



Transcript from April 30, 2010 to April 30, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

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- 12:47 am **soundsuccess:** #FF @DeborahMersino what can I say? You'd be mad not to follow if you have #gifted kids. #gtchat
- 9:05 am **THE_REAL_GIFTED:** #This This sounds intriguing RT @DeborahMersino "Everyday Social Life of #Gifted Kids: Proactive Support" will be our 7 pm/EST #gtchat ...
- 9:13 am **Begabung:** RT @soundsuccess: #FF @DeborahMersino what can I say? You'd be mad not to follow if you have #gifted kids. #gtchat
- 11:38 am **soundsuccess:** soundsuccess Getting excited about Gifted 2010! conference <http://bit.ly/9jHBQ7> Still so long to wait #gifted #gtchat
- 11:54 am **cybraryman1:** RT @LesLinks: RT @DeborahMersino: "Trouble Signs: Depression/Anger/Narcissism/Isolation" will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic today!
- 12:33 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Today "Trouble Signs: Depression/Anger/Narcissism/Isolation" will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic.. "Everyday Social... <http://bit.ly/c3zcpF>
- 2:14 pm **LesLinks:** RT @mygiftedgirl: Today "Trouble Signs: Depression/Anger/Narcissism/Isolation" will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic.. "Everyday Social... <http://bit.ly/c3zcpF>
- 3:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @soundsuccess #FF @DeborahMersino what can I say? You'd be mad not to follow if you have #gifted kids. #gtchat <== U made my morning! TY!
- 3:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** Get ready! Global #gtchat begins at noon/EST. Topic: "Trouble Signs: Depression/Anger/Narcissism/Isolation" #gifted
- 3:04 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @DeborahMersino: Get ready! Global #gtchat begins at noon/EST. Topic: "Trouble Signs: Depression/Anger/Narcissism/Isolation" #gifted
- 3:19 pm **SchoolFamily:** RT @DeborahMersino: Get ready! Global #gtchat begins at noon/EST. Topic: "Trouble Signs: Depression/Anger/Narcissism/Isolation" #gifted
- 3:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** ATTN: Parents of #Gifted. Join us for #gtchat in 30 minutes for a discussion on "Trouble Signs: Depression/Anger/Narcissism/Isolation."
- 3:37 pm **SeaburySchool:** RT @DeborahMersino: Get ready! Global #gtchat begins at noon/EST. Topic: "Trouble Signs: Depression/Anger/Narcissism/Isolation" #gifted
- 3:52 pm **jofrei:** RT @soundsuccess: soundsuccess Getting excited about Gifted 2010! conference <http://bit.ly/9jHBQ7> Still so long to wait #gifted #gtchat
- 3:57 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DeborahMersino: Get ready! Global #gtchat begins noon/EST. Topic: "Trouble Signs: Depression/Anger/Narcissism/Isolation" #gifted #gtchat
- 3:59 pm **chrstinef:** Hi guys...joining for a little bit today! #gtchat
- 3:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. I apologize the intense stream flow...feel free to unfollow for a bit if need be!
- 4:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to #gtchat! Our topic for our noon/EST session today, "Trouble Signs: Depression/Anger/Narcissism/Isolation." Join us! #gifted
- 4:01 pm **jofrei:** Hi! Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources in Melbourne Aus joining #gtchat at 2.00am
- 4:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourselves, your role (teacher, parent, counselor, advocate) and where you reside. #gtchat

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Transcript for #gtchat - What the Hasht...

- 4:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat and consultant to gifted communities/organizations, mother to 2 girls in Colorado.
- 4:02 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Clinical & School Psychologist from upstate New York #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** Question #1: What do you think some of the trouble signs are (relative to gifted)? #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **chrstinef:** I'm Christine Fonseca, Author of Emotionally Intense (Prufrock Press 2010), School Psych, and mom of two gifted girls in California #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **cybraryman1:** Hi from Florida! Parent, grandparent, retired teacher, writer & Twitterbrarian #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** Trouble signs: Difficulty w/social relationships, refusal to do routine, inappropriate criticism of others (via Dr. James Webb). #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **halleyrebecca:** Staff and alum from Seabury School for gifted children in Tacoma, Wash. #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** Lack of awareness of impact on others, lack of challenge/schoolwork, depression, high anxiety, difficulty accepting criticism - Webb #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **SeaburySchool:** School for gifted pre-K through eighth graders in Tacoma, Wash. #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** Hi from England - as someone with a national policy background I expect to be mainly in listening mode today #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** @halleyrebecca - Welcome! Good to have you here! #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** Hi @GiftedPhoenix - We're glad you're here. We're discussing trouble signs in #gifted. #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **JeanneBernish:** #gtchat - checking in!
