



## Transcript from February 20, 2010 to February 20, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

### February 20, 2010

- 12:01 am **dididrama:** greetings from Dublin! I'm gonna stay awake as long as I can!! #gtchat
- 12:01 am **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself, your role (parent, educator, advocate) and where you reside. #gtchat
- 12:01 am **mygiftedgirl:** RT @DeborahMersino: My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. Interested in #gifted education & advocacy? Join us! Use hashtag #gtchat.
- 12:01 am **CathRiordan:** @jofrei Hi Jo. That is respectable. It's midnight here in Ireland. Hope I last the pace! #gtchat
- 12:01 am **mygiftedgirl:** Here on the floor with laptop and 2 kids and 9 zhuzhu hamsters. Multitasking at its finest! #gtchat
- 12:01 am **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei - Happy Saturday to you! Glad you're with us. #gtchat
- 12:01 am **JeanneBernish:** RT @hashtager: # My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. Interested in #gifted education & advocacy? Join us!
- 12:02 am **DeborahMersino:** @CathRiordan and @diddrama - Appreciate the Ireland contingency! :- ) #gtchat
- 12:02 am **Jani\_Oehlke:** #gtchat Parent from Ohio
- 12:02 am **CathRiordan:** Parent of 2 teens. Coordinator of a local parent support/advocacy group in Wicklow, Ireland #gtchat
- 12:03 am **JustInTimeED:** Hello from Des Moines, Iowa...This is Frank #gtchat
- 12:03 am **DeborahMersino:** Let's start by talking about the critical need for advocacy. Right now, there's never been a more urgent time for action! #gtchat
- 12:03 am **dididrama:** I'm a teacher and advocate. Does putting up with my boyfriend count as parenting?! #gtchat
- 12:03 am **deepwaterscoach:** Hi, I'm Lisa. Life coach to gifted grownups & parents of gifted kids. Parent of 2 gt kids (1 is 2e). #gtchat
- 12:03 am **DeborahMersino:** @JustInTimeED - Glad you joined us! Welcome to #gtchat.
- 12:03 am **dididrama:** Where's @CathRiordan ? You're not coming up on my screen!!! #gtchat
- 12:04 am **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, parent of two gifted girls, moderator of #gtchat and #gifted consultant. Residing in snowy Colorado.
- 12:05 am **DavidsonGifted:** I am Erik, a Family Consultant (advocate) with the Davidson Institute for Talent Development in Reno, NV (our programs are national) #gtchat
- 12:05 am **CathRiordan:** @dididrama I'm here!! #gtchat
- 12:05 am **cybraryman1:** With funding cuts programs like the gifted and arts are being cut so there is a need to advocate for gifted programs. #gtchat
- 12:05 **DeborahMersino:** Ever day, the news gets more grim. It's clear that the gifted ed fairy godmother is

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Transcript for #gtchat - What the Hasht...

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NOT showing up anytime soon. What can we do? #gtchat

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**dididrama:** @CathRiordan I was being an idiot and not searching the hashtag!! #gtchat

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**cybraryman1:** Parents need to know the difference between an advocacy group and support group #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** NAGC (follow @NAGCGIFTED), the Council for Exceptional Children & state associations do a consummate job, but we need local voices. #gtchat

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**JeanneBernish:** Hello everyone - I'm at a cyclones hockey game but I'll try to chirp once in awhile! #gtchat

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**mygiftedgirl:** I advocate in PalmBeach County we have FB page  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Advocates-for-Gifted-Education-Palm-Beach/150107257860> #gtchat

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**jofrei:** @DeborahMersino re never been a more urgent time for action! #gtchat true with funding cuts etc

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**Jani\_Oehlke:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat Voices? Count me in!!!!

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**DeborahMersino:** Start a Parent Group info from NAGC (@NAGCGIFTED) <http://bit.ly/a8Dief> #gtchat

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**dididrama:** The problem in Ireland is that there's only local voices #gtchat

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**mygiftedgirl:** @cybraryman1 So true! #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** Here's another resource to peruse later from @HoagiesGifted re advocacy | <http://bit.ly/aACRqz> #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** Texans do an amazing job of advocating for #gifted. More here: <http://bit.ly/9VmZme> #gtchat

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**Jani\_Oehlke:** @dididrama #gtchat until now, it seemed that way here - only local voices

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**jofrei:** @cybraryman1 re Parents need to know the difference between an advocacy group and support group #gtchat true!

