The National Herald recently spoke with Dr. Maria Karamanou, an assistant professor of education, at the University of Colorado at Denver, about her new book, "Educational Technology for Children and Youth: A Research and Practice Guide." The book is a comprehensive resource for educators who want to integrate technology into their classrooms, with a focus on how to effectively use technology to support student learning.

**About the Author:**

Dr. Maria Karamanou is an assistant professor of education at the University of Colorado at Denver. She received her doctorate in educational technology from the University of Colorado at Denver and has been conducting research in this field for over a decade. Her research interests include technology integration in the classroom, student engagement, and the use of technology to support student learning.

**What inspired you to write this book?**

As a technology integration specialist, I have always been interested in understanding how technology can be used effectively in the classroom. I wanted to create a resource that would help educators integrate technology into their classrooms in a way that supports student learning.

**What are some of the key takeaways from your research?**

My research has shown that technology can be a powerful tool for supporting student learning. However, it is important to use technology in a way that is aligned with students' needs and interests. Educators should also be aware of the potential for technology to raise social and ethical concerns.

**How can educators use your book to support student learning?**

My book provides educators with a wealth of information on how to effectively use technology in the classroom. It includes tips on how to integrate technology into lesson plans, how to use technology to support student engagement, and how to use technology to support student learning. Educators can use this book as a resource to help them integrate technology into their classrooms in a way that supports student learning.

**Why do you think it is important for educators to understand technology?**

Technology is an integral part of our lives, and it is important for educators to understand how it can be used effectively in the classroom. By understanding technology, educators can help students develop the skills they need to succeed in a digital world.

**What advice do you have for educators who are new to technology integration?**

My advice for educators who are new to technology integration is to start small and gradually build up to more complex projects. It is also important to involve students in the decision-making process, as they are the ones who will be using the technology in the classroom.

**Where can educators find out more information about technology integration?**

My book is a great resource for educators who want to learn more about technology integration. It includes a wealth of information on how to effectively use technology in the classroom. Additionally, there are many online resources available, such as the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) and the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT), that provide information on technology integration.

**What do you hope students will take away from this book?**

I hope that students will take away a better understanding of how technology can be used to support their learning. By understanding technology, students can develop the skills they need to succeed in a digital world.

**How do you think technology integration will continue to evolve in the future?**

Technology integration is likely to continue to evolve in the future. As technology advances, there will be new opportunities for educators to use technology in the classroom. It is important for educators to stay up-to-date with the latest developments in technology integration to ensure that they are using technology in the most effective way possible.