



## Transcript from February 12, 2010 to February 12, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

### February 12, 2010

- 4:44 am **SCGifted:** RT @DeborahMersino: Join us at 7pm/EST on Fri for global #gtchat. Topic: Passion Discovery: Helping #Gifted Kids Find Inspiration."
- 6:30 am **armadillosoft:** RT @DeborahMersino: Join us at noon/EST on Fri. for global #gtchat. Topic: "Homework: Battles or Bliss?" #gifted
- 6:30 am **armadillosoft:** RT @DeborahMersino: Join us at 7pm/EST on Fri for global #gtchat. Topic: Passion Discovery: Helping #Gifted Kids Find Inspiration."
- 12:00 pm **jofrei:** At 11.00am Sat for East Aus RT @DeborahMersino Join us Fri for #gtchat. Topic: Passion Discovery: Helping #Gifted Kids Find Inspiration."
- 12:57 pm **giftedmum:** @aspergers2mom Thanks hopefully we will catch up on the next #gtchat
- 1:38 pm **Giftedkidsie:** RT @CathRiordan: RT @DeborahMersino Join us at 5pm GMT (noon/EST) on Fri. for global #gtchat. Topic: "Homework: Battles or Bliss?" #gifted
- 2:02 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Noon/EST global #gtchat. Topic: "Homework: Battles or Bliss?" #gifted <http://bit.ly/arpEEr>
- 2:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** New followers interested in #gtchat, make sure your settings are made public, not private. Welcome! #gifted
- 4:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** Less than an hour until the noon/EST global #gtchat. Topic: "Homework: Battles or Bliss?" Join us! #gifted
- 4:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** Constant battles, manipulation, no challenge, too much challenge, dependence...sound familiar? #gtchat subject in 30 min: Homework! #gifted
- 4:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** Mothers, fathers: Does homework drive you c.r.a.z.y? Join us for #gtchat at noon/EST to discuss. #gifted #solutions
- 4:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** Teachers: Do you have feedback/suggestions for parents dealing with homework battles? Join us for noon/EST #gtchat #gifted #solutions
- 4:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** Parenting gurus/coaches: Homework tips? Join us for #gtchat in 10 minutes. #gifted #solutions
- 4:50 pm **evelynsaenz:** RT @DeborahMersino: Mothers, fathers: Does homework drive you c.r.a.z.y? Join us for #gtchat at noon/EST to discuss. #gifted #solutions
- 4:56 pm **cybraryman1:** Some Homework jokes to warm you up for #gtchat: <http://bit.ly/9kw8N5>
- 4:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat.
- 4:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to #gtchat. Our topic: "Homework: Battles or Bliss?"
- 5:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself and your role (parent, teacher, advocate, coach) and where you reside. #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **BrendonWalker:** Dear #gtchat It's 4am in AUS and I'm sleeping. Sorry...can't join u now...but hope 2 c u later 4 the repeat session! (scheduled hoot-tweet)
- 5:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm a mother to two gifted girls, a communications consultant to gifted communities and moderator of #gtchat. Welcome! And I'm in Colorado!
- 5:01 pm **laughingatchaos:** I'm Jen in CO, mom to 2 boys, one 2e, one TBD. Good to be here! #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** @BrendonWalker - Sleep well, my Australian friend and #gifted advocate! #gtchat

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Transcript for #gtchat - What the Hasht...

- 5:03 pm **DeboranMersino:** Today, I'm going to be drawing a lot of information from "The Big Book of Parenting Solutions" by @micheleborba. #gtchat
- 5:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** Jen, are we alone? LOL... #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat My name is Erik. I am a Family Consultant (advocate & resource) with the Davidson Institute for Talent Development.
- 5:04 pm **laughingatchaos:** Hm. I wonder! LOL #gtchat #gtchat
- 5:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - Hooray! Welcome to #gtchat. Glad you're here.
- 5:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm going to dive in and hopefully others will join us! #gtchat
- 5:05 pm **alisonwrites:** I'm a teacher and grad student who works a lot with gifted elem. kids. Living in snowy(!!!) Alabama for now. #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** Red flags re to homework battles: arguing, crying and meltdowns; poor study skills & organization; failure to write down assignments #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **Jani\_Oehlke:** #gtchat - Hello everyone. I am a Parent
- 5:07 pm **laughingatchaos:** meltdowns are our BIG problem. Frustration overload #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **mygiftedgirl:** HI! I'm here!!!! doing homework with my youngest who is off today. LOL #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **laughingatchaos:** And now starting the whole "didn't turn it in" fiasco. #gtchat #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** More red flags: no independent learning abilities, boredom, easily distracted... Do any of these sound familiar? #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Jani\_Oehlke - Excellent. Happy you're with us today! #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **laughingatchaos:** Deborah, you're living in my closet, eh? ;) #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **DavidsonGifted:** There can be many causes of red flags for #Gifted kids: learning disabilities, organization, perfectionism, repetition, #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Big frustration: youngest makes it way harder than it needs to be. Academy award performances. drama and pretends she can't do it #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **Jani\_Oehlke:** #gtchat Very familiar!
- 5:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** @mygiftedgirl - Welcome! #gtchat
- 5:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @mygiftedgirl: Big frustration: youngest makes it way harder than it needs to be. Academy award performances. drama and pretends she can't do it #gtchat
- 5:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: There can be many causes of red flags for #Gifted kids: learning disabilities, organization, perfectionism, repetition, #gtchat
- 5:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - Excellent point. #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **laughingatchaos:** Perfectionism. He comes by it naturally (from me), but it's an advancement killer. #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **DavidsonGifted:** We have found organization to be a major cause of Homework difficulties in our Davidson Academy students #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DavidsonGifted What's the solution re: organization? #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** Worth mentioning again. Today, I'll be drawing a lot of advice from "The Big Book of Parenting Solutions" by @micheleborba. #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DavidsonGifted Physical organization or mental? #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **alisonwrites:** So wrong to assume that kids are able to figure out organization, study skills, etc. on own. Those have to be taught! #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Providing plenty of consistent structure and support (parents & teachers) is of the utmost importance when addressing HW issues #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @alisonwrites: So wrong to assume that kids are able to figure out organization, study skills, etc. on own. Must be taught! #gtchat