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**DavidsonGifted:** Advocacy is important, with budgets being what they are these days, parents should be creative in finding resources elsewhere too. #gtchat

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**CathRiordan:** @dididrama Only local now, but we have to start somewhere. #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** @dididrama - Then, in your case, you and @CathRiordan can work on a larger scale! #gtchat #Ireland

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**DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - Well put. #gtchat

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**jofrei:** @DeborahMersino No not even a magic fix it/ fund it wand! #gtchat

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**StepfamilyTalk:** RT @DeborahMersino: Start a Parent Group info from NAGC (@NAGCGIFTED) <http://bit.ly/a8Dief> #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** Another fabulous resource from @PrufrockPress - "Special Needs Advocacy Resource Book" <http://bit.ly/dBs04M> #gtchat

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**CathRiordan:** Until last year, we had a national organisation, the IAGC, but it was closed down. Starting from scratch again now. A shame #gtchat

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**DavidsonGifted:** Educational Advocacy for #Gifted Students is a great article: <http://bit.ly/byba3T> #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** I'm going to cover some of the tips/suggestions from Weinfeld & David (Special Needs Advocacy Resource Book). #gtchat

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- 12:12 am **DeborahMersino:** I'm going to share tips. Feel free to chime in, disagree, agree, elaborate, etc. Credit goes to Weinfeld & Davis #gtchat
- 12:12 am **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Advocacy is imp't w/ budgets being what they r now, parents should be creative in finding resources elsewhere #gtchat
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- 12:13 am **dididrama:** In some ways, local is better. Esp in this economy. Local activities can be organised, ideas and resources shared #gtchat #gtchat
- 12:14 am **CathRiordan:** A new parents' group needs to be support for each other in the beginning and then grow into advocacy #gtchat
- 12:14 am **DeborahMersino:** Tip: Don't offend the people you are trying to convince (whether it's a school district, school board or legislator). #gtchat
- 12:14 am **DeborahMersino:** @dididrama @CathRiordan - Agree on both counts. #gtchat
- 12:15 am **mygiftedgirl:** RT @DeborahMersino: Tip: Parent Advocacy Groups should portray the issues in language outsiders can understand. #gtchat
- 12:15 am **CathRiordan:** So true RT @DeborahMersino: Tip: Dont offend the people you are trying to convince #gtchat
- 12:15 am **deepwaterscoach:** I think "outsiders" need to understand what's at stake for them. They don't see the need 4 the gifted 2 get the resources they need. #gtchat
- 12:15 am **DeborahMersino:** Tip: Identify the areas where change might happen the quickest. (Note: Saving GT program may not be easy, but we have to try!) #gtchat
- 12:16 am **mygiftedgirl:** Yes we must keep it simple, many parents care, but just too busy trying to keep up in life and can't focus on it as much as we do. #gtchat
- 12:16 am **DavidsonGifted:** Effective advocates are familiar with district policies, procedures and precedents. Do your research and be prepared! #gtchat
- 12:16 am **DeborahMersino:** Tip: See the issues from the other side. (Note: Budgets HAVE to be trimmed. It's how we talk about it that will allow us to prevail) #gtchat
- 12:16 am **jofrei:** @CathRiordan re support for each other in the beginning and then grow into advocacy #gtchat I agree wholeheartedly
- 12:16 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Effective advocates are familiar with district policies, procedures and precedents. Do your research and be prepared! #gtchat
- 12:17 am **dididrama:** It's hard to bring "outsiders" to understand how gifted kids might need extra resources. #gtchat
- 12:17 am **DeborahMersino:** My tip: Be a leader. Step up. Get involved. If you're not on District GT Advisory Committee, ask about it. #gtchat
- 12:17 am **dididrama:** Hard to explain that their not just "super-nerds" who should find school easy #gtchat
- 12:18 am **DeborahMersino:** @dididrama - Nothing is more potent than research coupled with emotion. Keeping it positive though is critical #gtchat
- 12:18 am **mygiftedgirl:** @DavidsonGifted we have a group of local district gifted advocates that met with our ESE Director and Gifted Specialist. #gtchat
- 12:18 am **dididrama:** Oh god I made a grammar mistake! #gtchat