- 4:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** Hiding talents 2 fit in w/peers, nonconformity, resistance 2 authority, excess competitiveness, isolation, low frustration tolerance #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** @JeanneBernish - Welcome! We're discussing how "being different" can result in signs of trouble. #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: Lack of awareness of impact on others, lack of challenge/schoolwork, depression, high anxiety, difficulty accepting criticism - Webb #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Erik here from the Davidson Institute (advocate & resource). I currently live in Las Vegas, NV. #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** Gifted kids at risk: Who's listening? by Patricia Schuler via SENG| <http://bit.ly/cZcBoB> {Excellent!} #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **CoachNancyP:** @DeborahMersino @JeanneBernish Hi! I'm on the computer doing other things, but may chime in for a tweet or two. #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - Hi Erik. As always, a pleasure to have you with us. #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** @CoachNancyP - Great! #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** The research appears to show a distinct issue w/ misdiagnosing children/adults who are gifted. Have you seen this? #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **cybraryman1:** Teachers must be very cognizant of changes of behavior in their students #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **chrstinef:** RT @DeborahMersino: Gifted kids at risk: Who's listening? by Patricia Schuler via SENG| <http://bit.ly/cZcBoB> {Excellent!} #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** What are some of the emotional challenges/trouble signs you see in #gifted? #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **JeanneBernish:** @DeborahMersino Perfectionism #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - Yes, many gifted children/teens cover up symptoms of sadness/depression in order to fit in. #gtchat

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- 4:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** Schuler states that gifted students, who are a "pleasure to have in class" speak of anguish b/c of peer/adult rejection. #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **cybraryman1:** It is very important that the parent develop a good relationship with their child's teacher as they know the child best. #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** @JeanneBernish - Yes, perfectionism indeed! #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **chrstinef:** RT @JeanneBernish: and easily missed: distrust when promises by others (educators, parents) are unmet #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **chrstinef:** RT @DeborahMersino: @cybraryman1 - Yes, many gifted children/teens cover up symptoms of sadness/depression in order to fit in. #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **JeanneBernish:** Teen emotional responses would be different - esp. if soc/emo needs have been unmet throughout childhood #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** Two prevailing & paradoxical myths about gifted. Myth 1: They do not have problems; somehow can handle difficulties on own - Schuler #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **SeaburySchool:** Misdiagnosis was a topic in April's webinar from SENG. Here is link to the presentation: <http://tinyurl.com/2g8wwdp> #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino hiding giftedness, too much pressure on themselves to perform, bullying #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @chrstinef: @DeborahMersino hiding giftedness, too much pressure on themselves to perform, bullying #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **jofrei:** Great article by Shaun Hatley re perfectionism and depression in highly gifted <http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/perfectionHG.htm> #gtchat
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- 4:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** Myth 2: Some of the characteristics are perceived as pathological. - Schuler #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** @SeaburySchool - Thank you for the link to the SENG presentation! #gtchat
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- 4:19 pm **GaryBrannigan:** A lot stems from perfectionism #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** As parents/teachers, I think it's difficult to know how to handle some of the common traits discussed earlier. #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **CoachNancyP:** @DeborahMersino Need to distinguish b/w intellectual and emotional intelligence. #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **JeanneBernish:** Hmmm - how about disdain for teachers (and anger towards) who do not measure up as fountains of knowledge? #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **cybraryman1:** Gifted children need help on focusing on realistic goals #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **chrstinef:** RT @DeborahMersino: Myth 2: Some of the characteristics are perceived as pathological. - Schuler #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **minikhailovna:** Ingrid, 25, UK - til the present moment I know I have all these problems, although I do not consider myself GT. I'm here to read #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **CoachNancyP:** @DeborahMersino Sometimes expectations emotionally are higher from adults b/c of academic achievements. #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** As counselors, how do you work w/gifted who (b/c of giftedness/perfectionism)

- 4:21 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Concerns about perfection can affect child in many ways and many aspects of life #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **DavidsonGifted:** A great book for parents of gifted kids: Misdiagnosis and Dual Diagnosis: http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/Articles_id_10308.aspx #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **JeanneBernish:** Parents can model that it is okay to fail. Post-it notes an example of inventing a poor glue. #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **halleyrebecca:** French class: a student will take forever to make a simple, no-consequences choice, because they are afraid of making the wrong one. #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** @minikhailovna - Glad you're with us. #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **JeanneBernish:** Great lack of teaching leadership skills and compassion to gt kids who need it the most! #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **halleyrebecca:** I.E. "Which animal do you want to use for this activity?" Can be a very tough choice. #gtchat