- 5:12 pm **alisonwrites:** And there's not necessarily one right way to organize things. Lots of trial and error for individual learner. #gtchat
- 5:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** According to Borba, the single most important parent tip is to recognize that your role with homework is not "doer." #gtchat
- 5:12 pm **laughingatchaos:** @alisonwrites schools don't teach those skills anymore; too busy with state test prep. :( #gtchat
- 5:12 pm **mygiftedgirl:** ANother frustration: getting hw done when we have better and more fun things to do like dance classes! #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** "The work responsibility rests in your kids' hands, not yours." Really? I need to learn this!! #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @laughingatchaos #gtchat: Both! one resource we have foudn helpful is the book: Becoming a master student: <http://bit.ly/a47rHW>
- 5:13 pm **laughingatchaos:** @mygiftedgirl school can't believe 2e son doesn't have a lot of after school activities. Too busy w/homework, etc. Gonna change. #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **mygiftedgirl:** RT @DeborahMersino: "The work responsibility rests in your kids' hands, not yours." Really? I need to learn this!! #gtchat
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- 5:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @laughingatchaos #gtchat: Both! one resource we have foudn helpful is the book: Becoming a master student: <http://bit.ly/a47rHW>
- 5:14 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DavidsonGifted I'll check out that book, thank you! #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **cybraryman1:** The parent's job is to make sure that the children are doing their homework. #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **alisonwrites:** @laughingatchaos That's so frustrating. All students do better on those assessments if they know how to study. #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @laughingatchaos #gtchat: Agreed! We assume since they are bright, they can figure it out, but this is not true. HW skills must be taught
- 5:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** Constant battles, manipulation, no challenge, struggles in learning (#2E), dependence...how can we empower relative to homework? #gtchat
- 5:15 pm **laughingatchaos:** @alisonwrites EXACTLY!!!! Work smarter, not harder! #gtchat
- 5:15 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @laughingatchaos Had to cut 2e kid back from 2 to 1 class/week. Just because off-HW issues. Next yr she wants to dance more. How when? #gtchat
- 5:15 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DavidsonGifted Oftentimes the exact opposite! Ex. function issues hit hard in these kids. #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** Questions to ask: Are the tasks above or below abilities? Too hard/too accelerated? Is he/she too easily distracted? #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **alisonwrites:** @laughingatchaos I feel like I have to teach organization/study skills just to keep myself sane as a teacher. #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **laughingatchaos:** @mygiftedgirl GT teacher yesterday said we should get 2e kid into gymnastics. I'd love to, but... #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **laughingatchaos:** @alisonwrites Bless you for teaching them! I was taught them in school, they need to be taught! #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat: A fun book to help kids with homework struggles: How to do Homework without Throwing up: <http://bit.ly/crWedc>
- 5:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** Another sign relative to intervention: Is stress or an overextended schedule hindering his/her concentration? #gtchat
- 5:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @DeborahMersino #gtchat: A fun book to help kids with homework struggles: How to do Homework without Throwing up: <http://bit.ly/crWedc>