- 12:18 am **DeborahMersino:** @dididrama - Dispelling myths is part of the job of an advocacy group. Enlighten and inform others in compelling ways! #gtchat
- 12:19 am **mygiftedgirl:** We must build relationships that are positive with our district employee leaders of gifted related services. #gtchat
- 12:19 am **DeborahMersino:** @mygiftedgirl - Talk more about what's working well and how. #gtchat
- 12:19 am **CathRiordan:** @dididrama LOL, and you a teacher! #gtchat
- 12:19 am **DavidsonGifted:** Create a paper trail for everything. Documentation is key. Follow up meetings with summary emails, don't accept verbal agreements #gtchat
- 12:20 am **DeborahMersino:** Tip: Don't worry if numbers are few. Note: Just start! Find like-minded leaders who are not whiners, who will got to the mat. #gtchat
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- 12:20 am **dididrama:** I've never been able to explain gifted to an "outsider" successfully. Even my boyf and he IS gifted #gtchat
- 12:20 am **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: @dididrama - Dispelling myths is part of the job of an advocacy group. Enlighten and inform others in compelling ways! #gtchat
- 12:20 am **DeborahMersino:** Tip: Connect problems to solutions and politics. - Weinfeld/Davis #gtchat
- 12:21 am **CathRiordan:** Gifted relted services, GT coordinators etc....no such things here. Just parents learning to be experts and fighting for their kids #gtchat
- 12:21 am **cybraryman1:** You have to be very organized and publicize your group. Develop a flyer & press releases for community papers, PTA etc. #gtchat
- 12:21 am **mygiftedgirl:** Several gifted advocates found one another through other district issues. We are coached and encouraged by Florida Gifted Network. #gtchat
- 12:21 am **DeborahMersino:** Lots of resources exist online. Check out @DavidsonGifted @NAGCGifted and @HoagiesGifted @PrufrockPress sites. Incredible resources. #gtchat
- 12:21 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @cybraryman1: You have to be very organized and publicize your group. Develop a flyer & press releases for community papers, PTA etc. #gtchat
- 12:22 am **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino re don't accept verbal agreements #gtchat sad experiences of this!
- 12:22 am **mygiftedgirl:** One leads the FB page, some share research, another leader helps us with district contacts.#gtchat
- 12:23 am **DeborahMersino:** The law can be on your side. Depends on where you reside. #gtchat
- 12:23 am **dididrama:** @CathRiordan does your group have a facebook page? #gtchat
- 12:24 am **motherthinker:** Would love suggestions to add content to our advocacy group's website - links to blogs, articles, more. Site: <http://bit.ly/9RMHor> #gtchat
- 12:24 am **suescheff:** RT @DeborahMersino: The law can be on your side. Depends on where you reside. #gtchat
- 12:24 am **mygiftedgirl:** #gtchat Always a challenge -recruiting. Getting parents to understand, just bc your child has As and isn't complaining, doesn't make all ok.
- 12:24 am **Jani\_Oehlke:** #gtchat the law on your side - That depends on who you are and who you know

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**DavidsonGitea:** Understand behavior at school can be different from behavior at home. Effective advocate is a good listener too. its a 2 way street #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** Connecting with legislators can be a starting point. Special Education advocates blazed a trail. Law protects. #gtchat

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**CathRiordan:** @dididrama No FB yet. #gtchat

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**DavidsonGifted:** @jofrei yes, i have heard the horror stories. Get it in writing...lesson learned! #gtchat

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**Jani\_Oehlke:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Understand behavior at school can be different from behavior at home. Effective advocate is a good listener too. its a 2 way street #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** @motherthinker - So many incred. online resources exist to link to...check out some of the ones I referenced earlier. #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** Tip: Be ready to show how the policy change you are advocating for is ultimately good for all kids (note: and community) #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** Support groups differ from advocacy groups. Both are vital. #gtchat

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**CathRiordan:** @dididrama No FB yet #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** Great resource from SENG re parent support groups | <http://bit.ly/asloEn> #gtchat

