



Transcript from March 19, 2010 to March 20, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

March 19, 2010

- SchoolFamily:** RT @DeborahMersino: Planning a Summer for #Gifted Kids: Pool, Camp, Both? will be the topic of our noon/EST #gtchat on Friday!
- 12:29 am **giftedmum:** @getsweetie thanks for that...hopefully I will catch U 2morrow on #gtchat ..where You no doubt shine & sow your pearls of wisdom (like many)
- 12:34 am **getsweetie:** @Giftedmum I do so enjoy #gtchat....what a wealth I so wish exited when I began teaching in 1985 #gtchat
- 12:40 am **cybraryman1:** RT @DeborahMersino: Planning a Summer for #Gifted Kids: Pool, Camp, Both? will be the topic of our noon/EST #gtchat on Friday!
- 12:41 am **cybraryman1:** RT @DeborahMersino: Coping w/ Blending/Underachievers/Desire to "Fit In? will be the subject of our 7pm/EST #gtchat on Friday! #gifted
- 12:41 am **giftedmum:** RT @DeborahMersino: Coping w/ Blending/Underachievers/Desire to "Fit In? will be the subject of our 7pm/EST #gtchat on Friday! #gifted
- 12:43 am **giftedmum:** RT @getsweetie: @Giftedmum I do so enjoy #gtchat....what a wealth I so wish exited when I began teaching in 1985 #gtchat
- 1:52 am **DeborahMersino:** @SchoolFamily @giftedmum @getsweetie @cybraryman1 - Thank you for the RTs and mentions. #gtchat thrives b/c of you!
- 1:52 am **getsweetie:** @DeborahMersino Deborah, you make #gtchat come alive with your organization and input! #gtchat
- 1:58 am **giftedmum:** RT @DeborahMersino: @SchoolFamily @giftedmum @getsweetie @cybraryman1 - Thank you for the RTs and mentions. #gtchat thrives b/c of you!
- 3:16 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @getsweetie @DeborahMersino Deborah, you make #gtchat come alive with your organization and input! #gtchat <== Many, many thanks!
- 3:18 am **KathyLoh:** @DeborahMersino my pleasure Deborah - I love what you created with #gtchat
- 8:46 am **Begabungs:** RT @DeborahMersino: Coping w/ Blending/Underachievers/Desire to "Fit In? will be the subject of our 7pm/EST #gtchat on Friday! #gifted
- 9:44 am **CathRiordan:** RT @DeborahMersino: Planning a Summer for #Gifted Kids: Pool, Camp, Both? will be the topic of our noon/EST #gtchat on Friday!
- 9:44 am **CathRiordan:** RT @DeborahMersino: Coping w/ Blending/Underachievers/Desire to "Fit In? will be the subject of our 7pm/EST #gtchat on Friday! #gifted
- 10:26 am **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: Coping w/ Blending/Underachievers/Desire to "Fit In? will be the subject of our 7pm/EST #gtchat on Friday! #gifted
- 1:35 pm **GranvillePACE:** Today! RT @DeborahMersino: Planning a Summer for #Gifted Kids: Pool, Camp, Both? will be the topic of our noon/EST #gtchat on Friday!
- 1:37 pm **GranvillePACE:** 2nd gifted chat today! RT @DeborahMersino: Coping w/ Blending/Underachievers/Desire to "Fit In?- 7pm/EST #gtchat on Friday! #gifted
- 3:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** Less than an hour to our noon/EST #gtchat: Topic: Planning a Summer for #Gifted: Camp, Pool, Both? Join us!
- 3:23 pm **Is1smith:** RT @DeborahMersino: Less than an hour to our noon/EST #gtchat: Topic: Planning a Summer for #Gifted: Camp, Pool, Both? Join us!
- 3:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat.

- 4:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to our noon/EST #gtchat. Out topic today: "Planning a Summer for #Gifted Kids: Camp, Pool, Both? Join in the learning!
- 4:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself, your role (parent, teacher, camp representative, advocate) and where you reside! #gtchat
- 4:01 pm **Is1smith:** @DeborahMersino Is this how I join the chat? <http://twitter.com/search?#gtchat>
- 4:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, mother to 2 girls and consultant to #gifted & talented communities. I'm in very snowy CO.
- 4:02 pm **deepwaterscoach:** I am Lisa Lauffer, Chief Sanity Officer to Gifted Grownups & Parents of GT Kids. Mom to 2 GT kids, one of whom is 2e. I'm in CO. #gtchat
- 4:02 pm **laughingatchaos:** I'm Jen in CO, mom to 2 GT kids. Planning out the summer; may need to sell my liver for them to go to everything. ;) #gtchat
- 4:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Is1smith - Yes, if you put in #gtchat in the search button, you'll start seeing the feed (it will let you know when new tweets pop up!
- 4:03 pm **Is1smith:** I am a mom of one gifted child. New to everything. Excited to chat with so many experienced people! #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laughingatchaos - LOL. You bring up a good point. The cost of camps. It's just one of the many things we'll be talking about during #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **laughingatchaos:** @Is1smith You'll find this is a treasure trove of info here. Welcome! :) #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino The non-day camps are pricey. Day camps are more reasonable, but not as interesting to the boys. #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** While other are joining #gtchat & introducing themselves, I'm going to start posting some excellent camp resource links (for later viewing).
- 4:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** NAGC (US) has a page devoted to summer camps/programs: <http://bit.ly/9EIgVw> #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Hi everyone, Erik from the Davidson Institute (advocacy and resources) here from Las Vegas. #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** Here's @HoagiesGifted 's list of Summer Programs/Enrichment Camps for #gifted | <http://bit.ly/auoAoQ> #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **Is1smith:** @laughingatchaos Thanks! And a very timely topic today! #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **laughingatchaos:** Son1 is going to Camp Invention, HIGHLY recommend for science/tech kids: <http://tinyurl.com/yg6yox> #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - So happy you're here, Erik! #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino So does the Davidson Gifted Database http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/browse_resources_217.aspx #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **laughingatchaos:** Also likely signing him up for a writing camp for reluctant writers (he's VERY reluctant): <http://tinyurl.com/y17mx9> #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** Here's John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth Page: <http://www.cty.jhu.edu/#gifted> #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **DavidsonGifted:** So happy to be here! Thanks Deborah! #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **laughingatchaos:** Lego camp pricey but well loved, BitsBytesBots won't work in our schedule #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laughingatchaos - I've heard great reviews of Camp Invention also! Good for you. #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **laughingatchaos:** Son2...no idea what to sign him up for. Sigh... #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** Stanford University's Enrichment Program for #Gifted Youth (EPGY) also has summer offerings | <http://bit.ly/9TdaWo> #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino This is his 4th year at Camp Invention. I'd like to see if he

