to others in their age cohorts
- At the end of the week, students had less stereotypical depictions of who a scientist is/what a scientist does
- Students who spent five weeks at camp drew the least stereotypical pictures



DAST Comparison: Scientist Becomes Less Stereotypical, Age 10

Instructions:
Draw a picture of a scientist.

Name: #008



Instructions:
Draw a picture of a scientist.

Name: #008



Write a sentence describing what you have drawn.

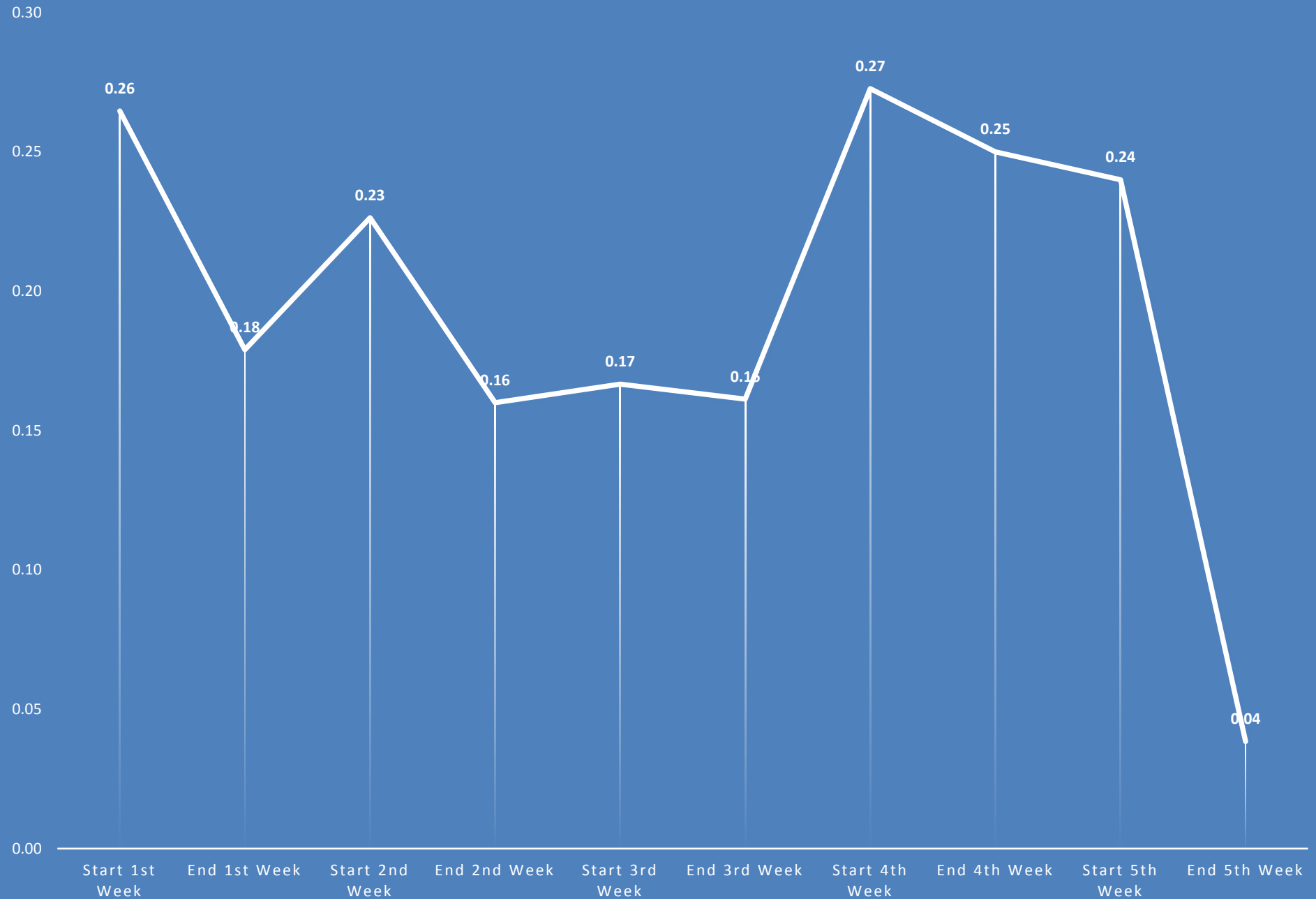
Me!



DAST Comparison: Fewer Symbols of Science in End of Week Drawing, Age 6



PERCENTAGE OF DAST DRAWINGS SHOWING MALE SCIENTISTS BY NUMBER OF WEEKS SPENT AT PROJECT SCIENTIST CAMPS, SUMMER 2014



Findings

- One item on the DAST-C is the depiction of male scientists
- Pictures were coded as showing male scientists if **ONLY** male scientists were shown
- Children were less likely to draw male scientists at the end of each week of camp than at the beginning
- Those who spent five weeks at camp were least likely to depict only male scientists



DAST Comparison: Male Scientist at Beginning of Week, Age 6

Name: #083

Instructions:

Draw a picture of a scientist.



Name: #083

Instructions:


Draw a picture of a scientist.



DAST Comparison: Girl "Observing" at Beginning of Week Becomes "Scientist" at End of Week, Age 11

Name: #034

Instructions:
Draw a picture of a scientist.

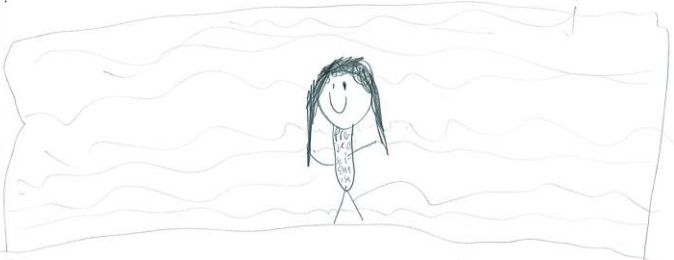


The drawing shows a stick figure labeled 'Observer' on the left, looking towards a stick figure labeled 'scientist' who is standing behind a table. On the table are two small objects, one a triangle and one a square. To the right of the scientist is a vertical line labeled 'light' with an arrow pointing down. Further right is a rectangular area filled with horizontal red lines, possibly representing a window or a screen.

Write a sentence describing what you have drawn.
I drew a girl looking at a scientist at work

Name: #034

Instructions:
Draw a picture of a scientist.



The drawing shows a stick figure with long hair and a white lab coat, standing in the center. The background consists of several horizontal wavy lines, suggesting a window or a screen.

Write a sentence describing what you have drawn.
I drew a scientist in a white lab coat