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**DavidsonGifted:** An Adovocacy Guidebook DITD put together working closely with Karen Rogers (Author: Re-forming Gifted Ed): <http://bit.ly/6PCD5U> #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** What have you experienced? Have any of you spoken to local school board, schools and/or legislators? If not, will you? #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** Each of you has the power to inspire change. It's up to us. #gtchat

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**mygiftedgirl:** Fuel for fire: [http://www.accelerationinstitute.org/nation\\_deceived/](http://www.accelerationinstitute.org/nation_deceived/) A Nation Deceived #gtchat

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**DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino Excellent point! Pennsylvania has a Gifted IEP policy which is a step in this direction! #gtchat

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**CathRiordan:** Can be very difficult to build momentum. Too many people willing to sit back and whinge but expect others do all the work. #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** Tip: Emotional public campaigns can create policy change. #gtchat (Not "screaming at" but "advocating for" #gtchat

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**cybraryman1:** Work with your State Association for the Gifted & Talented which probably has contacts for existing advocacy groups. #gtchat

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**JustInTimeED:** I know every major player in the district. board members are the most difficult to educate #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** We must dispel myths, educate school board members, legislators, etc. Otherwise, the future will be grim. #gtchat

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**mygiftedgirl:** How many of us are facing gifted funding/ #policy issue changes that we know of in our states/districts/ or country? #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** As I've said before, "Gifted Education is a Civil Rights Issue!" #gtchat

12:31 am **dididrama:** Also we're a small country so there's less of us in any one area. Each sch might only have a handful of gifted kids #gtchat

12:32 am **jofrei:** In Aus parent groups joined educators etc to contribute to Senate select inquiries <http://www.giftedresources.org/gr/senate.htm> #gtchat

12:32 am **DeborahMersino:** @JustInTimeED - I hear you. Trying to educate, without alienating is tricky! #gtchat

12:32 am **Jani\_Oehlke:** @cybraryman1 #gtchat Ohio Association for Gifted Children has been very helpful!

12:32 am **DeborahMersino:** @dididrama - Your country still needs future leaders and all children in Ireland (inclu. #gifted deserve to reach potential). #gtchat

12:32 am **DavidsonGifted:** This article has many common "pitfalls" to avoid when advocating: <http://bit.ly/dgS8PI>. #gtchat

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12:33 am **CathRiordan:** @dididrama And an even smaller number identified as teachers unaware of what gifted is #gtchat

12:33 am **DeborahMersino:** @mygiftedgirl - I'm on our District Accountability Committee. They're proposing a \$500,000 cut to GT (half of program would be gone) #gtchat

12:34 am **cybraryman1:** State Gifted Education Associations: <http://bit.ly/bbMgJf> #gtchat

12:34 am **DeborahMersino:** I did my best to articulate why a single population of students was being targeted & why everyone deserves an ed to reach potential. #gtchat

12:35 am **DeborahMersino:** @CathRiordan - Didn't I tweet/see an upcoming conference in Ireland re to #gifted? #gtchat

12:36 am **mygiftedgirl:** For US folks. What's the word in your area on Race to the Top and Response to Intervention? #gtchat

12:36 am **CathRiordan:** @DeborahMersino Yes...the CTYI/DCU conference in Dublin on 13th March. #gtchat

12:36 am **DeborahMersino:** In our district, we're going to pull out all stops. Email to school board mem., letters to editor (from parents & GT students) #gtchat

12:37 am **CathRiordan:** @DeborahMersino <http://www.giftedkids.ie/ctyiconferenceapp.pdf> #gtchat

12:37 am **DeborahMersino:** @CathRiordan Is that the nat'l association? Is it effective? #gtchat #ireland

12:37 am **JustInTimeED:** Question school board candidates and find their postion on GT #gtchat

12:37 am **Jani\_Oehlke:** #gtchat If educators understood what gifted & talented really means, the myths, etc. That alone would be helpful

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12:38 am **dididrama:** CTYI does a talent search every year to identify gifted&runs courses for them throughout the year but their gov funding was just cut #gtchat

12:39 am **DeborahMersino:** Note: Talk about real-life examples - 3rd grader reading/comprehending 7/8th grade level. Needing support. #gtchat

