



## Transcript from February 26, 2010 to February 26, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

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- 12:05 am **AmazingAmma**: @DeborahMersino This book was useful 4 age-appropriate lit. 4 my kids (tho I did adapt 4 higher reading levels) <http://bit.ly/9Lio12> #gtchat
- 12:09 am **AmazingAmma**: RT @DeborahMersino: ATTN: Educators. Don't miss #gtchat discussion on Fri. at noon/EST. We're discussing ideal role of the #gifted teacher.
- 1:19 am **thebenreynolds**: ATTN: Educators. Don't miss #gtchat discussion on Fri. at noon/EST. We're discussing ideal role of the #gifted teacher. Hope to be there.
- 1:21 am **thebenreynolds**: #gtchat can't promise 2 attend though. Work + #snowicane can change evrything. Hope it goes well, regardless. Where #gtchat transcript?
- 4:23 am **DeborahMersino**: @thebenreynolds - You can always find past #gtchat transcripts on the Ingenious Blog <http://bit.ly/P1Z1N> (new design coming soon!). TY!
- 12:15 pm **sdulonglangley**: Reminder: Real-time, real-world Gifted/Talented advocacy Fridays at both noon and 7:00 p.m. (EST), using the hashtag #gtchat. Check it out!
- 1:41 pm **DeborahMersino**: RT @sdulonglangley: Reminder: Real-time, real-world Gifted/Talented advocacy Fridays at both noon and 7:00 p.m. (EST), using the hashtag #gtchat. Check it out!
- 1:55 pm **jofrei**: RT @sdulonglangley: Reminder: Real-time, real-world Gifted/Talented advocacy Fridays at both noon and 7:00 p.m. (EST), using the hashtag #gtchat. Check it out!
- 1:57 pm **jofrei**: RT @DeborahMersino: "Finding Age-appropriate Literature for #Gifted Students" will be our 7pm/EST #gtchat topic on Friday!
- 1:57 pm **jofrei**: RT @DeborahMersino: "Exploring the Role of the #Gifted & Talented Teacher" will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic this Friday!
- 2:41 pm **DeborahMersino**: @jpfrei @sdulonglangley - Thank you for spreading the word about today's #gtchat sessions!
- 3:36 pm **Rich\_TX\_Gifted**: RT @sdulonglangley: Reminder: Real-time, real-world Gifted/Talented advocacy Fridays at both noon and 7:00 p.m. (EST), using the hashtag #gtchat. Check it out!
- 3:48 pm **DeborahMersino**: @bfwriter Love it! Keep us posted. As you know, mentorship programs can be incredible for both the mentor & student. Happy for u! #gtchat
- 3:57 pm **DeborahMersino**: ATTN: We're an hour away from "Exploring the Role of the #Gifted & Talented Teacher." Join us for noon/EST #gtchat !
- 4:03 pm **DeborahMersino**: {Thank you, thank you!!} RT @anngift It's GTCHAT Twitter Friday! <http://wp.me/puUD1-9j> #gtchat #gifted
- 4:36 pm **cybraryman1**: RT @DeborahMersino: ATTN: We're a half an hour away from "Exploring the Role of the #Gifted & Talented Teacher." Join us noon/EST #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **DeborahMersino**: #Teachers & #educators who serve #gifted & #talented students. Join us for #gtchat in 20 min. Hashtag #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **Bobbie\_Smith**: RT @DeborahMersino: #Teachers & #educators who serve #gifted & #talented students. Join us for #gtchat in 20 min. Hashtag #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **gifts2love**: RT @DeborahMersino: ATTN: We're an hour away from "Exploring the Role of the #Gifted & Talented Teacher." Join us for noon/EST #gtchat !
- 4:54 pm **CathRiordan**: @DeborahMersino Dashing home from work now. Hope to make it before you're

- 4:57 pm **DeborahMersino**: Teaching home now. Hope to make it before you're finished! #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **DeborahMersino**: My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat.
- 4:59 pm **DeborahMersino**: Welcome to #gtchat. Our topic: "Exploring the Role of the #Gifted and Talented Teacher."
- 5:01 pm **DeborahMersino**: Please take a moment to introduce yourself & your role (GT teacher, classroom teacher, parent, advocate) & where you reside. #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **gifts2love**: Missy Bedell, parent, Ohio #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **DeborahMersino**: I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of global #gtchat, mother to 2 fireball gifted gals, and consultant to gifted communities. I'm in Colorado.
- 5:03 pm **DeborahMersino**: Lots to discuss and many resources to share. While others introduce themselves, I'm going to start posting links of interest. #gtchat
- 5:03 pm **alisonwrites**: Hi there! I'm a GT/classroom tchr and grad student in literacy education out of the classroom to study this year. From Atlanta, GA. #gtchat
- 5:03 pm **DavidsonGifted**: #gtchat My name is Monica Joyner and I am a Family Consultant at the Davidson Institute. A former educator.
- 5:03 pm **DeborahMersino**: Via @prufrockpress: "A Message to New Teachers of Gifted Children" by Delisle <http://bit.ly/aL1yH5> #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **motherthinker**: We are fortunate to have a fantastic GT teacher. I think the key is to genuinely support reg ed staff to differentiate. #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **DeborahMersino**: Welcome @alisonwrites @gifts2love @motherthinker & @DavidsonGifted! #gtchat
- 5:05 pm **laq997**: #gtchat hi I'm a homeschooling mom of gifted preteen girl
- 5:05 pm **DeborahMersino**: Via @NAGC ? CEC "Teacher Knowledge & Skill Standards for Gifted & Talented Education <http://bit.ly/90tl2E> #gtchat
- 5:05 pm **cybraryman1**: GT Teacher has to counsel, advise, support students, parents & other teachers #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **DeborahMersino**: From Belin & Blank - A Nation Deceived (various languages) re acceleration <http://bit.ly/c7ksWw> #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **DavidsonGifted**: A great resource- Teaching Gifted Kids in the Regular Classroom: <http://bit.ly/bGx3dK> #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **DeborahMersino**: Teaching for High Potential magazine | Must for teachers of #gifted | via @NAGCGIFTED | <http://bit.ly/cRgIWx> #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **DeborahMersino**: RT @cybraryman1: GT Teacher has to counsel, advise, support students, parents & other teachers #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **gifts2love**: @DeborahMersino I've heard a lot about this book - have you read it? Do you rec it? #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **motherthinker**: I prefer where GT tchr works 2 support what needs to happen in class AND provides in or out of class opps 4 gt kids 2 work together. #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **cybraryman1**: RT @DavidsonGifted: A great resource- Teaching Gifted Kids in the Regular Classroom: <http://bit.ly/bGx3dK> #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **DeborahMersino**: More resources to come. Let's start, though, by talking about the most critical aspect of role of #gifted teacher. #gtchat
- 5:09 pm **DavidsonGifted**: #gtchat @cybraryman1- very true and one of the reasons why this job is so hard to do!
- 5:09 pm **Jani\_Oehlke**: RT @DeborahMersino: From Belin & Blank - A Nation Deceived (various languages) re acceleration <http://bit.ly/c7ksWw> #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **twochicky**: My name is Jennifer. I live in Northern KY. I just started learning about GT with my son. He is 4 1/2. #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **DeborahMersino**: "Seeing" the child understanding the #gifted traits asynchronous development

