TECHNOLOGY IN THE ELEMENTARY LEVEL

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Many parents are claiming that some forms of technology are a big help in the study of their children, similarly, there are also parents who assert that some forms of technology is more of a curse rather than a blessing.

However, technology at present is moving swiftly through schools in the entire country. We may consider many children nowadays as “digital native” that is, children have grown up with different forms of technology, they are already at home using different kinds of gadgets. Different gadgets are already part of their learning experiences. They are not digital immigrants or these children are not at home in different electronic gadgets; such as laptops, cellphones, computer and other kinds of technology.

Arguably, many parents agree with the use of technology in education, but there still many parents are still skeptical with the technology use in education. As revealed by some surveys, technology is a big help in their children since they will be engaged the more active learning. Technology may encourage children for more group collaboration and they utilized varied resources, such as relevant videos from Youtube, different information from the Google.

Teachers may deliver lessons with more clarity, while learners can learn from the findings revealed by different researches which may encourage learners with different learning styles. Majority of students who are computer literate depend on a large to technology believing that they maybe helped by technology in communicating meaningfully.
Comparatively speaking, technology has also its bad side. Students may be in the same way distracted by the technology. Every now and then, they lack focus or concentration because of the several media, playing online games or doing their shopping online. In addition there are some studies that revealed the negative use of technology for some students.

Another serious concern is that children may have too much freedom and may intentionally or accidentally open some forbidden sites not allowed for children like movies which are not good for children, more so the pornographic sites that will hinder their studies. Therefore, is technology a boom or a bane? A curse or a blessing? Let us think for our children.

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