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laugningatcnaos: [@DeborahMersino](#) This is his 4th year at Camp Invention. He'd love there if he could. #gtchat

4:09 pm

DeborahMersino: Saturday & Summer Enrichment Programs from William and Mary: <http://bit.ly/dqmk7h> #gifted #gtchat

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laughingatchaos: It's HARD to find a GT camp that takes into effect the 2e part. He'd love some of these GT camps, but shuts down when hard #gtchat

4:10 pm

CathRiordan: Hi from Ireland. Just joining briefly as going to launch of crochet coral reef project [@sciencegallery](#) with dd shortly #gtchat

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pamfr: #gtchat Our enthusiastic but introv DS likes alternating wks of engineering-ish class and golf/watersports. No FT wks backtoback.

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Brilliant_Chaos: Attending #gtchat for parents of gifted kids on Twitter. Join us right now!

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laughingatchaos: Maybe I'll take camp money and move us to the beach for the summer. ;) #gtchat

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deepwaterscoach: Attending #gtchat for parents of gifted kids on Twitter. Join us right now!

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cybraryman1: First, you should sit down with your child and ask them what they would interested in doing. #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: Question One: What is the biggest factor you consider when choosing a camp: cost, time, reputation, availability, admission process? #gtchat

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JaneBalvanz: Here's the Belin & Blank Center in Iowa City, IA <http://www.education.uiowa.edu/belinblank/old/summer/> #gtchat

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Is1smith: How do you balance learning with fun. I don't want to push too much. #gtchat

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deepwaterscoach: Excellent idea! RT [@laughingatchaos](#): Maybe I'll take camp money and move us to the beach for the summer. ;) #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: [@CathRiordan](#) [@pamfr](#) [@BrilliantChaos](#): Glad you're joining us! #gtchat

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laughingatchaos: [@DeborahMersino](#) Combo cost/time/distance. Not driving +30 min. to get anywhere. #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: RT [@JaneBalvanz](#): Here's the Belin & Blank Center in Iowa City, IA <http://www.education.uiowa.edu/belinblank/old/summer/> #gtchat

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pamfr: [@CathRiordan](#) Oh how cool! Coral reef crochet is one of my fave TED talks. Enjoy! #gtchat

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laughingatchaos: [@deepwaterscoach](#) Wanna come? LOL #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: [@JaneBalvanz](#) - Excellent! Thank you. #gtchat

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cybraryman1: Colleges, museums et al have good programs for GT students. One summer our son attended a college science program #gtchat

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profplayfair: [@DeborahMersino](#) Thanks for the reminder about EPGY. Was just looking for a summer class. <http://bit.ly/9TdaWo> #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: RT [@cybraryman1](#): First, you should sit down with your child and ask them what they would interested in doing. #gtchat

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deepwaterscoach: Timing is important, as is how well it will challenge my kids while not overstimulating my 2e kid. Tough combo to find! #gtchat

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laughingatchaos: [@cybraryman1](#) CU Boulder is very close; looking into incredible science programs there #gtchat

4:12 pm

deepwaterscoach: I am so there! But would our kids drive each other crazy? RT [@laughingatchaos](#): [@deepwaterscoach](#) Wanna come? LOL #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: [@cybraryman1](#) brings up an essential and sometimes overlooked point. What do your #gifted kids WANT to do/what are their interests? #gtchat

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CathRiordan: [@pamfr](#) Myself and dd have been helping to install it in Dublin. So cool! #gtchat

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laughingatchaos: [@deepwaterscoach](#) EXACTLY! 2e kids+camp can=disaster. Sigh... #gtchat

- 4:13 pm **laughingatchaos:** @deepwaterscoach Actually, they'd prob have a great time! ;) #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @cybraryman1 So True. Let them guide the process (to a certain degree). They will get much more out of the experience. #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **debbyfriend:** RT @JaneBalvanz Here's the Belin & Blank Center in Iowa City, IA <http://www.education.uiowa.edu/belinblank/old/summer/> #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** How to Choose a Summer Camp for #Gifted Kids | <http://bit.ly/dscM4Z> #gtchat (sound ideas/tips)
- 4:13 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Let them guide the process (to a certain degree). They will get much more out of the experience. #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Considering what our children want? Much of the time, honestly, I'm seeking relief for myself! LOL! #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** The balancing act is an important aspect. It is summer. We want them to have fun learning, but also BE kids. #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @deepwaterscoach: Considering what our children want? Much of the time, honestly, I'm seeking relief for myself! LOL! #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **laughingatchaos:** @deepwaterscoach A few hours in a long summer for US to rejuvenate! #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Summer programs might be the only time of year highly #gifted kids are with peers and truly engaged. They are important opportunities! #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: The balancing act is an important aspect. It is summer. We want them to have fun learning, but also BE kids. #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **cybraryman1:** We had E & E weekends. One day was devoted to Education (historic places, museums, etc.) and the other to Entertainment #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **NateStories:** RT @DeborahMersino: Here's @HoagiesGifted 's list of Summer Programs/Enrichment Camps for #gifted | <http://bit.ly/auoAoQ> #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: How to Choose a Summer Camp for #Gifted Kids | <http://bit.ly/dscM4Z> #gtchat (sound ideas/tips)
- 4:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip from Lea Barton: Check out #gifted kids requirements. Some require additional testing/months in advance. Good to know. #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - Great idea (E&E Weekends). #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **CathRiordan:** CTYI run the only GT camps in Ireland. Seems the most valued aspect is the social interaction #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** @NateStories - Glad you're here. We're talking about what matters most when choosing a #gifted camp & finding balance. #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @CathRiordan: CTYI run the only GT camps in Ireland. Seems the most valued aspect is the social interaction #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** @CathRiordan - Important point...the peer group/tribe...being able to revel in learning, while being who they are! #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **cybraryman1:** You have to do a lot of research & give your children choices. If possible visit with child the different possibilities. #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** Another tip from Lea Barton: Determine how much you can afford {Don't overextend}. This can be difficult, particularly now. #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **Is1smith:** @cybraryman1 I like that! So you chose opportunities in your area for one day each weekend! #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** Another Lea Barton tip: Know your child's emotional intelligence. If it's a sleepover camp, can your child handle that? #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** Last Lea Barton tip: Make sure you're not forcing your child to do a gifted version of summer school. Should enrich/stimulate/be fun #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** Warning/consideration: 2E kids, as you know, need extra support. Call the