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- 5:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** Seeing the OMs, understanding the #gtchat traits, asynchronous development, OEs, celebrating strengths, sensitivities | vital! #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **cybraryman1:** @DavidsonGifted Your resources are outstanding! #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **alisonwrites:** Most #gifted kids spend bulk of time in reg. ed classroom w/ tchrs who haven't been trained about gifted. Need lots of support. #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat- flexibility and openmindedness are two wonderful qualities we look for in educators, since each child is so different
- 5:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** @twochicky @Jani\_Oehlke - Glad you're here! We're talking about most important aspects of role of #gifted teachers. #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** @alisonwrites - So true! #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat- flexibility and openmindedness are two wonderful qualities we look for in educators, since each child is so different
- 5:11 pm **MyGiftedLife:** I made it to #gtchat, woohoo. this is @bfwriter representin' MGL. and I adore teachers. :)
- 5:12 pm **cybraryman1:** The GT Tchr must constantly gather appropriate materials, resources, speakers, trips to enrich the curriculum #gtchat
- 5:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** For those fortunate enough to have a dedicated #gifted instructor, the encouragement of passion is priceless. #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **alisonwrites:** Also imp't to remember that just b/c student is #gifted doesn't necessarily mean needs/deserves less attn than other students. #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **alisonwrites:** RT @cybraryman1: The GT Tchr must constantly gather appropriate materials, resources, speakers, trips to enrich the curriculum #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** @MyGiftedLife So glad u made it! I, too, am a huge fan of #gifted teachers and know they have an enormous impact on students' lives. #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @alisonwrites- very true. here is something that might help:  
<http://bit.ly/dgsP1Y>
- 5:13 pm **gifts2love:** RT @DeborahMersino: For those fortunate enough to have a dedicated #gifted instructor, the encouragement of passion is priceless. #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **MyGiftedLife:** @DeborahMersino I went to a high school in which 75% of the student population was gifted. it was awesome. #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **motherthinker:** IMO, program that's creative, interesting & challenging in each class evryday, is the FT GT program my 9th gr son attends 3 days/wk. #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **twochicky:** What do you do when that passion is looked at as a behavior issue in the school? #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** Although I'm not seeing many teachers in this #gtchat session, here's an incredible resource from @ByrdseedGifted <http://bit.ly/9z21AC>
- 5:15 pm **alisonwrites:** @DeborahMersino ALL students need a teacher to encourage and cultivate passion. Wish it happened more! #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** Via @HoagiesGifted "Challenging #Gifted Students in the Regular Classroom" by Parke <http://bit.ly/a4qHut> #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **motherthinker:** Schools routinely dismiss benefits of FT or even PT GT-only classes, mostly, I think, bc of fear of impact on kids NOT in the class. #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @twochicky- that would depend. If the child is bored in class, then more challenge would help with behavior issues.
- 5:16 pm **cybraryman1:** Of course what is said about GT Teachers is what all teachers should do. All teachers should be passionate about their work too. #gtchat
- 5:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** @twochicky -Advocate with sensitivity. Often overexcitabilities are misunderstood. @DavidsonGifted has exc. resources. #gtchat
- 5:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @cybraryman1: Of course what is said about GT Teachers is what all teachers should do. All teachers should be passionate about their work too.