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- 12:40 am **CathRiordan:** @DeborahMersino CTYI is run by Dublin City University but accessible in Cork and Limerick also. Lost state funding last year. #gtchat
- 12:40 am **mygiftedgirl:** #gtchat State Standardized tests and high stakes testing is our biggest barrier.
- 12:40 am **DeborahMersino:** Talking about overall benefit to community can be powerful too (once myths re elitism are destroyed). #gtchat
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- 12:40 am **dididrama:** Being based mostly in Dublin, CTYI can only do so much for gifted/parents of gifted in other parts of the country. Local essential #gtchat
- 12:41 am **dididrama:** RT @mygiftedgirl: #gtchat State Standardized tests and high stakes testing is our biggest barrier. Agreed #gtchat
- 12:41 am **DeborahMersino:** @CathRiordan - Then, I propose you start an Ireland Gifted and Talented Association and name yourself president. #gtchat
- 12:42 am **dididrama:** RT @DeborahMersino: @CathRiordan - Then, I propose you start an Ireland Gifted and Talented Association and name yourself president. #gtchat
- 12:42 am **sandynay:** RT @DeborahMersino: Talk stats. 20 percent of all HS dropouts test in advanced/gifted range. #gtchat always been the case!! Need change!
- 12:42 am **DeborahMersino:** @dididrama - You can be co-president...help lead the local advocacy groups! #gtchat
- 12:42 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @dididrama: RT @mygiftedgirl: #gtchat State Standardized tests and high stakes testing is our biggest barrier. Agreed #gtchat
- 12:42 am **dididrama:** @CathRiordan I second that nomination!! #gtchat
- 12:42 am **DeborahMersino:** It's an oldie, but goodie - No Gifted Child Left Behind. #NGCLB #gtchat
- 12:43 am **JustInTimeED:** We sponsor activities for all children that love to learn. Parents don't view us as just wanting to help our children #gtchat
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- 12:43 am **sandynay:** RT @Jani\_Oehlke: #gtchat If educators understood what gifted & talented really means, the myths, etc. That alone would be helpful
- 12:43 am **DeborahMersino:** Discuss/share what exceptional students can do, what they're capable of, what their experience is like, how much they can contrib. #gtchat
- 12:44 am **DeborahMersino:** Saw nodding heads this week when I talked about 1st grader doing 6th grade math, but not socially ready for 2/3rd grade. #gtchat
- 12:44 am **DDaisy:** @DeborahMersino tough part: finding reading that challenges, yet is developmentally appropriate. #gtchat
- 12:45 am **DeborahMersino:** Send links! The one power of this new global community is that we can direct people of influence to research-based resources. #gtchat
- 12:45 am **dididrama:** RT @DDaisy: @DeborahMersino tough part: finding reading that challenges, yet is developmentally appropriate. #gtchat
- 12:45 am **DeborahMersino:** @DDaisy - You are not alone! #gtchat

- 12:46 am **DeborahMersino:** @sandynday - Glad you're with us! #gtchat
- 12:46 am **DeborahMersino:** We've got 10 minutes left. Any final thoughts on what we can each do this week, this month, this year? #gtchat
- 12:47 am **DeborahMersino:** @deepwaterscoach - You're an advocate to be reckoned with...how does CAGT support local groups? #gtchat
- 12:47 am **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino Be careful with the 20% dropout stat. New research suggests otherwise, International Handbook: <http://bit.ly/cJGjb8> #gtchat
- 12:48 am **CathRiordan:** This is a submission our group made to the Irish government last year, making the case for G/T education: <http://ow.ly/19hIh> #gtchat
- 12:48 am **Jani\_Oehlke:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat Final thoughts? Optimism ;- ) Thank you!
- 12:48 am **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - Glad for the correction. Will do. Thank you for link! #gtchat
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- 12:49 am **dididrama:** As a teacher, and not yet a parent, I've yet to find myself banging on the schools door advocating gifted rights... #gtchat
- 12:49 am **dididrama:** For now, I'm trying to organise activities that teens, gifted or not, can get involved with their ed and dev. confidence in mind. #gtchat
- 12:49 am **DavidsonGifted:** Words to live by when advocating (they all start with P I guess): Positivity, Partnership, Patience, Persistence. #gtchat
- 12:50 am **CathRiordan:** Embrace your own intensity and plough ahead regardless of what others think/say. All it takes is one person to ignite the spark #gtchat
- 12:50 am **DeborahMersino:** For those in US, groups like @DavidsonGifted @NAGCGIFTED offer incredible resources/white papers/thought-leadership. #gtchat
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<http://parentsandkidsreadingtogether.blogspot.com/search/label/gifted%20children>  
Two posts there on books #gtchat
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- 12:52 am **DeborahMersino:** Here's the right link for the Special Needs Advocacy Resource Book (Weinfeld/Davis) <http://bit.ly/90go9z> #gtchat
- 12:52 am **sandynday:** @DeborahMersino glad to have found u!! #gtchat
- 12:53 am **DeborahMersino:** @sandynday - My pleasure! I'll connect later. We discussed 2E children last week! :- ) #gtchat
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12:57  
am **DeborahMersino:** I'll be sure to post transcript soon & welcome continued discussion in the days, weeks and months ahead. #gtchat