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- 5:17 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Too distracted/bored/overwhelmed/perfectionism #gtchat
- 5:17 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat: book to help kids w/ homework struggles: How to do Homework without Throwing up: <http://bit.ly/crWedc> #gtchat
- 5:17 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DavidsonGifted I'll have to find that book too. :) #gtchat
- 5:18 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @laughingatchaos Dance has been crucial for my out of sync kid. She's gone from walking into things to nearly graceful! #gtchat
- 5:18 pm **cybraryman1:** My Homework Help page (Parents & HW sites etc.) <http://bit.ly/J1m7K> #gtchat
- 5:18 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Stress, mainly overwhelmed and perfectionism related. #gtchat
- 5:18 pm **gifts2love:** #gtchat - finally arriving! Sorry I'm late - Missy Bedell - parent
- 5:18 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @cybraryman1: My Homework Help page (Parents & HW sites etc.) <http://bit.ly/J1m7K> #gtchat
- 5:18 pm **TheNextMartha:** I saw Linda Silverman speak at a local school last night. Found out a lot of new interesting research. #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **laughingatchaos:** @mygiftedgirl Good! It'll be gymnastics or velodrome here. #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **alisonwrites:** Tasks are so important. If appropriate level and interesting/authentic, many of the battles will go away. #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** Hooray for Alison. #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** @gifts2love - Welcome! #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **laughingatchaos:** @gifts2love Yay! Welcome! :) #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **laughingatchaos:** @alisonwrites True! Needs the overview first, then the details. Make it relevant. #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** @TheNextMartha - Share more. I adore Dr. Silverman #gtchat
- 5:20 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @alisonwrites: Tasks are so important. If appropriate level and interesting/authentic, many of the battles will go away. #gtchat
- 5:20 pm **mygiftedgirl:** 1st grader :2e related hw and regular teacher hw. so lots of work major issue is 2e kid hates phonics reader books sent home. #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** Common-sense simple changes recommended by Borba: Make homework not a choice. #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **TheNextMartha:** I decided that I had so much to say that I started a blog on blogger and am working on my first post about the talk. #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @alisonwrites #gtchat Agreed! too often homework is repetition and review. #gifted kids do not need as much of this as most kids.
- 5:21 pm **mygiftedgirl:** 2nd grdr ehhe kind of repetitive. She has lots of dance classes so she's good about getting it done. more dance = less fuss for her #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **alisonwrites:** @DeborahMersino Thanks! :) #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: Common-sense simple changes recommended by Borba: Make homework not a choice. #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** Develop a weekly homework reminder. {I need to do this} #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **TheNextMartha:** School is 1/2 day so I will return in a bit after I get the smartypants from there. #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **laughingatchaos:** @TheNextMartha Share the addy, please! :) #gtchat
- 5:22 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @laughingatchaos #gtchat Working with teachers to help them understand this is so important. Positive advocacy is the key.
- 5:22 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: Develop a weekly homework reminder. {I need to do this} #gtchat
- 5:22 pm **aifts2love:** RT @DeborahMersino: Common-sense simple changes recommended by

Borba: Make homework not a choice. #gtchat

- 5:22 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino what kind of hw reminder? #gtchat
- 5:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** @mygiftedgirl I agree. The energy/overexcitabilities are counterbalanced by swim practice. A MUST! They feel so much saner (me too!) #gtchat
- 5:22 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DavidsonGifted Started pos adv yesterday. Such a relief. Changes coming for 2e kid #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Ok, signing up for gymnastics or velodrome within the week. :) #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laughingatchaos - White board (which I know you're a fan of!) with regular and/or weekly assignments. Central place in home/fridge #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **gifts2love:** @laughingatchaos #gtchat - what do you mean by pos adv?
- 5:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laughingatchaos - So happy for you! You go girl. #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Ah. Already have a chalkboard I could use. :) How do you set it up? #gtchat
- 5:24 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat. Another good book: Homework Without Tears:  
<http://www.amazon.com/Homework-Without-Tears-Lee-Canter/dp/0062731327>
- 5:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** Other Borba tip: Know the teacher's expectations. The better the relationship w/teacher, the more positive your child's experience. #gtchat
- 5:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat. Another good book: Homework Without Tears:  
<http://www.amazon.com/Homework-Without-Tears-Lee-Canter/dp/0062731327>
- 5:24 pm **laughingatchaos:** @gifts2love Met w/school team and our GT psych. Made pos changes in hw/classwork amt. Enlarge print. Mastery, not repetition. #gtchat
- 5:24 pm **TeachJohnson:** Homework is a great way to know what your student is up to in school. #gtchat
- 5:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - How fortunate we are to have you here! #gtchat
- 5:25 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Sometimes HW is the enrichment #gtchat
- 5:25 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: Know the teachers expectations. The better the relationship w/teacher, the more positive your childs exp. #gtchat
- 5:25 pm **laughingatchaos:** Post later today on the meeting. Feeling hopeful. #gtchat
- 5:25 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @gifts2love #gtchat Develo a strong working partnership with teachers, working towards the same goals, positive attitude, "team" approach
- 5:26 pm **TeachJohnson:** Maybe it could be a time to see what your student is up to and have him/her teach you about it. #gtchat
- 5:26 pm **tonnet:** RT @TeachJohnson Homework is a great way to know what your student is up to in school. #gtchat
- 5:26 pm **gifts2love:** @DeborahMersino absolutely! I make that a priority. #gtchat
- 5:26 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DavidsonGifted team approach vital. w/out it you're a pushy parent. little accomplished then, IMHO. #gtchat
- 5:26 pm **gifts2love:** @laughingatchaos got it. #gtchat
- 5:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** Monday: reading; Tuesday: math assignment; Wednesday: reading/writing; Thursday: Study for Spelling Test; Friday: Reading #gtchat
- 5:27 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino HW every day, or packet 1x/week? #gtchat
- 5:27 pm **alisonwrites:** @DavidsonGifted It def. needs to be a "team" effort. I often don't know how a child is reacting to HW at home w/o parent feedback. #gtchat
- 5:27 pm **TeachJohnson:** It is also a way to discover more about strengths and areas for growth. #gtchat
- 5:27 pm **TheNextMartha:** Did you know that 35% of gifted kids with food allergies/sensitivities is due to the milk protein casein? #gtchat