#gtchat

- 5:17 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @cybraryman1 We say that often- most of our strategies can be used with any teacher or any setting.
- 5:17 pm **laq997:** #gtchat often a full time program is best for GT students, otherwise they r bored and ignored in reg class
- 5:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - I meant the cultivation of the student's passion areas. I love that my dd's teacher encourages full-on exploration. #gtchat
- 5:18 pm **cybraryman1:** @DeborahMersino Hope you have all these great resources in one place to view after chat. #gtchat
- 5:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - I fully agree with you though!! #gtchat
- 5:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @laq997: #gtchat often a full time program is best for GT students, otherwise they r bored and ignored in reg class
- 5:18 pm **motherthinker:** .@MyGiftedLife I went to summer boarding skool w mostly GT kids (self selecting, not req). My trad HS didn't touch wht we did there. #gtchat
- 5:18 pm **gifts2love:** @twochicky that's how we discovered giftedness in our oldest. #gtchat
- 5:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laq997 - Welcome! Glad you're here. #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **laq997:** @motherthinker #gtchat schools lower GT requirements to allow mass into GT class or they get beat-up like NYC did by requiring IQ 135 +
- 5:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** Relative to role of #gifted teacher, I'm going to quote some tips/truths from Dr. James Delisle. #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **alisonwrites:** #gtchat Teachers need to include more authentic tasks. Too often what's done is stuff that only happens in school, not real world.
- 5:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laq997 - True. "Gifted Child Education is Layered with Politics." - Delisle. #gtchat
- 5:20 pm **cybraryman1:** Full time programs have positives & negatives. Full time was not the best for my son & classmates. #gtchat Few made Honor Soc in H.S.
- 5:20 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat here is an article on general advocacy <http://bit.ly/byba3T>
- 5:21 pm **motherthinker:** .@cybraryman1 Schools should be more than willing to try. E.g. Give "No Fear Shakespeare" to all gr 6, no just GT pullout. #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **MyGiftedLife:** actually, I feel like I got a better education in high school than I am now, in college. #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** For teachers and parents, "Don't be Misled by Academic Achievement." - Delisle #gtchat (Some #gifted are NOT high achievers)
- 5:21 pm **laq997:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat politics is what has lead gifted education to be excluded as required. in US we allow our brightest to be ignored
- 5:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** (As @DavidsonGifted points out) "Advocate, advocate, advocate." Delisle. #gtchat
- 5:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @laq997: @DeborahMersino #gtchat politics is what has lead gifted education to be excluded as required. in US we allow our brightest to be ignored
- 5:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** Via @HoagiesGifted "Challenging #Gifted Students in the Regular Classroom" by Parke <http://bit.ly/a4qHut> #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **twochicky:** @gifts2love How old was he? How did that work with school? #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat dual-enrollment is also a great option!
- 5:23 pm **cybraryman1:** Not enough gifted to form class for my daughter who would have been in it. She made honors all the way through grad school #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** One of the things I appreciate most about teachers of the #gifted is their ability to be "awed" by their students. #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat dual-enrollment is also a great option!

- 5:24 pm **laq997:** biggest hurdle for gifted is standardized tests, they don't think the same as those who make the test so answers r not standard. #gtchat
- 5:24 pm **motherthinker:** .@cybraryman1 Prblm: GT kids have less risk of low stndrdzd test scores, so more time 4 pull out, enrichment. Sad reality of mod ed. #gtchat
- 5:24 pm **laq997:** @motherthinker #gtchat love no fear shakespeare used it (we homeschool) 4 my daughter
- 5:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @motherthinker: .@cybraryman1 Prblm: GT kids have less risk of low stndrdzd test scores, so more time 4 pull out, enrichment. Sad reality of mod ed. #gtchat
- 5:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** The challenges facing #gifted ed & trained #GT teachers are many. NCLB, budget cuts, etc. #gtchat
- 5:25 pm **beccasara:** @DeborahMersino so true. it's often very hard to motivate kids for whom most things come easy. #gtchat
- 5:26 pm **jaaus:** @DeborahMersino One must be humble enough to appreciate that students half our age may come up with best solutions #gtchat
- 5:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - How can parents (since many are on this chat) better educate themselves on socio-emotional needs of #gifted? #gtchat
- 5:26 pm **cybraryman1:** GT Teacher should plan enrichment activities for other students in the school as well as their own gifted students. #gtchat
- 5:26 pm **alisonwrites:** #gtchat We may need to help the bottom, but we can't sacrifice the top to do it. Needs to be a better way to balance needs.
- 5:27 pm **laq997:** @beccasara #gtchat we had motivational issues too, now we homeschool and she knows her education is in her hands n she has control over it
- 5:27 pm **motherthinker:** #gtchat @laq997 IQ shld only B 1 measure of giftedness - kids who wld benefit should be allowed 2 participate. Harder 2 administer, I know.
- 5:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @jaaus: @DeborahMersino One must be humble enough to appreciate that students half our age may come up with best solutions #gtchat
- 5:27 pm **cybraryman1:** You have to think out of the box and plan many ways to present material that will challenge & motivate all the students. #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** @beccasara @jaaus - Happy to have you here. #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @cybraryman1: You have to think out of the box and plan many ways to present material that will challenge & motivate all the students. #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **cybraryman1:** One approach does not fit all! Employ Differentiated instruction, Mutiple Intelligence strategies. #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @beccasara this is something we see often through underachievement. here is a great article for parents <http://bit.ly/19Gq6k>
- 5:29 pm **cybraryman1:** Have your students be the teachers for parts of lessons. This will get them engaged more. #gtchat
- 5:29 pm **Isoderman:** #gtchat How often is the "underachieving" GT kid actually dual exceptional? Think dd has some disability masked by exceptional verbal skills
- 5:29 pm **laq997:** @motherthinker there are many ways to 'determine' gifted but politics often require hard fast rules rather than conscious thinking. #gtchat
- 5:29 pm **MyGiftedLife:** RT @jaaus: @DeborahMersino One must be humble enough to appreciate that students half our age may come up with best solutions #gtchat
- 5:29 pm **motherthinker:** .@laq997 It's a good concept. I like the idea of reading the Shakespeare aloud 4 yngr kids & having the "translation" 2 read bf. #gtchat
- 5:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** IMHO, I greatly appreciate #gifted teachers & classroom teachers who encourage innovation/exploration - outside of test-prep, etc.! #gtchat
- 5:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @cybraryman1: One approach does not fit all! Employ Differentiated instruction, Mutiple Intelligence strategies. #gtchat