camp beforehand to discuss whether its a good fit. #gtchat

- 4:19 pm **cybraryman1:** @ls1smith My children loved the Entertainment day and years later thanked us for the day ed trips #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **CathRiordan:** For over 13's here, the only option is a residential 2 or 2 week camp. A bit daunting for a 1st timer, so my ds not keen #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** What about down time? How much time should kids have in your opinion? How much TV/computer/play time/pool? #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino That last tip is a great one.Make sure it is something THEY want to do, or risk turning them off to future learning. #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **Is1smith:** Thinking about looking into the arts this summer. she likes to create. any suggestions? #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: Last Lea Barton tip: Don't force ur child 2 do a gifted version of summer school. Should enrich/stimulate/be fun #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **Is1smith:** I think more time for pool, play...ie downtime in summer is important. less tv all of the time lol! #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ls1smith - You can get creative. Sometimes art centers/programs will allow younger students to attend older classes if gifted #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **deepwaterscoach:** I am a huge believer in down time. Kids get really creative & need to blow off steam. #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ls1smith - We looked into getting a mentor (photography) for our then 5-year-old who couldn't get enough of digital photog. #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @ls1smith How old? Looking for local or residential (anywhere)? #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **CathRiordan:** Rather than a camp, our support group is looking for activities for our kids to do together #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **deepwaterscoach:** We relax screen time rules, tho they may not run rampant w/ screen activities. Pool time is huge for my 2e kiddo! #gtchat
- 4:23 pm **deepwaterscoach:** I know one mom who has kids earn their screen time w/ outside activities, chores, etc. #gtchat
- 4:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** Another tip: Don't forget about scholarships!! Don't rule out something if you scholarships might be available. #gtchat
- 4:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @CathRiordan: Rather than a camp, our support group is looking for activities for our kids to do together #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @deepwaterscoach: I know one mom who has kids earn their screen time w/ outside activities, chores, etc.|| LOVE that idea. :) #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **Is1smith:** @DeborahMersino Great to know. she is very emotional so thought she might like to try drama as an outlet. #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **laughingatchaos:** @CathRiordan Hmm...perhaps I should create a local support group for summer field trips? #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** @CathRiordan - They can revel in being with their tribe...love it. #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** Drama is a WONDERFUL outlet for creative types! #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laughingatchaos - Sign me up sister! #gtchat #NewJenLedFieldTripTribe #CO
- 4:26 pm **Is1smith:** @DavidsonGifted She will be 8 in June....looking for local (Charlotte, nc) that allows her to create and maybe explore drama. #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **cybraryman1:** When we banned TV watching M-Th our children were not happy but soon did not mind as they got involved in different activities #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @deepwaterscoach: I am a huge believer in down time. Kids get really creative & need to blow off steam. #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** Question: How many of your children are assigned "homework packets" over the summer? Just curious. #gtchat

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- 4:27 pm **Is1smith:** I love the group idea for summer field trips. My d is already starting to feel "different" being subject accelarated! #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** My kids also seem "nicer" and better behaved when we've had no-TV. I don't know if its the I-Carly programs of the world or what. #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **aposseadesse66:** @DeborahMersino Hi there! We get recommended reading lists but not homework packets, thank goodness. #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **CathRiordan:** Lots of stuff for non GT kids eg @dididrama and an author friend run <http://www.songandwriting.com/schools.html> #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Our school sells books to help children stay sharp. Did them last year when we had long summer due to school finishing new bldg #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **Is1smith:** No homework...just recommended reading lists. I have to do my own leg work. #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Is1smith - Our 7pm/EST #gtchat topic is about "Blending and Desires to Fit In"...hope you'll join then too!
- 4:29 pm **ThereseHaberman:** RT @DeborahMersino: My kids also seem "nicer" and better behaved when we've had no-TV. I don't know if its the I-Carly programs of the world or what. #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @CathRiordan: Lots of stuff for non GT kids eg @dididrama and an author friend run <http://www.songandwriting.com/schools.html> #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **CathRiordan:** @aposseadesse66 Hi there. You can take the baton...I have to run! Will try and join next chat #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **deepwaterscoach:** I've read that gifted kids don't experience "summer dip" like other kids b/c their natural creativity & curiosity keeps them sharp. #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** @aposseadesse66 - Our girls get a big packet, however, I'm going to ask if they can get the next year's (as typically its too easy). #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** @CathRiordan - Thank you for sparking the summer group field trip movement for #gifted kids. Ireland rocks. #gtchat Bye!
- 4:31 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino @cybraryman1 One more:get outside in the summer! So important to get sufficient exercise for healthy development. #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @DeborahMersino @cybraryman1 One more:get outside in the summer! So important to get sufficient exercise for healthy development. #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** Sometimes I forget though, that having a schedule of sorts, can be comforting to #gifted kids...even if it encompasses downtime #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @DeborahMersino @cybraryman1 One more:get outside in the summer! So important to get sufficient exercise for healthy development. #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **DeborahMersino:** Regarding exercise/sun, it's vital. We do try to go to pool at least 4x a week for a fun few hours (in addition to swim practice). #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **aposseadesse66:** We used get a list of interesting books, project ideas, art ideas but not obligatory. All imaginative and creative, I loved it! #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **cybraryman1:** @DavidsonGifted Yes! You can have family fun many different ways outdoors, canoe/kayak, games, bike trips etc. #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **Is1smith:** Do your kids ever "resist" planned activities in the summer? or is key finding things they enjoy? #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** Danger: When moms/dads are working, it's tricky to balance out electronics/screen time with in-the-moment fun. #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** @aposseadesse66 - That's fabulous! Sounds healthy. #gtchat