- 5:28 pm **laughingatchaos:** @alisonwrites school team surprised by outbursts at home re: hw. communication vital #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **laughingatchaos:** @TheNextMartha Gluten also an issue. Both out here. #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @laughingatchaos #gtchat Exactly! Once you are the "pushy parent" it is hard to change that perception. Start out positive & keep it there
- 5:28 pm **TheNextMartha:** Most siblings are within 10 IQ points of each other? #gtchat
- 5:29 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DavidsonGifted Yup. DH and I are former teachers, we've seen the worst. LOL So we go in w/team approach mindset. :) #gtchat
- 5:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** Can also use whiteboards/chalkboards to list activities. Helps #gifted kids see big picture and emotionally prepare. Feel in control #gtchat
- 5:29 pm **laughingatchaos:** @TheNextMartha Oh, then we're REALLY in trouble here. LOL #gtchat
- 5:30 pm **alisonwrites:** I never want HW to create drama at home. Not the purpose! Parents need to be open if that's an issue. I'm not a psychic! ;-)#gtchat
- 5:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** @TheNextMartha - Yes. #gtchat
- 5:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @laughingatchaos #gtchat Exactly! Once you are the "pushy parent" it is hard to change that perception. Start out positive & keep it there
- 5:30 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino That's what my big honkin' blackboard is for! :) Big picture and prep. #gtchat
- 5:31 pm **laughingatchaos:** @alisonwrites I tried telling them earlier in the year, finally had to give sordid details for teachers to get it. ;) #gtchat
- 5:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** @alisonwrites - Such a poignant statement for parents to hear from a teacher re homework battles. "I'm not a psychic!" #gtchat
- 5:31 pm **cybraryman1:** When communicating with teachers use "I feel" messages rather than getting into confrontations #gtchat
- 5:31 pm **gifts2love:** to then have a chalkboard back that up is a great idea #gtchat
- 5:31 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: @alisonwrites - poignant statement for parents 2 hear from a teacher re homework battles. "Im not a psychic!" #gtchat
- 5:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** Other suggestions from Borba: Assess your role. "Are you pleading, arguing, demanding?...Are you consistent with expectations?" #gtchat
- 5:32 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat : A great full text book on Google: Ending the Homework Hassle: <http://bit.ly/9m1vmP>
- 5:32 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: from Borba: Assess your role. "Are you pleading, arguing, demanding?...Are you consistent with expectations?" #gtchat
- 5:32 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Oh heck, methinks I'm doing much wrong. :( #gtchat
- 5:32 pm **graingered:** ?ing homework correlation to authentic learning- if kids R genuinely immersed in learning, they won't stop at 3:30-is this homework? #gtchat
- 5:32 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat : A great full text book on Google: Ending the Homework Hassle: <http://bit.ly/9m1vmP> #gtchat
- 5:33 pm **DeborahMersino:** "Is there one thing you might do to change YOUR response so relationship w/kid isn't hindered & homework gets done?" - Borba #gtchat
- 5:33 pm **cybraryman1:** If child in my class did not understand the hw assignment they would write about what we did in class that day. #gtchat
- 5:33 pm **fshapiro:** How do you track this? RT @tonnet: RT @TeachJohnson Homework is a great way to know what your student is up to in school. #gtchat
- 5:33 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat : A great full text book on Google: Ending the Homework Hassle: <http://bit.ly/9m1vmP>
- 5:33 pm **KimMoldofsky:** RT @DavidsonGifted #gtchat : A great full text book on Google: Ending the Homework Hassle: <http://bit.ly/9m1vmP>

