

Are Computers Detrimental To Children's Learning?

The new technologies that have been presented in the XIX century, such as computers, brings to us many advantages and disadvantages in various aspects. The key question is: Are computers harmful to kids in their education and in their daily life? Many studies have been made in terms to determinate what is the valid opinion about this subject. In fact, there are many divided opinions about if computers are or not harmful. Computers can be harmful or not harmful depending on the use of it . I'm going to compare the different opinions about this subject, because I believe that it is fair to have a vision of both sides, so every person has his own justified opinion about the subject I'm going to discuss.

I'll start on the pros of the subject. Firstly, the computer is everywhere in life, in society. It is every day bread for some people. This is why it's important that teachers help little children to feel comfortable with technology, because the earlier the students learn how to use computers in a productive way, the better the child will be prepared for their future.

Another pro is that computers are a necessity for the generations that are coming. "New technologies in education have become an educational issue, a challenge, an opportunity, a risk, a necessity..." said Burbles. This means that throughout the years, computers and technology (that go together) have become a necessity for all generations, specially for the new ones, in other words, a person in this century, cannot be an ignorant in terms of technology.

The last pro that is very important to state is that due to computers, there is much more information and resources in general available for every one. In this way, the resources and information are not only reachable for some people, this helps to spread an even education all around the world, helping the people that don't have as much access as others to education.

Even if there are infinite pros, there are as well, lots of statements against computers and children, that are as valid as the statements that are against computers for children.

One of them is the fact that being too long in front of the computer causes damages to eye sight. So if children start using the computer when little, they have more chances to have a dysfunction in their eyes when older. It can also produce an illness called Carpa Tunel Syndrome.

Another disadvantage is the information is given out, so the ability of research is lost, being this very important because not everything in life is given like here, so children don't learn how to do things for themselves. This causes children that are very effortless and that think that everything is in their hands.

The last but not least disadvantage that has relevance in the subject is that the computer is an isolated activity, therefore children do not interact with their classmates as in the playground. This is a terrible disadvantage in terms of the development of children in

society. They lose all contact with other people, creating this very introvert and not communicating children.

As a conclusion, I believe that computers and technology can be very useful in terms of advance in education and equal terms of learning. It can also be helpful to be connected with the whole world and know faster the different advances and recent methods in education. As most things, I believe that computers do have a negative side, that can interrupt the normal psychological and physical development of a child.