- 4:23 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @JeanneBernish: Parents can model that it is okay to fail. Post-it notes an example of inventing a poor glue. #gtchat
- 4:23 pm **CoachNancyP:** Emphasize that it is OK to make mistakes. They are learning opportunities, and model empathy for them. #gtchat
- 4:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** Too many gifted suffer in silence or seek negative ways to express frustration & anger. Teasing/humiliation must be stopped. Schuler #gtchat
- 4:23 pm **JeanneBernish:** Removal of classic lit from GT curriculum in favor of math/science does disservice - misses those moral lessons #gtchat
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- 4:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @halleyrebecca: French class: a student will take forever to make a simple, no-consequences choice, because they are afraid of making the wrong one. #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **christinef:** @halleyrebecca too open ended for most ifted kiddos #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** Schuler asks, "What actions can we, the lawmakers, parents, educators, and counselors take to help #gifted kids at risk?" #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Balance of social, emotional, physical, & cognitive activities is important for self development #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino re characteristics perceived as pathological #gtchat Lesley Sword articles <http://giftedservices.com.au/handouts/index.html>
- 4:25 pm **halleyrebecca:** Yes! Even three options can be too many. @christinef too open ended for most gifted kiddos #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **cybraryman1:** There is a great need for good school counseling for children , better teacher training & parental support groups #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** I agree w/ those who stated earlier that teachers need more training on characteristics, needs & issues of #gifted. #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **CoachNancyP:** RT @GaryBrannigan: Balance of social, emotional, physical, & cognitive activities is important for self development #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** @christinef @GaryBrannigan - What types of problems do you see most often? #gtchat
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- 4:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** Laws need to be changed now to address the need for adequate services for #gifted in schools. #gtchat
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- 4:28 pm **chrstinef:** @jofrei I am dedicating May to Bully prevention and giftedness on my blog, gorowingupgifted.wordpress.com #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **minikhailovna:** Me: no discipline whatsoever, no focus, introverted, isolated, irritated, perfeccionist, lack of challenge/stimulation -2saytheleast #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **chrstinef:** @SeaburySchool I am writing THAT book as we speak! #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** @chrstinef - How are they referred (through school)? Why do you think more parents don't get support? #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **minikhailovna:** Not to mention self doubt. #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @SeaburySchool Need #gifted specific training/development for school officials, counselors, etc. #gtchat {Agree!!}
- 4:30 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino School counselors refer #gifted children to me directly. I am HIGHLY involved in our district - but that is rare #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **SeaburySchool:** It is true that gifted children do gravitate toward adults or older children, or keep to themselves ... #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** @minikhailovna - You are not alone. Many gifted adolescents and adults (myself included) have benefited tremendously from counseling #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino I think #gifted are significant underrepresented in decisions due to the myths surrounding giftedness #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **SeaburySchool:** UNLESS they have the opportunity to interact with other gifted children. #gtchat <http://seaburyschool.blogspot.com/>
- 4:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** Counselors need to be trained on the social & emotional needs of #gifted though (otherwise misdiagnoses can occur). #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **jofrei:** @chrstinef re dedicating May to Bully prevention and giftedness on my blog, I am working on an entry re Annie Fox Cruel's not cool #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino Next book is about training School Support staff to help Gifted parents and children #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **halleyrebecca:** And stigma! @chrstinef I think #gifted are significant underrepresented in decisions due to the myths surrounding giftedness #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **DeborahMersino:** Dabrowski's Theory and Existential Depression in #Gifted Children and Adults via @DavidsonGifted | <http://bit.ly/cNwuqc> #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **minikhailovna:** @DeborahMersino I'm going through therapy and only. Sometimes I feel I still need more comprehension, tho. #gtchat
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- 4:34 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino excellent resource. #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **JennyShook:** RT @cybraryman1: There is a great need for good school counseling for children , better teacher training & parental support groups #gtchat
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- 4:36 pm **bfwriter:** ooh, I'm joining the #gtchat party, as me this time. I'm a gifted adult, going back to school to be a counsellor for this population.