12:59  
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12:59  
am **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Thank you once again for an excellent #gtchat

12:59  
am **sandynay:** RT @DDaisy: @DeborahMersino tough part: finding reading that challenges, yet is developmentally appropriate. #gtchat Sch Lib Ass could help

12:59  
am **mygiftedgirl:** And of course we love supporting #gifted girls  
[http://www.facebook.com/pages/Boynton-Beach-FL/My-Gifted-Girl/78895451011?](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Boynton-Beach-FL/My-Gifted-Girl/78895451011?ref=ts)  
ref=ts #gtchat

1:00  
am **CathRiordan:** Thanks again @DeborahMersino. I'm dying to check out all the resources for inspiration #gtchat

1:00  
am **DeborahMersino:** That's it everyone!Thank you! If you have further questions/comments, I'm at [innovate@deborahmersino.com](mailto:innovate@deborahmersino.com). #gtchat

1:00  
am **mygiftedgirl:** @DeborahMersino Thanks again! I can't wait to share the transcripts with our advocacy group! #gtchat

1:00  
am **DavidsonGifted:** Thanks again for a great chat, Deborah! #gtchat

1:01  
am **CathRiordan:** @DeborahMersino LOL! We couldn't even keep @adesseposse66 awake tonight..what hope do we have!! #gtchat

1:01  
am **dididrama:** Thanks everybody. Good night #gtchat

1:02  
am **BrendonWalker:** @DeborahMersino Hi. Just arrived home and missed it again. Hopefully life will slow down just a fraction...and soon! #gtchat

1:02  
am **JustInTimeED:** Thanks for another educational Friday night #gtchat

1:02  
am **CathRiordan:** That should be aposseadesse66, of course. It's late and it's Latin! #gtchat

1:03  
am **DavidsonGifted:** Additional questions about advocacy? Send them to [info@davidsongifted.org](mailto:info@davidsongifted.org) #gtchat

1:04 am **sandynay:** RT @jofrei: In Aus parnt gross joined educatrs etc 2contribute 2Senate select inquiries <http://www.giftedresources.org/gr/senate.htm> #gtchat

1:04 am **deepwaterscoach:** Maybe we'll all move there! RT @DeborahMersino: If nothing else, let's hope we've ignited an official movement in Ireland tonight! #gtchat

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1:05 am **DeborahMersino:** @CathRiordan - Perhaps you'll have to have your Ireland Gifted and Talented Association meetings prior to midnight ;-) (giggle). #gtchat

1:06 am **sandynay:** RT @DavidsonGifted: An Advocacy Guidebook DITD put together working closely with Karen Rogers (Author: Re-forming Gifted Ed): <http://bit.ly/6PCD5U> #gtchat

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1:08 am **sandynay:** Will there b an archive to check out? #gtchat?

1:08 am **BetterLearning:** RT @sandynay: I worry about our #twiceexceptional kids. They so often have super talents that are not nurtured. #gtchat

1:09 am **sandynay:** RT @DeborahMersino: Glad you were here! RT @JustInTimeED Thanks for another educational Sat morn in Aus #gtchat

1:09 am **DeborahMersino:** Transcript from #gtchat "Launching a Parent Advocacy Group" <http://bit.ly/dobhR7> #gifted

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1:10 am **DeborahMersino:** Tonight's #gtchat transcript cut off the first part of our introductions - sorry! Still discerning ways to garner the ideal transcripts!