- 4:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @ls1smith Do your kids ever "resist" planned activities in the summer? or is key finding things they enjoy? #gtchat (GREAT question)
- 4:35 pm **aposseadesse66:** @ls1smith Sometimes they sigh a bit about having to get ready, but always enjoy when we get there! #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **NAGCGIFTED:** NAGC will soon announce next round of Webinars On Wednesdays WOW and several of them (April-June) will be summer ideas. #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @ls1smith Tough one. I don't have much for you. Have you heard of the Childrens Theater of Charlotte? www.ctcharlotte.org/summer.html #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laughingatchaos - Did your son/s ever resist Camp Invention or did they just dive in from the get-go? #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **cybraryman1:** @DavidsonGifted Proper exercise & nutrition are my concerns for our youth! Phys Ed page. <http://bit.ly/5aPzSh> #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **aposseadesse66:** @DeborahMersino Yes, and it could be done at every child's level, gifted or not. #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @NAGCGIFTED: NAGC will soon announce next round of Webinars On Wednesdays WOW and several of them (April-June) will be summer ideas. #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @NAGCGIFTED: NAGC will soon announce next round of Webinars On Wednesdays WOW and several of them (April-June) will be summer ideas. #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** @NAGCGIFTED - How wonderful. We'll be sure to mark our calendars! #WOW Webinars are so informative. #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @cybraryman1: @DavidsonGifted Proper exercise & nutrition are my concerns for our youth! Phys Ed page. <http://bit.ly/5aPzSh> #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino Great! Take advantage while you have a reprieve from the business of school and the weather permits #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **Is1smith:** @DavidsonGifted Yes. Was actually going to check it out! Thx #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** I like the idea of sitting down as a family & looking at the summer calendar together. Allowing 4 ideas/suggestions/trips/musts/fun. #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: I like the idea of sitting down as a family & looking at the summer calendar together. Allowing 4 ideas/suggestions/trips/musts/fun. #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **gifts2love:** @DeborahMersino We've been doing that for a couple of years - buy in is great and it's fun to plan! #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** Back to the passion areas/interests #gifted kids often have so many varied interests. Asking them current likes can be enlightening! #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** @gifts2love - Good for you. This will be our first year! Just thought of it...lol. #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** Question: Has anyone had experience w/ a child volunteering at an animal shelter and/or working w/animals in some capacity? #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @ls1smith Nice. I don't know anyone who has attended but looks like a great opportunity. Interest-based & flexible scheduling #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **aposseadesse66:** My kids also like to go back to some familiar places & do same activities as previous years. #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **Is1smith:** @DeborahMersino I agree! My d announced she wants to swim team and take dance! #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **gifts2love:** @deepwaterscoach That wouldn't surprise me at all! #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino Sometimes this is hard b/c liability. At some places there are minimum ages. Wish it wasn't so! #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **aposseadesse66:** @DeborahMersino One of mine would love to volunteer at a dog shelter, that

- 4:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - I've worried about that...it's my Oldest's biggest passion area. Wants to care for snow leopards - today! :-) #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** How about parents who work? How do you balance work/kids/summer? Just curious! #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **aposseadesse66:** I'd say there would be some liability issues around snow leopards alright, lol! #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **Is1smith:** @DeborahMersino I am in academia but PT in summer; half week w/me the other with grandparentsts..makes summer activity a challenge #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino That would be an incredible experience. If you find an org willing to allow it, please share (I might join him!) #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - I've thought about contacting the Zoo, wildlife refuge organizations, horse camps - she wants to volunteer... #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino If you are ever in Vegas, The Secret Garden at the Mirage Hotel and Casino has a snow leopard (a baby, I think)! #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **Is1smith:** My D says she wants to be a vet. I thought about seeing if she could shadow one for a few hours! May be another good activity! #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - She's only 9 and says, "I know they won't pay me now, but if I volunteer long enough, I'll be a shoe in later" LOL #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** We've got about 10 minutes left. What are your takeaways from today? I'm going to follow gifts2love and sit down as a family. #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **CathRiordan:** 1last tweet: <http://www.songandwriting.com/schools.html> Camps for creative kids in Ireland. Teachers both young gifted women #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **Is1smith:** @DeborahMersino I like that! She already understands the value of hardwork to reach your goals! #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DeepWatersCoach - Does your son go to a Space Camp? #gifted #gtchat
- 4:51 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @Is1smith Do you have pets? If not, this might be a nice intro into animal care. Then you will also need a vet, a possible mentor? #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **gifts2love:** @DeborahMersino - ha! Want me to send you my spreadsheets? Or is that too scary? #gtchat - Perfectionists raise perfectionists, you know!
- 4:53 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @DeborahMersino We have not done a space camp. Honestly, w/ the education my kids get, space camp (so we've heard) isn't that great #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** Last tip: If you are interested in a #gifted camp, be sure to start investigating now (as they fill up/have requirements). #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** @deepwaterscoach - I had it mixed up. Sorry! :-) #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino Oh yes. For many of the more competitive programs (mostly middle/high school) it is already too late this year. #gtchat
- 4:55 pm **Is1smith:** I like the idea of getting together with other GT kids for summer outings! #gtchat
- 4:55 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino Start doing your resarch and looking at application deadlines in February at the latest! Maybe even January #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **deepwaterscoach:** No problem! RT @DeborahMersino: @deepwaterscoach - I had it mixed up. Sorry! :-) #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @Is1smith: I like the idea of getting together with other GT kids for summer outings! #gtchat || I think I'll be setting some up.
- 4:56 pm **Is1smith:** @DavidsonGifted Good to know. When should I start for future reference? #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** Mentors, pool, picnics, reading, sharing, sunsets, drives, hiking, running through sprinklers, walks, talks, learning..summer.rocks. #gtchat

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Transcript for #gtchat - What the Hasht...