- 5:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat @beccasara this is something we see often through underachievement. here is a great article for parents <http://bit.ly/19Gq6k>
- 5:30 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat educate yourself through reading and conferences, reaching out to professionals. here is one: <http://bit.ly/d84qqW>
- 5:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Isoderman - Welcome! Believe it happens often. And focus sometimes is misplaced on LD as opposed to 2E strengths. #gtchat
- 5:30 pm **jaaus:** @laq997 Bingo! Homeschool may be the way, nothing beats one on one! But am I willing to take this type of commitment? #gtchat
- 5:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat educate yourself through reading and conferences, reaching out to professionals. here is one: <http://bit.ly/d84qqW>
- 5:30 pm **laq997:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat best way for parents to learn socio-emotional side is to join support groups (yahoo) or davidson parent groups
- 5:30 pm **alisonwrites:** @cybraryman1 Social/collaborative learning is a must. Also good to branch out beyond the assigned grade level & build connections. #gtchat
- 5:30 pm **gifts2love:** @alisonwrites absolutely! #gtchat
- 5:31 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @cybraryman1 -good strategies and suggestions on working with gifted kids in the regular classroom
- 5:31 pm **cybraryman1:** @motherthinker I agree with what you are saying. My granddaughter was in a pull-out gifted situation. #gtchat
- 5:31 pm **gifts2love:** @Isoderman so good to see you join! #gtchat
- 5:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** Info, Links, Upcoming Events & Blogs for Teachers of Gifted Children via @PrufrockPress | <http://bit.ly/b9R2CY> #gtchat {Share w/teachers!}
- 5:32 pm **cybraryman1:** @alisonwrites Absolutely need social/collaborative within GT class and with regular classes as well. #gtchat
- 5:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @laq997: @DeborahMersino #gtchat best way for parents to learn socio-emotional side is to join support groups (yahoo) or davidson parent groups
- 5:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** Trained #gifted teachers can help parents feel sane! Bless them! #gtchat
- 5:32 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat here is a list of upcoming conferences to help educate parents and teachers: <http://bit.ly/bbeJBt>
- 5:33 pm **laq997:** @jaaus we found homeschooling worked best for us, allowed my dd to learn at own speed and not deal with kids YEARS older #gtchat
- 5:33 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat SENG has an awesome website on social emotional needs: <http://bit.ly/adu2Tm>
- 5:33 pm **Isoderman:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat #nfb Interesting observations from school nurse have led us to believe this is the case.
- 5:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** On the subject of Shakespeare, tonight's #gtchat session will focus on "Finding Age-appropriate Literature for #gifted students."
- 5:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat SENG has an awesome website on social emotional needs: <http://bit.ly/adu2Tm>
- 5:34 pm **motherthinker:** #gtchat @DeborahMersino @laq997 Imagine if we eliminated all ed opps not open 2 evryone. We should get rid of all competitive colleges too!
- 5:35 pm **beccasara:** @DeborahMersino the upside of a snow day - a great #gtchat!
- 5:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** The Ingeniosus blog offers past #gtchat transcripts (including meeting socio-emotional needs of #gifted) <http://bit.ly/P1Z1N>
- 5:35 pm **laq997:** @DeborahMersino i will try to make it tonight. i had to pull my child out of college Eng Comp II due to inappropriate material #gtchat
- 5:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** :- ) RT @beccasara @DeborahMersino the upside of a snow day - a great #gtchat!

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- 5:36 pm **motherthinker:** #gtchat @laq997 That is what education has become. It is bad for all children. Quantifiable data is a tiny piece of who any of us is.
- 5:36 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat what is the role of a GT teacher:<http://bit.ly/9s2J8s>
- 5:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Isoderman - We've also discussed 2E in past #gtchat sessions. Check out transcripts for resources. @DavidsonGifted has many too!
- 5:37 pm **alisonwrites:** #gtchat Nothing makes me sadder than seeing bright minds squashed b/c tchrs lack creativity. Not hard to differentiate if know how.
- 5:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - Last link wasn't live. Can you re-post? Thank you! #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **JLRawlings:** RT @DeborahMersino: More resrcs 2 come. Let's start, tho, by talking abt the most critical aspect of role of #gifted teacher. #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **nwevaluation:** RT @DeborahMersino: More resrcs 2 come. Let's start, tho, by talking abt the most critical aspect of role of #gifted teacher. #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **TheNextMartha:** I think that working with your teacher also means respecting them and don't assume that they are not trying to help your child. #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **Isoderman:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat Thanks - I will... #nfb
- 5:37 pm **cybraryman1:** As a parent & grandparent of gifted children I am constantly seeking experiences & sites to enrich their learning outside of school. #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat remember there is not one 'fix all', what works for one child may not work for another
- 5:38 pm **laq997:** @motherthinker careful u r starting to sound like a homeschooler #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** @alisonwrites - Here's more resources for #gifted teachers (including differentiation links) via @HoagiesGifted <http://bit.ly/bfLWmR> #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **beccasara:** @DeborahMersino it's all about the teacher. my dd's teacher created a goto box for dd with more complex work related to the study. #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **DavidsonGifted:** <http://bit.ly/9s2J8s> #gtchat sorry about that
- 5:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** @JLRawlings @nwevaluation - Glad you're here! #gtchat
- 5:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: <http://bit.ly/9s2J8s> #gtchat sorry about that
- 5:39 pm **laq997:** @beccasara we should not rely on 'luck of the draw' to educate our child we should be guaranteed a good education-just as others r. #gtchat
- 5:39 pm **jaaus:** @alisonwrites I SO agree with you...! #gtchat If a teacher introduces a new (boring) topic in an innovative way, gifted children thrill!
- 5:40 pm **alisonwrites:** @DeborahMersino Getting so many great resources out of this #gtchat --  
Thanks!!!
- 5:40 pm **Isoderman:** #gtchat #nfb DD school has taken a team approach to address - from specialists to principal and teacher - allowing good focus on needs of GT
- 5:40 pm **TheNextMartha:** Meet with teacher and have them ask you questions about performance discrepancies instead of you pointing them out to them. #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** Critical role includes: understanding #gifted learners, developing strengths, knowing ind. learning differences. #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @jaaus: @alisonwrites I SO agree with you...! #gtchat If a teacher introduces a new (boring) topic in an innovative way, gifted children thrill!
- 5:40 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @TheNextMartha - good thought, forming relationships is vital to your child's experience
- 5:40 pm **motherthinker:** @cybraryman1 GT pullout used 2 b making dog biscuits & unrelated nonsense. Now they extend work related 2 reg ed. That's mostly good. #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **Jani\_Oehlke:** Because of #gtchat we have access to more resources for #gifted - Thank you!!
- 5:41 pm **beccasara:** @laq997 I agree! i have GT Twins. it is SO frustrating to see one luck out with a creative, inspired teacher and not the other. #gtchat

