How Young Is Too Young For Technology?

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Have you ever been in a public place and seen a little kid nose deep in an iPad? Sadly, many of us have. Computers, tablets, iPads, and smartphones are making it easier for kids to get a taste of technology at a young age. Many parents question themselves on when their child should be able to use technology at a greater extent. In my perspective,some parents are doing the judgmenting all wrong. I think kids are being given the privilege of technology too young of age

Every time a child enters the world of technology they are potentially exposed to inappropriate content. Most things on the internet aren't safe for kids under twelve to be seeing. Imagine your six year old son or daughter scrolling through the internet and finding a website about scary monsters. It might be a silly mythical website, but for a little boy or girl everything is real. Children can easily run into false facts like this and sometimes it can be tremendous enough to change their mind set on everyday life.

However, there are parents fighting the facts saying that kids need technology early on for emergencies, learning, and communicating. Some parents say that giving their child a cell phone at a young age teaches them responsibility. Many say that it allows their children to learn independently and make it easier to contact their parents in emergencies. Also, some parents approve the idea of their child calling a family member and communicating. I agree with some of this too, but giving your seven year old an iPhone is ludicrous after looking at the effects. Your child might call grandma once in a while but you also might see that a child who gets cell phones at a young age might become anti-social.

The overall lesson we need to learn is that kids under eleven should not have cell phones. They should be using computers and doing educational things. Do your six year old a favor and limit their usage on technology until they get older. It is a major problem that more parents need to take into consideration. I believe we are negatively impacting our future generation by giving young children advanced technology.

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