- 4:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @DeborahMersino Oh yes. For many of the more competitive programs (mostly middle/high school) it is already too late this year. #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - Good to know. Thank you! #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **deepwaterscoach:** I think we get hyped up on deadlines, but my experience has been that I can relax & possibilities open up. #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Our kids will end up exactly where they need to be over the summer, and it will be all good. There are so many possibilities! #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **gifts2love:** @DeborahMersino Love it! #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** Messiness can also be good. Experiments, dirt, grime, joy, skinned knees, bike rides...the stuff childhood summers are made of. #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **Is1smith:** this was my first gtchat. I will be back! Thanks for all of the advice! #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @deepwaterscoach: Our kids will end up exactly where they need to be over the summer, and it will be all good. There are so many possibilities! #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @Is1smith Really depends on the program. Gotta start early (Jan/Feb) and look at deadlines, make phone calls and ask about space #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **deepwaterscoach:** LOVE IT! RT @DeborahMersino: Messiness is also good. Experiments, dirt, grime, joy, skinned knees, bike rides.... #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Is1smith this was my first gtchat. I will be back! Thanks for all of the advice! #gtchat {So glad you were with us!!}
- 5:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Well, our time has come to an end. As always, I'm inspired at the collaborative learning and sharing taking place. Thank you all! #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @Is1smith #gtchat rocks! Welcome & we look forward to having you back!
- 5:01 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Some camps (like Davidson THINK Summer) are full now. While others might not fill up until right before they start. It is so varied. #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @DeborahMersino Thanks again for a wonderful #gtchat!
- 5:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** Special thanks to @DavidsonGifted and @NAGCGIFTED for being here...greatly appreciate your presence. #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **NAGCGIFTED:** wide variety of programs are listed in the NAGC resource directory <http://bit.ly/bDhYA9> #gtchat #gifted
- 5:02 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @NAGCGIFTED: wide variety of programs are listed in the NAGC resource directory <http://bit.ly/bDhYA9> #gtchat #gifted
- 5:02 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @laughingatchaos You could check out our mentor guidebook to get started: <http://bit.ly/a8USV7> <http://bit.ly/a1HjZ1>. #gtchat
- 5:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** Join us at 7pm/EST for our second #gtchat session on Underachievement, Blending and Desires to "Fit In." #gifted
- 5:04 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: Join us at 7pm/EST for our second #gtchat session on Underachievement, Blending and Desires to "Fit In." #gifted
- 5:04 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Good times! Thanks Deborah. Please visit our Davidson Database: www.davidsongifted.org/db for loads of summer opportunities #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **gifts2love:** RT @DeborahMersino: Join us at 7pm/EST for our second #gtchat session on Underachievement, Blending and Desires to "Fit In." #gifted
- 5:05 pm **gifts2love:** @DeborahMersino Thank YOU! Such a great time. #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **DMTAG:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Good times! Thanks Deborah. Please visit our Davidson Database: www.davidsongifted.org/db for loads of summer opportunities #gtchat
- 7:24 pm **armadillosoft:** RT @DeborahMersino Join us at 7pm/EST for our second #gtchat session on Underachievement, Blending and Desires to "Fit In."

- 9:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** Very excited to be on a panel talking about the benefits of social networking & gifted education this Nov. at NAGC! #gifted #gtchat
- 10:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** In less than an hour, #gtchat takes place. Join us for a discussion of "Coping w/Underachievement, Blending & Desires to Fit In." #gifted
- 10:18 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: In less than an hour, join us for #gtchat of "Coping w/Underachievement, Blending & Desires to Fit In." #gifted
- 10:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** Has your #gifted child ever downplayed their intelligence in order to socially fit in? Join us for #gtchat at 7pm/EST.
- 10:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** Has your #gifted child complained about not "fitting in" & not wanting to do homework or raise their hand? Join us for #gtchat in 20 min.
- 10:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** Have you heard about your #gifted child "checking out" at school and/or not wanting to go to GT program? #gtchat begins at 7/EST. Join us.
- 10:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** Do you have a twice-exceptional student who struggles in some subjects & therefore is starting to dislike school? #gtchat at 7/EST. #gifted
- 10:53 pm **jsloan1223:** @DeborahMersino I have to get home and feed my kids. IF I get to the #gtchat, I will be late.
- 10:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. #gifted
- 11:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to global #gtchat! Out topic: "Underachievement, Blending and Desires to Fit In."
- 11:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself, your role (parent, teacher, advocate) & where you reside. #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, mother to two girls and consultant to GT communities. I'm in post-blizzard Colorado! #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **JustInTimeED:** Hello from Des Moines, Iowa...This is Frank. I am a parent and the president of DMTAG #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** While everyone is introducing themselves, I'm going to start posting resource links (for viewing later). There are lots! #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Clinical and school psychologist, upstate NY #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Erik here again with the Davidson Insitute. Currently residing in Las Vegas. #gtchat. Good to be here as always, Thanks Deborah.
- 11:03 pm **Is1smith:** I am Lisa Smith, parent of an 2nd grade GT, #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **mygiftedgirl:** RT @DeborahMersino: Do you have a twice-exceptional student who struggles in some subjects & therefore is starting to dislike school? #gtchat at 7/EST. #gifted
- 11:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** One of the best lists of "Underachievement" links/articles via @HoagiesGifted | <http://bit.ly/aF7IA1> #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **CathRiordan:** Hi from Ireland. Parent and advocate #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan - Welcome to #gtchat. We're glad you're here!
- 11:05 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DeborahMersino Thank you. Nice to be here. #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** Underachieving #Gifted Students: A Mother's Perspective by Pamela Hunter-Braden | via UConn | <http://bit.ly/9y3nBK> #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **dididrama:** Hello from Dublin! I'm doing ten things at once but I'll chip in as much as I can. I'm a teacher #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** If Erik hasn't yet posted, a great page by @DavidsonGifted on Underachievement in #Gifted | <http://bit.ly/9nQAvr> #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Underachievement can have so many causes...what have all the parents here observed as possible causes? #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** "Gifted Underachievement: Oxymoron or Educational Enigma?" by Barbara Hoover Schultz via @PrufrockPress | <http://bit.ly/dxICHQ> #atchat

