An Increasing Number of Kids in U.S. Schools Need to Learn English. Let Them Play!

With 25% of U.S. students living in households where a language other than English is spoken at home, Jens Peter de Pedro, Play Advocate and Experience Director at Lingokids, has a radical, research-backed proposition for ensuring they get the language learning support they need through guided social play.

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Reframing the Digital Divide: Why Quality of Access Matters

For many years, the “digital divide” represented a split between people with access to the internet and those without. The term expressed concerns about those falling behind in the digital economy of the 21st century. But with internet service now present in most U.S. homes, the gap has become more nuanced—and perhaps even more important. Today, the question is less about access and more about quality and consistency of connection.

Our latest infographic highlights findings from a national study conducted by the Joan Ganz Cooney Center and Rutgers University. It explains why, when it comes to digital equity, the quality of broadband access is an important consideration.

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Meet the Winners of the 2016 National STEM Video Game Challenge

The games are in, the judges have spoken, and we're pleased to announce the 24 winners of the 5th annual National STEM Video Game Challenge! Selected from nearly 3,000 submissions across 18 categories, the exemplary middle school and high school students were recognized in an award ceremony at National Geographic in Washington, DC on Monday, November 14.

Learn More About the Winners »

Upcoming Events

- Webinar: The Evolution of Literacy in the Digital Age | Dec. 1
  In this webinar, Tap, Click, Read authors Lisa Guernsey and Michael Levine will discuss how
content creators and publishers can help foster new pathways to learning by creating "transmedia" offerings that allow "blended learning" experiences beginning in preschool.

- **Kids@Play Summit | Jan. 5–8**
  At this year’s Kids@Play Summit you’ll hear from the smartest kids on the block: educators, researchers, thought leaders and yes, even real live kids about how the new world of seamless, screen-less tech is coming and how you can seize the opportunity.

- **Future of Education Technology Conference (FETC) | Jan. 24–27**
  FETC is the largest national, independent education technology conference, delivering strategies and best practices for student success and school-wide advancement.

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What We’re Reading

- Making Technology Work for Promoting Language and Literacy in a Child’s Early Years
- Why Device-Free Dinners are a Healthy Choice
- How Should Reading Be Taught in a Digital Era?
- Toolkit for Bridging Language and Culture to Encourage Family Engagement

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