- 5:33 pm **mygiftedgirl:** 1st grader does about 1hour of hw / night. She makes it take longer. isn't that too long? Most of it is her hw from her tutor. #gtchat
- 5:33 pm **laughingatchaos:** @graingered Nope, that's learning. :) #gtchat
- 5:33 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Move out and hire a tutor? ;) #gtchat
- 5:33 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat Consistency in the long run is so incredibly important. If you give in one time, it will send the wrong message
- 5:34 pm **alisonwrites:** The more info tchrs get about what's happening at home, the more we can help. We WANT to help, but don't always know the problem. #gtchat
- 5:34 pm **laughingatchaos:** @mygiftedgirl Wow, that's really long. #gtchat
- 5:34 pm **tonnet:** RT @shapiro How do you track this? @TeachJohnson Homework is a great way to know what your student is up to in school. #gtchat
- 5:34 pm **KimMoldofsky:** @mygiftedgirl If she enjoys or tolerates it, I'd say it's not too long. #gtchat
- 5:35 pm **laughingatchaos:** @alisonwrites Yes, I've found this to be true. Open up and talk, for the good of the kid. #gtchat
- 5:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laughingatchaos - LOL...you are NOT alone. I cajole far too much. That's why we're talking about this issue! #gtchat
- 5:35 pm **TeachJohnson:** @DeborahMersino I agree consistency is vital. #gtchat
- 5:35 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DavidsonGifted Like training a dog, unfortunately. ;) #gtchat
- 5:35 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Yay! Not alone! Whew. ;) #gtchat
- 5:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** Okay - the oldies but goodies: Create a special homework spot; set a routine from the beginning; stay positive; remain consistent. #gtchat
- 5:36 pm **TeachJohnson:** @cybraryman1 I think those types of statements are vital. #gtchat
- 5:36 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @laughingatchaos I thought so, & I say that to them... They cut back little. REgular hw takes about 15mins #gtchat
- 5:36 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino HW spot in main part of home, set apart, or depends? #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **laughingatchaos:** @mygiftedgirl does she like it? or fight it? #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **gifts2love:** RT @DeborahMersino: Okay - the oldies but goodies: Create a special homework spot; set a routine from the beginning; stay positive; remain consistent. #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** Do the hardest first; learn planning skills; stop screaming/throwing hands up/crunching eyebrows/etc. :- ) #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **alisonwrites:** Should also track if all hw is a struggle or just particular tasks. That's impt feedback for tchrs, too! #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **motherthinker:** DS's program: Attend classes 3 days/week - 3 on-site/3 cyber classes. Complete work on 2 off days. Most work is done 8:30-3:30 M-F. #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **dlg1972:** RT @cybraryman1: The parent's job is to make sure that the children are doing their homework. #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @alisonwrites: Should also track if all hw is a struggle or just particular tasks. Thats impt feedback for tchrs, too! #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laughingatchaos - Close to parents (if younger) is fine. As long as supplies are available and area is clean/free of distractions. #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @KimMoldofsky tgood point. no she doesn't tolerate much! Hates the phonics readers -work on reading & fluency.Loves higher level bks #gtchat
- 5:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** Letting go of our OWN perfectionism will also go a LONG way. #gtchat
- 5:39 pm **laughingatchaos:** we made these study carrels, helped: <http://tinyurl.com/yddyo5w> #gtchat

- 5:39 pm **motherthinker:** Homework, to me, should be work not completed in school, reading, long term projects, some math practice, study for tests/quizzes. #gtchat
- 5:39 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: Letting go of our OWN perfectionism will also go a LONG way.//gotta work on this myself! #gtchat
- 5:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** Affirmations vital (instead of critical/corrective feedback only). "I can't read that handwriting." #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **laughingatchaos:** Busywork disguised as HW not helping, show mastery then done ideal #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: Affirmations vital (instead of critical/corrective feedback only). "I cant read that handwriting." #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** Duke University study found the greatest benefits of homework are at the high school level (not surprising). #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **mygiftedgirl:** RT @laughingatchaos: Busywork disguised as HW not helping, show mastery then done ideal #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **alisonwrites:** @DeborahMersino True! If parent perfcctism trickles into assgnmnts, it may become less about what the kid knows how to do. #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @laughingatchaos #gtchat : Freeing our Families from Perfectionism: <http://bit.ly/bNyrJe>
- 5:41 pm **motherthinker:** RT @laughingatchaos: Busywork disguised as HW not helping, show mastery then done ideal #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **laughingatchaos:** Every chat I come away with more books to buy, resources to check. Wonderful prob. to have! :) #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** However, elem. homework can aide with qualities like persistence, diligence and ability to delay gratification. #gtchat via Borba
- 5:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @laughingatchaos #gtchat : Freeing our Families from Perfectionism: <http://bit.ly/bNyrJe>
- 5:42 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DavidsonGifted Excellent, thank you! #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **graingered:** & presuming authentic/inquiry-base learning occurs @ school- need to assign homework? Many good learning contexts away from school #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** Kids also crave US. They want more than school, homework, activities, dinner, sleep. #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @laughingatchaos #gtchat You are very welcome!
- 5:44 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: Kids also crave US. They want more than school, homework, activities, dinner, sleep.//AMEN TO THAT!!! #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** When I fully focus on my dds (i.e. look them in the eye, listen about their day), homework becomes less of a struggle. #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **gifts2love:** @alisonwrites reining in my perfectionism as parent has been paramount to helping my 7YO get a grip on hers (tho still hard) #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **fshapiro:** RT @fshapiro How do you track this? @TeachJohnson Homework is a great way to know what your student is up to in school. #gtchat (typo)
- 5:44 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @DeborahMersino Yes more US. So little of US lately. Rush rush rush. #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **laughingatchaos:** If 2e son gets a chance to burn off steam (trampoline, swinging), HW much easier. #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **laughingatchaos:** @gifts2love Hard to do and never ends eh? ;) #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **motherthinker:** Not fair 2 say parent is respon 2 make child do HW if tchr doesn't tell PARENT what the HW is. In partnership, communication is key #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **gifts2love:** RT @DeborahMersino: However, elem. homework can aide with qualities like persistence, diligence and ability to delay gratification. #gtchat via Borba
- 5:46 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat How to Parent so Children Will Learn: Sylvia Rimm (addresses HW battles): [http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/Articles\\_id\\_10549.aspx](http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/Articles_id_10549.aspx)