- 11:06 pm **Is1smith:** RT @DeborahMersino: If Erik hasn't yet posted, a great page by @DavidsonGifted on Underachievement in #Gifted | <http://bit.ly/9nQAvr> #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Underachievement can have so many causes...what have all the parents here observed as possible causes? #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino You beat me to it, Deborah. Thanks! #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **Is1smith:** RT @DeborahMersino: Underachieving #Gifted Students: A Mother's Perspective by Pamela Hunter-Braden | via UConn | <http://bit.ly/9y3nBK> #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **Is1smith:** RT @DeborahMersino: One of the best lists of "Underachievement" links/articles via @HoagiesGifted | <http://bit.ly/aF7IA1> #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **dididrama:** so glad the clocks went back stateside! It'll nice to be able to #gtchat at 11pm for a few weeks!! #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted- Identity issues, family stress, conflicting expectations of teacher vs. friends, 2E challenges... #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **mygiftedgirl:** I am Audrey, mom of 2nd grader and a 1st grader. Both girls. 1st Grader is 2e. processing speed glitches mostly. #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **Is1smith:** My daughter complains about homework being too easy. #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **GaryBrannigan:** My professional experiences have been environmental, social, and emotional, as well as interactions among them #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **sandynay:** RT @DeborahMersino: One of the best lists of "Underachievement" links/articles via @HoagiesGifted | <http://bit.ly/aF7IA1> #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** "An Anomaly: Parenting a Twice Exceptional Girl" by Kiesa Kay | Hollingworth | <http://bit.ly/cxn3ZU> #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **mygiftedgirl:** RT @DeborahMersino: "An Anomaly: Parenting a Twice Exceptional Girl" by Kiesa Kay | Hollingworth | <http://bit.ly/cxn3ZU> #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** @davidsongifted Also labeling a child an "underachiever" disregards positive outcomes and/or behaviors the child displays - Delisle #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @DeborahMersino oohh love it!! thanks for that one!! #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **dididrama:** I'd like to clarify for myself, is underachievement always "on purpose"? Can it be due to unidentified giftedness etc. #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** Parenting Strategies to Motivate Underachieving Gifted Students via @DukeTIP's newsletter | <http://bit.ly/cjqk1Y> #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Underachieving seems to be nurtured by the schools. #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **sandynay:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat Teacher Librarian NSW Australia mother of 5 2xexceptional
- 11:12 pm **Is1smith:** My D just subject accelerated 2 weeks ago. she is already concerned about the questions she gets from others #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** @dididrama - Great question. Underachievement can be due to unidentified giftedness & boredom. #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **CathRiordan:** Fear of not being as good as older sibling, may cause child to pretend not to care/work hard, just in case is proven correct. #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @GaryBrannigan Ok, so the task is to make sure the environmental, social and emotional conditions are such to encourage achievement #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** @sandynay - Welcome! Love Australian tweeps & highly respect any mother of five. #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @CathRiordan: Fear of not being as good as older sibling, may cause child to pretend not to care/work hard, just in case is proven correct. #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **sandynay:** RT @DeborahMersino: Welcome to global #gtchat! Our topic: "Underachievement. Blending and Desires to Fit In." join in now #NSWDET

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- 11:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ls1smith - Tender. My Oldest has also been complaining about being the only one going to do EPGY in the afternoons. #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** Showed me her diary, which said, "I love GT, but I JUST WANT TO FIT IN." #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **Is1smith:** Any research that says whole grade acceleration improves this? #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **ewhims:** @DavidsonGifted boredom w/material, age peers not intellectual peers, no challenges, eventually say "why bother" sad #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **GaryBrannigan:** In my exp. , kids with most difficult time were divergent thinkers #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @CathRiordan So true.. Our girls are 22 months apart. So it's a real issue. Our youngest is finally starting to see her strengths. #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **mygiftedgirl:** RT @GaryBrannigan: In my exp. , kids with most difficult time were divergent thinkers #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @dididrama No, UA is not always intentional. Anytime someone fails to meet potential UA occurs. Many times caused by external factors. #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **JustInTimeED:** As parents we identify giftedness too late. Young gifted children have established a peer groups #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** Experience of #Gifted Girls Transitioning from Elementary School to 6th & 7th Grade | Theory | <http://bit.ly/bZYzIP> #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **MyGiftedLife:** this is @bfwriter checking in late to #gtchat for MGL, had to take the dog out. :)
- 11:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** Underachieving #Gifted Students by James R. Delisle/Sandra L. Berger | TY @HoagiesGifted <http://bit.ly/cmH6e3> {must read} #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **GaryBrannigan:** In some cases, parents have focused on talent and ignored barriers to success in other devel. areas, like soc, emo, phy #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @ls1smith There is a ton of resarch supporting whole grade acceleration. Success depends on when and how done and teachers of course #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ewhims @JustInTimeED @MyGiftedLife - Good to see you all here! We're talking about causes of blending, underachievement. #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @GaryBrannigan: In some cases, parents have focused on talent and ignored barriers to success in other devel. areas, like soc, emo, phy #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **CathRiordan:** RT @GaryBrannigan: In some cases, parents have focused on talent and ignored barriers to success in other devel. areas, like soc, emo, phy #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Can't tell if underachieving or ADHD getting in the way with my oldest. She zones out, pays attention to other things, in lalaland #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DavidsonGifted I think that the emphasis has shifted to enrichment more recently #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** Delisle & Bergner (one of last links posted) discuss a lot about the role of the family in helping reverse patters of UA. #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** Quoting Delisle/Bergner - Gifted children thrive in a mutually respectful, nonauthoritarian, flexible, questioning atmosphere. #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **Is1smith:** @GaryBrannigan Enrichment vs. acceleration? i would love to see this research! #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @GaryBrannigan Perhaps in some circles. There is still a ton of work being done by Belin-Blank Center in Iowa on Acceleration #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **CathRiordan:** RT @DeborahMersino: Quoting Delisle/Bergner - Gifted children thrive in a mutually respectful, nonauthoritarian, flexible, questioning atmosphere. #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **aposedesse66:** Multipotentiality can cause issues too when so many things are of deep interest & are not developed to "high" standard #gtchat

