



Digital media impair speech development and reading ability



Many children today communicate mainly via WhatsApp and Facebook. They completely miss the emotional reaction of their counterpart. A study by American pediatricians show the serious consequences this has for the child development.

A new study presented in 2017 by the US congress of pediatricians points out that the development of speech is hindered in relation to the degree of the use of digital media. For with the use of digital media, children do not experience tone of voice, facial expression or emotions of their counterpart. As a result, the children's development of speech is hindered by virtual communication through Facebook or WhatsApp. In the past 25 years, aside from the impairment of speech development, also a significant decline in reading has become apparent. Today many children rarely hold a book in their hands, instead they are busy almost exclusively with digital media. This impairs the ability to read, which is important for the learning and understanding of many school subjects.

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