- 5:42 pm **JLRawlings:** #gtchat Flexibility, patience & innovation to combine dif. skills @ once 2 stimulate busy & often easily distracted minds of r gt kids
- 5:42 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat There are many ways to help a GT child in the regular classroom <http://bit.ly/8RmYu>
- 5:42 pm **thebenreynolds:** Agree with @alisonwrites transcript will be a wealth of resources. #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** Critical role: Employing instructional strategies & creating learning environ. (w/peers) that allow for powful social interactions. #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **alisonwrites:** @DavidsonGifted Definitely. Tchrs need to have a vast arsenal of ways to intro material. It's all about the design of the task #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Isoderman - Good to hear a success story that involves collaboration! #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **TheNextMartha:** You want the school to work with you, act like you are a team and not you against them. It's not a race to win. #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **beccasara:** @DavidsonGifted how can a parent introduce these ideas to a teacher without seeming pushy and entitled? #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat There are many ways to help a GT child in the regular classroom <http://bit.ly/8RmYu>
- 5:43 pm **alisonwrites:** The more open-ended, realistic the task is, the more engaged all students will be. Needs to flexible and authentic, not worksheets #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **motherthinker:** .@laq997 I neither favor nor oppose any style of educ except when it ignores the real children present (at home, in class, etc). #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **jaaus:** @DeborahMersino First time on your chat, this is so motivating! #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **cybraryman1:** All teachers need more training handling gifted, special needs, bilingual etc. students #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **laq997:** #gtchat teachers need to learn how to teach gifted kids, it's not as easy as it sounds yet many assume handing them a book is enough
- 5:43 pm **Jani\_Oehlke:** RT @cybraryman1: All teachers need more training handling gifted, special needs, bilingual etc. students #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat <http://www.dauidsongifted.org/db/> has a wealth of information as well
- 5:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** Via John Hopkins CTY - Resources on Educational Studies <http://bit.ly/ahJVsf> #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **cybraryman1:** A well devised and coordinated cooperative learning experience is wonderful to see. #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **alisonwrites:** RT @DeborahMersino: Critical role: Employ instruct. strats & create learning enviro. (w/peers) that allow for powful soc interact. #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** {So glad! It's all about collaboration!} RT @jaaus @DeborahMersino First time on your chat, this is so motivating! #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @beccasara - we have seen partents call meetings and offer to help in with implementation so that the burden isn't all on the techer
- 5:46 pm **alisonwrites:** Yes! RT @TheNextMartha: You want the school to work w/ you, act like you are a team and not you against them. not a race to win. #gtchat
- 5:46 pm **Jani\_Oehlke:** #gtchat Are teachers really educated to label each child ie. Asbergers, ADHD, Autism - I have heard all of these
- 5:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** Critical too: Understanding role of language and communication - and as @cybraryman1 points out - understanding cultural differences #gtchat
- 5:46 pm **jodylo:** RT @cybraryman1: Have your students be the teachers for parts of lessons. This will get them engaged more. #gtchat
- 5:46 pm **laq997:** #gtchat i have found that good experienced teachers are more open to working with parents/students then newer teachers/weak teachers
- 5:46 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #atchat It is always good to remember that educators go into the field for the



children, so they are on your side- most of the time :)