- 11:25 pm **JustInTimeED:** @GaryBrannigan I would argue that schools have focused on same-age grouping and ignored the need to group intellectual peers #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** Who defines the standard of achievement is of particular interest too...Parents' view, teachers' view, students? #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **CathRiordan:** RT @JustInTimeED: @GaryBrannigan schools have focused on same-age grouping and ignored the need to group intellectual peers #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** Some students are more interested in learning than in working for grades...should be encouraged to pursue interests! #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **GaryBrannigan:** One phy sm, shy, high IQ child I remember was accelerated. 2 years later parents retained her because she was not happy: no friends #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **Is1smith:** @DeborahMersino I agree. And achievement should be "whole child" focused. #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** While clustering, acceleration vs. enrichment are all vital subjects of debate, how can we address issues of blending & UA tonight? #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino So True. What might be acceptable achievement to a teacher might really be underachievement for a bright student. #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** Although it is vital to note that often boredom equates w/ underachievement; hence the correlation. #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - Agreed. A 98? I can't believe I didn't get 100. #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **Is1smith:** @DeborahMersino Good point. But parents keep telling me it's harde to get into "good colleges" now. high pressure new norm #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **GaryBrannigan:** I worry more about the dev of talent to the detriment of well rounded dev. #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** Adept school counselors and #gifted counselors can play a vital role with this...helping with self-concept/strong identity. #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan -Good consideration. Pressures from parents/teachers relative to "talent" at expense of individual - detrimental! #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Is1smith We can model something different/change the new norm. Encourage passions, socio-emo discussions, think about how we model #gtchat
- 11:32 pm **Is1smith:** Helping kids see the application of what they are learning can help UA. A mentor may help since parents are "out of touch" LOL #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **DeborahMersino:** Question: How do you support a #gifted student who says, I don't want to try so hard? or I don't want to be the only one pulled out? #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Is1smith: @DeborahMersino I agree. And achievement should be "whole child" focused. #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DeborahMersino Thanks; it sounds a lot better the way you said it! #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino Agreed. If parents and other adults are constantly modeling "fitting in" at all costs what message does that send? #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan :-) #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **sandynay:** RT @Is1smith: @GaryBrannigan Enrichment vs. acceleration? i would love to see this research!#gtchat
- 11:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** I've mentioned this before, but Dr. Rick Olenchak talks about wanting to scream at parents who complain about Bs! #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **aposedesse66:** @DeborahMersino Let them take the scenic route sometimes? As long as they have tasted passion & success they'll come back to it #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **CathRiordan:** Afraid I'm not too good at modelling the fitting in thing..my kids find me somewhat of an embarrassment at times! #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - Agreed. Are we overtly focused on their grades, our status or are we encouraging their passions/trustings? #gtchat

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- 11:36 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Even if parents don't stress fitting in, peers sure will. Remember your middle sch and hs years? #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** We all know the pressure-cooker doesn't work! #Gifted kids are often perfectionistic anyway; we can help model/show them a new way #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **CathRiordan:** So true RT @GaryBrannigan: Even if parents don't stress fitting in, peers sure will. #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** Middle school years can be brutal. I'm already seeing it in third grade. #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @GaryBrannigan Sure, true but parents have a large influence too. They need to balance out the hyperblending culture at school #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tips from @DukeTIP newsletter: Parents can model their own curiosity about the world around them. Nurture child's curiosity #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Humanists stress that if you take care of the emotions, intellect will take care of itself. I don't believe it fully, but interesting #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **Is1smith:** That's why good friends are so important which can be hard for GT friends to make. #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **JustInTimeED:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @GaryBrannigan Sure, true but parents have a large influence too. They need to balance out the hyperblending culture at school #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip: Parents can let children know they value school & how school can assist in pursuing passions later in life. #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **CathRiordan:** RT @DeborahMersino: Tips from @DukeTIP newsletter: Parents can model their own curiosity about the world around them. Nurture child's curiosity #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DavidsonGifted No doubt. Parents also need to play a central role in helping child understand gift/talent #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **jofrei:** Hi sorry I'm late in joining in #gtchat Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources Melbourne Aus
- 11:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** More tips from @DukeTIP - Talk about your child's giftedness w/ them. Let them know they are continually changing/growing. #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @GaryBrannigan: @DavidsonGifted No doubt. Parents also need to play a central role in helping child understand gift/talent #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei - Glad you're here! #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tip via @DukeTIP - Help them understand challenging situations are opp. to acquire/improve skills. #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** "Encountering difficulty does not mean you are not intelligent!" #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **CathRiordan:** Understanding their giftedness is vital. Makes it easier to accept not always fitting in. #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @GaryBrannigan Definitely. Focus on uniqueness and encourage acceptance of differences in everyday life. Hopefully some will sink in. #gtchat
- 11:44 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Are we stressing children who are intellectually gifted tonite? #gtchat
- 11:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** Role models/mentors, interactions with other #gifted students, discussions about adjusting to new environments - all vital. #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** What's worked for you? #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **kevinnia:** @GaryBrannigan Just curious, what is #gtchat?
- 11:45 pm **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: Role models/mentors, interactions with other #gifted