- 5:46 pm **gifts2love:** @DeborahMersino great point - when I'm distracted, they're distracted. #gtchat
- 5:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** How can we make it more fun? Being in a positive/light frame-of-mind ourselves. #gtchat
- 5:46 pm **laughingatchaos:** @motherthinker True. Have finally convinced teachers to tell ME assignments to make things easier on all of us. Helping. #gtchat
- 5:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat How to Parent so Children Will Learn: Sylvia Rimm (addresses HW battles): [http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/Articles\\_id\\_10549.aspx](http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/Articles_id_10549.aspx)
- 5:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** @motherthinker - Agree. Communication with teacher re to homework, expectations, progress - critical! #gtchat
- 5:47 pm **laughingatchaos:** @gifts2love Yup, have to sit there and focus on HW right with him, or it doesn't get done. #gtchat
- 5:47 pm **motherthinker:** No struggle w my 4th & 6th gr kids. Struggle most w 9th grader-always bn struggle w/him. Better w new skool that cuts out busywork. #gtchat
- 5:48 pm **motherthinker:** @laughingatchaos The tools exist in many places - why won't teachers use them for ALL parents, not just those begging for the info? #gtchat
- 5:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** Another tip: No TV / radio in the background. If we're "settled/calm", they will respond to our energy & assign. more positively. #gtchat
- 5:49 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat: Pretty good short article on Duke Gifted Letter: [http://www.dukegiftedletter.com/articles/vol5no2\\_connex.html](http://www.dukegiftedletter.com/articles/vol5no2_connex.html)
- 5:49 pm **laughingatchaos:** @motherthinker Dunno. Teachers overwhelmed & underpaid. :( Districts don't always have funding 4 online access. Answers R out there #gtchat
- 5:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** Teaching moments. Less RUSHING. More loving. Planning. Consistency. Upbeat frame of mind. #gtchat
- 5:49 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino White noise, though, seems to help. Blocks out distractions with CAPD. #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat: Pretty good short article on Duke Gifted Letter: [http://www.dukegiftedletter.com/articles/vol5no2\\_connex.html](http://www.dukegiftedletter.com/articles/vol5no2_connex.html)
- 5:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - Take a bow. We will all be voraciously reading up these articles later. #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **motherthinker:** @DeborahMersino Communicn is key in most areas. There needs 2 B gd way 2 make it so tchrs & prnts aren't intimidated by each othr. #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laughingatchaos - You know your kids best! Whatever works! #gtchat
- 5:51 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Friday is GT ed day for me. LOL #gtchat
- 5:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** In our final few minutes, what have you learned today? What might you do differently? What one action can you take? #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @laughingatchaos I always did math homework with music. I could work faster for some reason. #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Keep lines of comm. wide open. And get 2e kid into something to burn off energy! LOL Promise I will! #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **laughingatchaos:** gonna read up on hw and avoiding battles #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **laughingatchaos:** @mygiftedgirl math+music...so related, in many ways #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** Me? Shifting responsibility to my daughters. Setting up white board & consistent hw time. Working to be more positive/affirming. #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino so hard to shift responsibility. I think that's where I struggle. Will work on that too. #gtchat
- 5:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** and reading all of @DavidsonGifted links. #gtchat
- 5:54 pm **alisonwrites:** Ultimately want parents to feel like they can talk to me about HW issues & I'll