- 5:47 pm **beccasara:** @laq997 part of the problem is that some teachers are gifted, and some aren't. training is key, so how to get teachers excited? #gtchat
- 5:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** Remember, classroom teachers are often overworked/stretched as they work to accommodate huge disparities (even 7 gr. levels in one) #gtchat
- 5:47 pm **Isoderman:** #gtchat #nfb Important that strategy is inclusive - separating from peers can lead to isolation, trouble in social skills
- 5:48 pm **laq997:** @DeborahMersino understanding of cultural differences is SO important. #gtchat
- 5:48 pm **beccasara:** @DavidsonGifted IME, some teachers get very defensive & if a principal isn't behind the idea of GT then you're left looking crazy. #gtchat
- 5:48 pm **Jani\_Oehlke:** @Isoderman #gtchat I agree!
- 5:48 pm **CathRiordan:** RT @laq997: #gtchat teachers need to learn how to teach gifted kids, its not as easy as it sounds //so true #gtchat
- 5:48 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat @Jani\_Oehlke -most teachers are educated to work to the other side of the spectrum <http://bit.ly/9s2J8s> <http://bit.ly/aDvOMA>
- 5:48 pm **Isoderman:** RT @Jani\_Oehlke: #gtchat #nfb Are teachers really educated to label each child ie. Asbergers, ADHD, Autism - my exp. as well
- 5:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** @beccasara - Training is key - on so many levels (which is why advocacy is so important). #gtchat
- 5:49 pm **twimommi:** @Jani\_Oehlke #gtchat Absolutely not.
- 5:49 pm **laq997:** @beccasara i think @DeborahMersino hit the nail on the head. it's hard to motivate the overworked and undervalued. #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **Jani\_Oehlke:** @Isoderman #gtchat The psychologists, pshychiatrists Laugh at their oppinions regarding these labels
- 5:50 pm **alisonwrites:** Important to help tchrs move away from tchr-centered instruction. Inquiry-based & social learning better for all #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat University/College Gifted Ed Offerings and Degree Programs: <http://bit.ly/aFYOj2>
- 5:50 pm **beccasara:** If you could recommend one form of PD for a teacher that would really help them better teach GT kids what would it be? #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **cybraryman1:** GT Teachers should be prepared to work with all levels successfully. This takes a lot of training & really good on-going PD #gtchat
- 5:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** A great point. Not everyone is trained to identify 2E students. Sometimes (although expensive), outside psych. eval./support neces. #gtchat
- 5:51 pm **laq997:** #gtchat many teachers are thought of as baby sitters by parents (or worse) they become ineffective because they have to much to deal with
- 5:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @beccasara: If you could recommend one form of PD for a teacher that would really help them better teach GT kids what would it be? #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **laq997:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat many teachers don't know what to do with a PG kid. you would be shocked at comments i've gotten
- 5:52 pm **CathRiordan:** It helps when a teacher knows enough about G&T to appreciate it as a special ed need. #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** @alisonwrites - Although Stanford's EPGY (Enrichment Program for Gifted Youth) has been powerful/positive for both my dds. #gtchat @EPGY
- 5:52 pm **alisonwrites:** IME, Teaching is a much harder & less fun job when tchrs try to be the sage on stage. Need to be more flexible & empwr students #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **Jani\_Oehlke:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat -I would like to see them join us for a friday chat #teachers

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- 5:53 pm **MyGiftedLife:** @laq997 what kind of comments? #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **jaaus:** @DeborahMersino Would you say a gifted child may lack motivation in class and therefore be seen as "slow" until proven the contrary? #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **motherthinker:** @DeborahMersino MS prsntd thr program-heavy test prep, data, PSSA goals. Regardless of level, all must complete gr level test prep! #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat I would recommend collaboration with other educators who value GT EdGuild <http://www.davidsongifted.org/edguild/>
- 5:53 pm **coffeandtea:** I attended the NASA Middle School Aerospace Scholars Program, and it was the absolute best week of PD I have had in 10 years. #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** We've got just a few minutes left. We've covered a lot! Any last thoughts? What can we do to positively move forward? #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat I would recommend collaboration with other educators who value GT EdGuild <http://www.davidsongifted.org/edguild/>
- 5:54 pm **CathRiordan:** Yes! RT @Jani\_Oehlke: @DeborahMersino #gtchat -I would like to see them join us for a friday chat #teachers #gtchat
- 5:54 pm **cybraryman1:** Parents should work with teachers. Teachers should use their expertise, resources, etc. to provide trips, guest speakers... #gtchat
- 5:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Jani\_Oehlke: @DeborahMersino #gtchat -I would like to see them join us for a friday chat #teachers
- 5:55 pm **Jani\_Oehlke:** #gtchat The sad part is, it isn't just the gifted students that are being overlooked
- 5:55 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat I would say exposure to GT kids and exposure to the population
- 5:55 pm **laq997:** #gtchat educating teachers in how to deal with GT students is essential some r more concerned w/ kid fitting in then motivating them
- 5:55 pm **motherthinker:** RT @TheNextMartha: I think that working with your teacher also means respecting them and don't assume that they are not trying to help your child. #gtchat
- 5:56 pm **motherthinker:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat remember there is not one 'fix all', what works for one child may not work for another
- 5:56 pm **Jani\_Oehlke:** #gtchat Also, would like to see the kids chat about the issues, get their perspective
- 5:57 pm **alisonwrites:** @Jani\_Oehlke I agree. A lot needs to change in schools for everyone -- teachers and students. Very frustrating sometimes. #gtchat
- 5:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm hoping that educators (both #gifted specialist and regular classroom teachers) will review our transcript/check out resources! #gtchat
- 5:57 pm **laq997:** ABSOLUTELY RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat I would say exposure to GT kids and exposure to the population
- 5:57 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat If anyone has further questions wwe may be able to answer, feel free to email us directly at [infor@davidsongifted.org](mailto:infor@davidsongifted.org)
- 5:57 pm **stressfreekids:** RT @laq997: #gtchat many teachers r thought of as baby sitters by parents. they become ineffective because they have 2 much 2 deal w
- 5:57 pm **alisonwrites:** Teacher prep programs need to address this end of the spectrum too as one of the special needs covered. Rarely happens. #gtchat
- 5:57 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat ThankYou @DeborahMersino for another great chat!
- 5:58 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat [info@davidsongifted.org](mailto:info@davidsongifted.org)
- 5:58 pm **motherthinker:** @TheNextMartha It goes both ways. How we approach each other is very imprtant. Not all parents, nor all teachers, are good at it. #gtchat
- 5:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Jani\_Oehlke Our #GT instructor shared letter written by a 5th gr/GT student. Poignant. "Why can't we spend all day in GT? I learn!" #gtchat
- 5:58 pm **laq997:** @Jani\_Oehlke #gtchat most GT kids r afraid of talking openly about