1:11 am **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from #gtchat "Launching a Parent Advocacy Group" <http://bit.ly/dobhR7> #gifted

1:15 am **mygiftedgirl:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from #gtchat "Launching a Parent Advocacy Group" <http://bit.ly/dobhR7> #gifted

1:17 am **SArkras:** Embrace your own intensity&plough ahead regardless of what others think/say.Takes 1 person to ignite the spark #gtchat (via @sandynay)

1:17 am **JenRBoyd:** @DeborahMersino ...It was like (pardon the techie lingo) trying to develop an application with a broken language. #gtchat

1:18 am **jb19012:** @motherthinker How about sharing local ways to stimulate or probe more of the multiple talents that children, all children, have? #gtchat

1:21 am **mygiftedgirl:** Here's the transcript from the Global Gifted Twitter Chat #gtchat Gifted... <http://bit.ly/cJ0Zwj>

1:24 am **CathRiordan:** RT @DeborahMersino Transcript from #gtchat "Launching a Parent Advocacy Group" <http://bit.ly/dobhR7> #gifted

1:44 am **DeborahMersino:** @JenRBoyd - Parents throughout the world (many w/o a degree) have been powerful advocates! Arm w/research, partner w/others. #gtchat

1:45 am **DeborahMersino:** @jb19012 - All children's strengths deserve support. Often times, tho, #gifted stud. needs aren't met in Race to Middle. #gtchat

1:46 am **DeborahMersino:** @jb19012 It's an equity issue, not elitist. All children deserve to have appropriate pacing. Need trained specialists, etc. #gtchat

1:54 am **DeborahMersino:** @jb19012 Regardless, I'm a huge fan of "Your Child's Strengths" by @jeniferfox. Phenomenal book. <http://www.strengthsmovement.com/> ! #gtchat

1:55 am **DeborahMersino:** @JenRBoyd - Here's #gifted advocacy toolkit from US / @NAGCGIFTED : <http://www.nagc.org/index.aspx?id=36> #gtchat

- 1:59 am **DeborahMersino:** Emotionally Intense (Prufrock Press, 2011) will focus on strategies 2 help parents manage the often intense behavior of gifted kids. #gtchat
- 2:01 am **DeborahMersino:** Christine Fonseca ( @chrstinef ) is authoring the forthcoming book "Emotionally Intense." #gtchat #gifted
- 2:02 am **chrstinef:** RT @DeborahMersino: Christine Fonseca ( @chrstinef ) is authoring the forthcoming book "Emotionally Intense." #gtchat #gifted
- 2:03 am **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino Thanks! I'm hoping it will help both children and parents deal with the natural intensity related to giftedness #gtchat
- 2:17 am **sandynday:** @DeborahMersino it's ALL about learning. No worries. Was most interested in resources posted early in discussion #gtchat
- 2:21 am **LadyinGray:** RT @DeborahMersino: Christine Fonseca ( @chrstinef ) is authoring the forthcoming book "Emotionally Intense." #gtchat #gifted
- 2:30 am **sandynday:** Here's the transcript from the Global Gifted Twitter Chat #gtchat Gifted... <http://bit.ly/cJ0Zwj> (via @mygiftedgirl)
- 5:42 am **atxteacher:** RT @DeborahMersino: As I've said before, "Gifted Education is a Civil Rights Issue!" #gtchat
- 5:46 am **atxteacher:** RT @DeborahMersino: 1st gr doing 6th grade math, but not socially ready for 2/3rd grade. #gtchat the asynchrony is hard for folks to get
- 12:19 pm **soundsuccess:** @DeborahMersino Thanks. We had a little RnR which was much overdue. I hope #gtchat went well.
- 4:15 pm **hildebuys:** Guilt: You know where you are, and you've got a journey ahead of you, starting right here. #gt #gtchat #2e <http://bit.ly/aYplSS>
- 5:52 pm **Jeff\_shoemaker:** @DeborahMersino read through the #gtchat last night. Great conversations!!
- 7:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @jeff\_shoemaker @DeborahMersino read through the #gtchat last night. Great conversations!! {The learning continues!}