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- 5:57 pm **alisonwrites:** Ultimately want parents to feel like they can talk to me about any issues & try to make helpful rsrccs avail to them, too. #gtchat
- 5:54 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino well, reading @DavidsonGifted links goes without saying! :) #gtchat
- 5:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** Elementary students need refresher breaks after 20 minutes of homework. That's about as long as they can stay fresh. #gtchat
- 5:55 pm **laughingatchaos:** @alisonwrites Sadly, not all teachers welcome that conversation. :( Gotta tread lightly sometimes. :( So glad that some do! #gtchat
- 5:55 pm **getsweetie:** RT @cybraryman1: If child in my class did not understand the hw assignment they would write about what we did in class that day. #gtchat
- 5:55 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: Elem. students need refresher breaks after 20 minutes of homework. Thats about as long as they can stay fresh. #gtchat
- 5:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** Do the hardest work first - another good tip. #gtchat
- 5:55 pm **mygiftedgirl:** I will be more positive, ask questions of them to get them thinking of what they should do, follow schedule (had one for a while!) #gtchat
- 5:55 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Timer for 20 minutes of thoughtful work, 10 minutes of burn off energy? #gtchat
- 5:57 pm **alisonwrites:** @laughingatchaos Some parents trans. to holding kids resp. by keeping tchr contact hidden. Kids d/n know they're following up w/ me. #gtchat
- 5:57 pm **drellencutler:** RT @TheNextMartha: Did you know that 35% of gifted kids with food allergies/sensitivities is due to the milk protein casein? #gtchat
- 5:57 pm **mygiftedgirl:** RT @laughingatchaos: @DeborahMersino Timer for 20 minutes of thoughtful work, 10 minutes of burn off energy? #gtchat
- 5:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** "Igniting Passion" is the topic for our next #gtchat session at 7pm/EST. This is what they CRAVE. Hope you'll consider joining us.
- 5:58 pm **laughingatchaos:** @alisonwrites I let them know I'm keeping up with them to keep them honest. :) May transition next year. #gtchat
- 5:58 pm **alisonwrites:** @laughingatchaos Eventually when what kids say about hw consistently matches what I say, they know can trust kid more. #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **laughingatchaos:** @alisonwrites Yup! Will def. trans. next year, still struggling this year. He's 6-12 mo behind in exec. func. issues, gotta support #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** Final thoughts? #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **laughingatchaos:** @alisonwrites But I do think that's a great idea and will implement! #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **MyWiredStyle:** RT @DeborahMersino Kids also crave US. They want more than school, homework, activities, dinner, sleep. #gtchat // They sure do!
- 5:59 pm **mygiftedgirl:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Igniting Passion" is the topic for our next #gtchat session at 7pm/EST. This is what they CRAVE. Hope you'll consider joining us.
- 5:59 pm **alisonwrites:** @laughingatchaos It can be a long process. Always good for kids to see that you're still involved and care, though! #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **laughingatchaos:** Many resources to check out today. HW has been brutal this year and will get harder next. Gotta work on fixing now. Thanks! #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Thank you everyone. A small, but mighty chat w/ powerful links provided. I appreciate everyone's participation/perspectives! #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **laughingatchaos:** @alisonwrites My two NEED to know I'm involved. Helps so much. #gtchat
- 6:01 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Final thought. I will continue to apply improvement efforts. If it gets much worse...will consider homeschool more. #gtchat
- 6:01 pm **motherthinker:** @laughingatchaos Already exists in my district:Powerschool. Tchrs expcte 2 update w/in 1 week after due/graded/etc. #gtchat Waste of money!
- 6:01 pm **alisonwrites:** Great #gtchat today! So helpful to hear non-teacher perspectives on these

issues.

- 6:01 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat: Kids have incredible intuition when it comes to their parents and teachers. Keep a positive attitude and it will reflect on them!
- 6:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** The Today Show Parenting Correspondent Michele Borba is hoping to join us in three weeks. Should be powerful! #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **laughingatchaos:** @motherthinker AGH. Too bad, it could be a great resource if used properly! #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat: Kids have incredible intuition when it comes to their parents and teachers. Keep a positive attitude and it will reflect on them!
- 6:02 pm **cybraryman1:** Work with your children on study skills: <http://bit.ly/6U2WnO> #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat: Great chat everyone! Email us at [info@davidsongifted.org](mailto:info@davidsongifted.org) if you have questions or would like more resources
- 6:02 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Wonderful news! I'll read the book B4 then! #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **momsinspire:** @mygiftedgirl @DeborahMersino Sorry I missed the #gtchat. I'll try to make the 7 pm one. Will there soon be a discussion of ed reform?
- 6:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** Thank you again everyone! Until our next #gtchat, best wishes!
- 6:04 pm **cybraryman1:** Sorry I could not fully pay attention to today's chat. I had to multitask today. #gtchat
- 6:04 pm **laughingatchaos:** Thank you @DeborahMersino! Wonderful chat today! Great ideas to ponder now. #gtchat
- 6:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** @momsinspire: Thank you for the idea. Yes, particularly given funding cuts, #edreform is vital! Hope to see you at 7pm/EST #gtchat
- 6:04 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @momsinspire We need a gifted revolution! #gtchat
- 6:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - No worries. As always, it's good to have your support! #gtchat
- 6:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @mygiftedgirl: @momsinspire We need a gifted revolution! #gtchat
- 6:05 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @mygiftedgirl: @momsinspire We need a gifted revolution!//Let's go! :) #gtchat
- 6:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** FYI, transcripts may be a bit delayed today, as it's my husband's birthday. I'll do my best to have them up by tomorrow, though! #gtchat
- 6:06 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Happy Bday to hubby! No worries on transcripts, family first. :) #gtchat
- 6:07 pm **Jani\_Oehlke:** RT @mygiftedgirl: @momsinspire We need a gifted revolution! #gtchat
- 6:09 pm **TheNextMartha:** Silverman said try raising kids in a no mistake home to help with perfectionism #gtchat
- 6:10 pm **TheNextMartha:** In other words there are no mistakes. Make up problems and have them try and help you solve them #gtchat
- 6:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** Parent/teacher communicaitons | <http://bit.ly/dehvHu> | #gtchat via @jasonflom (TY!)
- 6:17 pm **graingered:** @laughingatchaos Touché! I so agree. Homework thats student driven, connects school/home & not just extra work = engaged learners #gtchat
- 6:27 pm **graingered:** @laughingatchaos I use classroom wiki with parents connected to stay in touch, free and effective, little effort required to update #gtchat
- 6:31 pm **GiftedHF:** @DeborahMersino Ugh -- just realized I missed the #gtchat. Hoping to make it this afternoon!
- 6:32 pm **alisonwrites:** Inspired by today's #gtchat, new blog post about parent-teacher communication. <http://bit.ly/dek9q2>
- 6:32 pm **GiftedHF:** Or don't assign it. Find another way. RT @DeborahMersino: Common-sense simple changes recommended by Borba: Make homewk not choice. #gtchat