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- 4:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** Schools can be the most restrictive & stressful places 4 bright kids. Every district shld have counselor trained in #gifted -Schuler #gtchat
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- 4:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix Couldn't agree more. Bright kids are not better; they're different; & b/c they are, they face diff. issues (Schuler) #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **bfwriter:** I usually represent @MyGiftedLife in #gtchat. we're a community of mostly gifted adults, but all are welcome.
- 4:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** @bfwriter - We so need individuals like you! Glad you're with us. #gtchat
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- 4:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** @CoachNancyP - Absolutely. Parents need to develop understanding & awareness of gifted child's characteristics. #gtchat
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- 4:45 pm **DeborahMersino**: @bfwriter - It's incredible how often it happens, whether it's misdiagnoses of ADHD, narcissistic personality disorder/grandiosity. #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **DeborahMersino**: When Your Child's Second Exceptionality is Emotional: Looking Beyond Psychiatric Diagnosis | <http://bit.ly/bp3oug> #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **halleyrebecca**: They have big ideas, sometimes big worries. @DeborahMersino LISTENING to our #gifted remains vital. #gtchat
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- 4:48 pm **jofrei**: The blog entry <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=195> dealt with understanding gifted chars so as not to feel like an alien #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **DeborahMersino**: She appears popular, cheerful, happy, but I'm beginning to see the other side/signs. So critical. #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **chrstinef**: @DeborahMersino alright...must go. Thanks for another great chat #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **DeborahMersino**: Look what happens to so many #gifted women in top colleges (eating disorders, sexual promiscuity, underachievement)...need support. #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **bfwriter**: @DeborahMersino I'll confess I once had myself tested for ADD because I'm a little absentminded/disorganized. getting better. . . #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **GiftedPhoenix**: Seems like lots of specialist counselling in US. Is this free to poor families? Any risk you pander to middle class paranoia? #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **GaryBrannigan**: I focus on emotional and social development with all children. This is the link to their overall happiness and productivity #gtchat
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- 4:51 pm **DeborahMersino**: @christinef - Thank you for your sage input. #gtchat
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- 4:52 pm **DeborahMersino**: @GiftedPhoenix - Sadly, many poor families w/#gifted aren't able to afford support (unless thru school system). #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **bfwriter**: Amen. RT @CoachNancyP: @deborahmersino Kids need empathy for that intense desire to feel "normal". #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **TheNextMartha**: RT @DeborahMersino: Schools can be the most restrictive & stressful places 4 bright kids. Every district shld have counselor trained in #gifted -Schuler #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **SeaburySchool**: Why the chance to socialize with other #gifted is vital. RT @CoachNancyP Kids need empathy for that intense desire to feel "normal". #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **DeborahMersino**: @GaryBrannigan @CoachNancyP - So glad you're both out there helping others. #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **DeborahMersino**: @GiftedPhoenix - Actually, many counselors in US are NOT trained in understanding #gifted. Those that do = valuable. #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **CoachNancyP**: @GaryBrannigan I so agree! I feel that emotional intelligence needs just as much or more emphasis as academic advancement #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **DeborahMersino**: We've got just a few minutes left. Final thoughts? #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **halleyrebecca**: I went to a school for #gifted. I always tell people the best thing about @seaburyschool is that we never knew how different we were #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **jofrei**: RT @SeaburySchool: Link to book here: "What to do when you worry too much," a resource for kids + parents. <http://tinyurl.com/2aakymv> #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **DeborahMersino**: RT @bfwriter: Amen. RT @CoachNancyP: @deborahmersino Kids need empathy for that intense desire to feel "normal". #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **halleyrebecca**: #gtchat makes such a difference to be surrounded by peers who can meet you at your level.