- 5:59 pm **stressfreekids:** RT @cybraryman1: Parents should work with teachers. Teachers should use their expertise, resources, etc. to provide trips, guest speakers... #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **CathRiordan:** Advocacy is key. We need society to recognise G&T as real, positive and perfectly normal. It's far more common than people think. #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - You are so vital to these chats. TY for your time, sage advice & incredible resources. #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **beccasara:** @laq997 i feel lucky to be at a NYC public school where most of the teachers & our new principal are excited to try new things #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **NAGCGIFTED:** NAGC past president Del Siegle with UConn says, "Every Child Deserves to Learn Something New Every Day" #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **laq997:** #gtchat best resource i found was davidson, my school didn't even know about them. my daughter can talk openly and so i can.
- 6:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** That's it for our session! TY everyone for your impassioned input. Transcript will be up shortly. #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **Jani\_Oehlke:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat ;-)
- 6:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @NAGCGIFTED: NAGC past president Del Siegle with UConn says, "Every Child Deserves to Learn Something New Every Day" #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **motherthinker:** RT @DavidsonGifted: #gtchat It is always good to remember that educators go into the field for the children, so they are on your side- most of the time :)
- 6:00 pm **laq997:** @beccasara #gtchat NYC has some great schools u r lucky.
- 6:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** Join us tonight at 7 pm/EST for "Finding Age-appropriate Literature for #Gifted Students." #gtchat TY again!
- 6:01 pm **CathRiordan:** @DeborahMersino Thanks, Deborah. Sorry I missed most of it, but will check the transcripts later. #gtchat
- 6:01 pm **Jani\_Oehlke:** @DeborahMersino Thank you Deborah! #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **alisonwrites:** Thanks for a wonderful #gtchat -- I'll try to make the one tonight, too!
- 6:02 pm **CathRiordan:** RT @DeborahMersino: Join us tonight at 7 pm/EST(midnight GMT) for "Finding Age-appropriate Literature for #Gifted Students." #gtchat #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **laq997:** thanks deborah! #gtchat thanks everyone else too! nice to see such good ideas i look forward to tonight
- 6:02 pm **beccasara:** @laq997 it's always a struggle make sure your kid gets what they need. we raise a lot of \$\$ from the parents to enrich the curric. #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **americannanny:** RT @DeborahMersino: Join us tonight at 7 pm/EST for "Finding Age-appropriate Literature for #Gifted Students." #gtchat TY again!
- 6:02 pm **DavidsonGifted:** #gtchat thanks! feel free to email us info@davidsongifted.org
- 6:03 pm **motherthinker:** .@DeborahMersino We design classes w as many levels as possible in each. It can't make teaching easy or most effective w typical tchr.#gtchat
- 6:03 pm **cybraryman1:** @DeborahMersino Thanks for a great job of moderating such a gifted group on #gtchat today.
- 6:03 pm **laq997:** hey #homeschool tonight at 7 is a #gtchat about finding age appropriate literature for gifted students (come share your thoughts)
- 6:05 pm **alisonwrites:** @beccasara That's great that you have parents that can offer that kind of support. GT programs often don't get rsrscs they need. #gtchat
- 6:05 pm **motherthinker:** .@Isoderman I don't think kids need full time GT, but part of each day should be spent with intellectual peers w challenging work. #gtchat
- 6:05 pm **TMODOM:** RT @DeborahMersino: Join us tonight at 7 pm/EST for "Finding Age-appropriate Literature for #Gifted Students." #gtchat TY again!
- 6:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** @iaaus - .just had to tweet one more thank you. It's 2 a.m. for @iaaus. That