- 6:36 pm **GiftedHF:** Yes, exactly. RT [@laughingatchaos](#): Sub. interest based learning and teach thru that! Novel idea... [#gtchat](#)
- 6:37 pm **GiftedHF:** [@laughingatchaos](#) One ex: son not interested in learning Hebrew alef bet, but was willing to help translate Pokemon names to Hebrew! [#gtchat](#)
- 6:40 pm **GiftedHF:** Is this where I plug [#homeschool?](#) :-) RT [@DeborahMersino](#): Kids also crave US. They want more than school hmewk activities dinnr slp. [#gtchat](#)
- 6:45 pm **cybraryman1:** [@alisonwrites](#) Thanks! I added "Improving Parent-Teacher Communication" on my Parenting page: <http://bit.ly/FpgFV> [#gtchat](#)
- 7:25 pm **bfwriter:** [@DeborahMersino](#) oh, did I miss out on this morning's [#gtchat](#)? :(
- 8:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** [@mommyperks](#): Today at 7:00 p.m./(EST) [#gtchat](#): "Passion Discovery: Helping Gifted Kids Find Inspiration." :-)
- 9:00 pm **mommyperks:** Thanks! RT [@DeborahMersino](#) [@mommyperks](#): Today at 7:00 p.m./(EST) [#gtchat](#): "Passion Discovery: Helping Gifted Kids Find Inspiration." :-)
- 9:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** [@bfwriter](#) - We missed you. It was a smaller, but still mighty chat regarding [#gifted](#) kids & homework. [@DavidsonGifted](#) = g8 links. [#gtchat](#)
- 10:02 pm **cybraryman1:** RT [@DeborahMersino](#): [@mommyperks](#): Today at 7pm-EST [#gtchat](#): Passion Discovery: Helping Gifted Kids Find Inspiration
- 10:04 pm **teacherwrite:** RT: Today at 7:00 p.m./(EST) [#gtchat](#): "Passion Discovery: Helping Gifted Kids Find Inspiration." :-) (via [@mommyperks](#))
- 10:07 pm **dididrama:** A shout out to everyone taking part in [#gtchat](#) this evening. Can't be with you this week unfortunately
- 11:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** In an hour, [#gtchat](#) will be discussing "Passion Discovery: Helping [#Gifted](#) Kids Find Inspiration." Join us at 7pm/EST!
- 11:03 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT [@DeborahMersino](#): In an hour, [#gtchat](#) will be discussing "Passion Discovery: Helping [#Gifted](#) Kids Find Inspiration." Join us at 7pm/EST!
- 11:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** Nurturing & developing individual passions in [#gifted](#) students. How, where, why? [#gtchat](#) at 7pm/EST. [#weneedtheseinnovators](#)
- 11:30 pm **DanFearnley:** [@DeborahMersino](#) Struggling to stay awake for [#gtchat](#) at midnight, but I have been awake since 5am. If you hear snoring, it'll be me.
- 11:34 pm **momsinspire:** [@DeborahMersino](#) You're welcome. I agree that [#edreform](#) is vital, and I'm sorry to have to miss 7pm/EST [#gtchat](#) - will try next Friday.
- 11:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** [@DanFearnley](#) - So glad you're giving it a whirl. We need your voice. Thank you for staying awake! :-) [#gtchat](#)
- 11:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** [@HoagiesGifted](#) - We would love to have you join us Caroyne! :-) [#gtchat](#) starts in 20 minutes. Hashtag [#gtchat](#). Subject: Igniting Passion
- 11:57 pm **educatoral:** RT [@cybraryman1](#): Work with your children on study skills: <http://bit.ly/6U2WnO> [#gtchat](#)
- 11:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to [#gtchat](#).
- 11:59 pm **dreamwithmefilm:** Work with your children on study skills: <http://bit.ly/6U2WnO> [#gtchat](#)