- 11:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan - #gtchat is devoted to discussions centering on gifted students.
- 11:46 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @CathRiordan Right, but noy as easy as people think. Parents & teachers may have a hard time understanding child #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @kevinnia Gifted and talented #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino Great point. Nothing like a great role model or mentor to show a young person they don't always need to conform. #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **JustInTimeED:** Dr. Colangelo of Belin-Blank once said that gifted children check-out as early as 2nd grade. Many schools don't ID them until 3rd #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** We're all a bit nutty, aren't we? Celebrating differences & seeing the strengths in ALL individuals will help our #gifted immensely. #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Good advice for what parents can to do reverse underachievement at school: http://www.dauidsongifted.org/db/Articles_id_10290.aspx #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm a fan of @JeniferFox 's "Your Child's Strengths: A Guide for Parents and Teachers." We must celebrate everyone's strengths #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **sandynay:** RT @DeborahMersino: More tips from @DukeTIP - Talk about your child's giftedness w/them. Let them know they are continually changing/growing. #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @JustInTimeED: Dr. Colangelo of Belin-Blank once said that gifted children check-out as early as 2nd grade. Many schools don't ID them until 3rd #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DeborahMersino Program for gifted can benefit many other students. Where do you draw the line? #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** @JustInTimeED - So true. Have heard from 1st graders, "Why are we doing stuff that we've already done in pre-school?" #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Good advice for what parents can to do reverse underachievement at school: http://www.dauidsongifted.org/db/Articles_id_10290.aspx #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Pretty good resource for helping identify and deal with underachievement: www.pengifted.org/overcome-under.cfm #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan - Good question. No quick/fast answer. Perhaps we can dialogue at another point. Cut-offs vary state-to-state. #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **Is1smith:** @JustInTimeED Interesting b/c this is the first year my D started lying about not having homework (she is in 2nd grade) #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **JustInTimeED:** @GaryBrannigan who says we have to draw a line. #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** We only have a few minutes left. Do you have other questions? Final thoughts and/or ideas about what you might do differently/try? #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **jofrei:** RT @JustInTimeED: Dr. Colangelo of Belin-Blank once said that gifted children check-out as early as 2nd grade. Many schools don't ID them until 3rd #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **GaryBrannigan:** With above ave, intelligence, character probably is the most important determinant of success in life #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **apossedesse66:** @GaryBrannigan In an ideal world we wouldn't have to draw the line #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Pretty good resource for helping identify and deal with underachievement: www.pengifted.org/overcome-under.cfm #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @JustInTimeED I have seen lines drawn based on IQ score #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **sandynay:** RT @Is1smith: That's why good friends are so important which can be hard 4 GT friends to make. #gtchat so true very lonely- lead 2depression
- 11:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** #Gifted kids have specific needs (re to asynchronous development, socio-

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- 11:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** Finding intellectual peers can be critical in terms of fostering a strong sense of self (including self-acceptance). #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **JustInTimeED:** @GaryBrannigan so have I but in most cases they did not need to be drawn. #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **JustInTimeED:** RT @DeborahMersino: Finding intellectual peers can be critical in terms of fostering a strong sense of self (including self-acceptance). #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **CathRiordan:** RT @DeborahMersino: Finding intellectual peers can be critical in terms of fostering a strong sense of self (incl self-acceptance). #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** Final thoughts regarding supporting #gifted students who struggle to "fit in", wind up blending, etc.? #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @JustInTimeED I agree. #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: #Gifted kids have specific needs (re to asynchronous development, socio-emotional, 2E and/or perfectionism) that need special attn. #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** Listening, without interruption, can be vital. Having them talk about their struggles, their frustrations, loneliness, hurts, fears #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: Finding intellectual peers can be critical in terms of fostering a strong sense of self (including self-acceptance). #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Happiness is the criterion! #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Providing lots of educational enrichment opportunities (but not pushing) will encourage an appetite for learning and achievement. #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Providing lots of educational enrichment opportunities (but not pushing) will encourage an appetite for learning and achievement. #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **aposedesse66:** @DeborahMersino I agree, listening to them is so important. #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **GaryBrannigan:** I have seen or heard of many instances of people with gifts living like hermits #gtchat

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- DeborahMersino:** Thank you everyone! That's it for this session. Here's to supporting our #gifted learners. I'll post our transcript shortly. #gtchat
- 12:01 am **JustInTimeED:** Educational goals based upon the needs of each student and a move away from homogenized curriculum #gtchat
- 12:01 am **GaryBrannigan:** Thank you, Deborah #gtchat
- 12:01 am **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Thank you once again for #gtchat
- 12:01 am **CathRiordan:** @DeborahMersino Thank you once again Deborah #gtchat
- 12:02 am **sandynay:** RT @DeborahMersino: Listening, without interruption, can be vital. Having them talk about their struggles, their frustrations, loneliness, hurts, fears #gtchat
- 12:03 am **JustInTimeED:** Thank you Deborah and everyone that participated. This was an exceptionally interesting discussion #gtchat
- 12:04 am **dididrama:** Missed most of the chat unfortunately but thanks all and good night, esp @DeborahMersino #gtchat
- 12:06 am **DeborahMersino:** Transcript for 03.19 #gtchat on Coping w/Underachievement/Blending & Desires to Fit In <http://bit.ly/cqFjsS> {sorry, must scroll to 11pm/GMT}
- 12:06 am **sandynay:** RT @JustInTimeED: Educational goals based upon the needs of each student and a move away from homogenized curriculum #gtchat

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12:08 am

DeborahMersino: #gtchat tweeps: With recent daylight savings adjustments, our transcripts are a bit trickier to read. Will work to rectify; TY for patience!

12:08 am

DeborahMersino: It's been my pleasure everyone! Thank you again. #gtchat

12:09 am

kidlutions: @DeborahMersino Oh, drats! Missed #gtchat as I was busy taking 15 y.o. for a night out at the movies w/friends!

12:11 am

jofrei: @DeborahMersino re With recent daylight savings adjustments AHA! That explains why #gtchat started earlier

1:13 am

mygiftedgirl: Missed the last half of #gtchat due to dancing with the daughters! Great resources were shared! Thank you!

1:24 am

yr6explores1984: RT @DeborahMersino: Listening, without interruption, can be vital. Having them talk about their struggles, their frustrations, loneliness, hurts, fears #gtchat

2:14 am

Doublelattemama: RT @talentdevelop: Elaine Aron: Are giftedness & high sensitivity the same? <http://ow.ly/1oEpM> #gifted kids #gtchat

2:20 am

DeborahMersino: Good for you. :-) RT @mygiftedgirl Missed last half of #gtchat due to dancing with the daughters! Great resources were shared! Thank you!

2:32 am

AudreyFG: Congrats! RT @DeborahMersino: Fun fact: Nearly 1,000 tweets devoted to #gtchat this week alone! Our community is growing. #gifted

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5:05 am

teachagiftedkid: @DeborahMersino Just realized that it was Friday. I've been on Spring Break this week. Will catch up on the #gtchat this weekend.

6:00 am

giftedmum: RT @Jenniferkolari: RT @DeborahMersino: Trans for 03.19 #gtchat Coping w/Underachievement/Blending & Desires to Fit In <http://bit.ly/cqFjsS> {scroll to 11pm/GMT}

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6:02 am

giftedmum: Sorry 2 have missed #gtchat was on the water, in the warm Autumn Sun having some gr8 family & me time.Looking 4ward 2 reading the transcripts

6:40 pm

dididrama: @CathRiordan Thanks for Song and Writing mention during #gtchat - just saw it there!

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