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- 5:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jadas - just had to tweet one more thank you. its 2 a.m. for @jadas. that deserves a round of applause. :-) #gtchat
- 6:08 pm **alisonwrites:** Will be spending the next hour reading through all the fabulous resources I got from the #gtchat today. Time to fire up #gifted advocacy!
- 6:09 pm **jane\_fell:** Thanks for a wonderful #gtchat -- I'll try to make the one tonight, too! Thanks for a wonderful #gtchat -- I'll t... <http://bit.ly/depKgh>
- 6:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** Transcript from #gtchat "Exploring the Role of #Gifted & Talented Teacher" <http://bit.ly/bERgHL> {scroll to start at 4:59 pm/GMT}
- 6:09 pm **LoveandWater:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from #gtchat "Exploring the Role of #Gifted & Talented Teacher" <http://bit.ly/bERgHL> {scroll to start at 4:59 pm/GMT}
- 6:10 pm **atxteacher:** Dam, I missed the #gtchat! Thank goodness @DeborahMersino posts the transcript. I love that it's happening. Next one is on my calendar.
- 6:11 pm **motherthinker:** .@Jani\_Oehlke W/ standards & test prep driving educ, goal is 2 teach curriculum, not necessarily what kids R ready or able 2 learn. #gtchat
- 6:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** ATTN: #gtchat participants. Don't click on link from @jane\_fell. Looks like spam/virus.
- 6:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @alisonwrites: Will be spending the next hour reading through all the fabulous resources I got from the #gtchat today. Time to fire up #gifted advocacy!
- 6:17 pm **CNTSTPAUL:** RT @DeborahMersino: The challenges facing #gifted ed & trained #GT teachers are many. NCLB, budget cuts, etc. #gtchat
- 6:18 pm **GiftedTeechur:** well I got my wires crossed and missed #gtchat
- 6:23 pm **GiftedTeechur:** @cybraryman1 I'm writing on the board 100 x's I WILL NOT BE LATE FOR #gtchat
- 6:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedTeechur - Nope. We always have 2 sessions of #gtchat on Fridays. First is at noon/EST and second is 7pm/EST.
- 6:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** :- ) GiftedTeechur @cybraryman1 I'm writing on the board 100 x's I WILL NOT BE LATE FOR #gtchat
- 6:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** ATTN: #gtchat participants I highly recommend you consider attending NAGC Conference in Atlanta, GA in Nov. 11-14, 2010 if possible. #gifted
- 6:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** @atxteacher - You were missed! :- ) Look forward to having you join us in the future. The voices of #gifted teachers are vital to #gtchat.
- 6:58 pm **beccasara:** @DeborahMersino is this something we could send our principal or AP to? #gtchat
- 7:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** @beccasara - Do you mean the NAGC Convention? Absolutely! <http://www.nagc.org/index.aspx?id=2692> #gtchat
- 7:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** @beccasara - Some state #gifted associations do an excellent job with conferences too (vary by state though). #gtchat #advocacy
- 8:05 pm **Begabung:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from #gtchat "Exploring the Role of #Gifted & Talented Teacher" <http://bit.ly/bERgHL> {scroll to start at 4:59 pm/GMT}
- 8:20 pm **soundsuccess:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat looked wonderful once again... I have #gtchat envy! Best wishes for 2nd session. Hoping to join you all one day
- 8:31 pm **hollyailen:** in campaign management class, getting some good ideas for helping gifted grow stronger in MA #gtchat
- 9:12 pm **dididrama:** Was working during Role of GT teacher #gtchat so couldn't take part. It was the topic I most wanted to discuss&all! Good books recommended..
- 9:32 pm **dididrama:** Wish I had time this evening to dig in to all the links from #gtchat Happy chatting later everybody - I van't stay on for tonight's chat.
- 10:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** @dididrama - We'll miss you, but hope you have a delightful weekend! Look forward to chatting with you during future #gtchat sessions.
- 10:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm readying to write Part II of a feature for Parenting High Potential magazine (NAGC pub) on #Gifted Ed & Twitter. #gtchat

- 10:40 pm **DeborahMersino**: ATTN: Parents, teachers, #gifted advocates: What's your favorite aspect of our global #gtchat sessions? I'd like input/quotes 4 the feature.
- 10:45 pm **DeborahMersino**: Feel free to email me at [deborah@ingeniosus.net](mailto:deborah@ingeniosus.net) w/ lengthier thoughts re #gtchat benefits for Parenting High Potential feature. TY! #gifted
- 10:58 pm **DeborahMersino**: Join us for #gtchat in 1 hour for "Finding Age-appropriate Literature for #Gifted Students." Use hashtag: #gtchat (7pm/EST)
- 11:01 pm **hashtager**: # Join us for #gtchat in 1 hour for "Finding Age-appropriate Literature for #Gifted Students." Use hashtag: #gtchat (7pm/EST)
- 11:03 pm **hillarykwiatek**: Awesome topic! RT @DeborahMersino: Join us for #gtchat "Finding Age-appropriate Literature for #Gifted Students." htag: #gtchat (7pm/EST)
- 11:06 pm **DeborahMersino**: RT @hillarykwiatek: Awesome topic! RT @DeborahMersino: Join us for #gtchat "Finding Age-appropriate Literature for #Gifted Students." htag: #gtchat (7pm/EST)
- 11:09 pm **armadillosoft**: RT @DeborahMersino: Join #gtchat in 1 hour for "Finding Age-appropriate Literature for #Gifted Students." Use hashtag: #gtchat (7pm/EST)
- 11:29 pm **DeborahMersino**: Parents/teachers: Want your #gifted students to revel in reading/literature? Join us for #gtchat in 30 minutes!
- 11:32 pm **DeborahMersino**: RT @biguniverse "There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." - Walt Disney #kidlit #quote #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **jofrei**: RT @DeborahMersino: Parents/teachers: Want your #gifted students to revel in reading/literature? Join us for #gtchat in 30 minutes!
- 11:56 pm **HoagiesGifted**: RT @DeborahMersino: #Teachers & #educators who serve #gifted & #talented students. Join us for #gtchat in 20 min. Hashtag #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **DeborahMersino**: My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat.
- 11:58 pm **mygiftedgirl**: My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat.
- 11:58 pm **HoagiesGifted**: @DeborahMersino Thanks, Deborah, I finally found you and #gtchat!
- 11:59 pm **DeborahMersino**: Welcome to our global #gtchat. Our topic: "Finding Age-appropriate Literature for #Gifted Students." Join in the learning! Hashtag: #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **DavidsonGifted**: @HoagiesGifted Good to see you here, Hoagies! #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **mygiftedgirl**: Parents/teachers: Want your #gifted students to revel in reading/literature? Join us for #gtchat now!
- 11:59 pm **DeborahMersino**: Drumroll...@HoagiesGifted is in the house! I'm honored and delighted to have you here for #gtchat !