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- 4:56 pm **cybraryman1**: Parents & teachers have to work together to be aware of behavioral changes & get help for dhild #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **DeborahMersino**: @halleyrebecca - Private gifted schools can be such a blessing. If only more public schools understood how to properly meet needs. #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **DeborahMersino**: Yes! RT @cybraryman1 Parents & teachers have to work together to be aware of behavioral changes & get help for dhild #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **halleyrebecca**: Cost is a major barrier. @DeborahMersino Private gifted schools can be such a blessing. #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **LesLinks**: Hello, late here but looking in.. Les from Ireland #gtchat

- 4:58 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Great chat on a very important topic Deborah. Please email us at info@davidsongifted.org with questions or for additional resources. #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: Listening, empathy, social support, debunking myths, awareness of characteristics/needs, advocate. #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** Thank you all. It's a tough topic, but a critical one. Myth that #gifted children can somehow handle diffc. on own must be debunked. #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks - Hello Ireland! I'll post transcript shortly. #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **bfwriter:** @DeborahMersino public schools even more so. my public high school was 3/4 gifted. not popular with the locals, though #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** That's it for this session. TY everyone! I'll have transcript up shortly. Be sure to check out the excellent links shared. #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: Yes! RT @cybraryman1 Parents & teachers have to work together to be aware of behavioral changes & get help for dhild #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** Enlightening as ever for me. I learn something new every time. But here's hoping we can soon discuss s/thing I know more about! #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **SeaburySchool:** Thanks everybody! #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** I appreciate all of your thoughts, contributions, expertise and collaboration! Join us at 7 p.m/EST for our next #gtchat.
- 5:02 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Thank you for a very valuable #gtchat !
- 5:03 pm **LesLinks:** It is vital identify at least 'one' safe person with whom they can decompress & let off steam, & who will not judge but listen #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @LesLinks: It is vital identify at least 'one' safe person with whom they can decompress & let off steam, & who will not judge but listen #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DeborahMersino- Have just had a piece mainly on #gtchat accepted for June publication. Will send hyperlink when published. Hope you like!
- 5:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - Wow. Thank you! I'll look forward to seeing the piece on #gtchat! I appreciate your help in spreading the word.
- 5:12 pm **CoachNancyP:** Enjoyed #gtchat w/my long-time twitter friends @DeborahMersino @JeanneBernish #FF #gifted
- 5:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** From Apathy To Flow | Latest from @ByrdseedGifted | #FF for #gifted | <http://bit.ly/9ldZGh> #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **infodivabronx:** RT @cybraryman1: Parents & teachers have to work together to be aware of behavioral changes & get help for dhild #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** Transcript from 04.30 noon/EST #gtchat | Trouble Signs: Depression/Anger/Narcissism/Isolation <http://bit.ly/dqHsXK> #gifted {scroll to 4pm}
- 5:22 pm **gtdkate:** RT @JeanneBernish: Removal of classic lit from GT curriculum in favor of math/science does disservice - misses those moral lessons #gtchat
- 5:22 pm **Begabungs:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from 04.30 noon/EST #gtchat | Trouble Signs: Depression/Anger/Narcissism/Isolation <http://bit.ly/dqHsXK> #gifted {scroll to 4pm}
- 5:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @CoachNancyP Enjoyed #gtchat w/my long-time twitter friends @DeborahMersino @JeanneBernish #FF #gifted {TY - Back at you!}
- 6:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** @kisgrig Transcript from 04.30 #gtchat | Trouble Signs: Depression/Anger/Narcissism/Isolation <http://bit.ly/dqHsXK> #gifted {scroll to 4pm}
- 7:21 pm **GranvillePACE:** RT @DeborahMersino: Gifted kids at risk: Who's listening? by Patricia Schuler via SENG| <http://bit.ly/cZcBoB> {Excellent!} #gtchat
- 7:25 pm **GranvillePACE:** Ever tried a gifted chat? RT @DeborahMersino: Join us at 7 p.m/EST for our next #gtchat. (transcripts available afterwards)

- 7:57 pm **cmntysvcportal:** RT @DeborahMersino: Listening, empathy, social support, debunking myths, awareness of characteristics/needs, advocate. #gtchat
- 7:57 pm **cmntysvcportal:** RT @bfwriter: Amen. RT @CoachNancyP: @deborahmersino Kids need empathy for that intense desire to feel "normal". #gtchat
- 7:59 pm **cmntysvcportal:** RT @CoachNancyP: Parent education important too--to foster empathy, understand emotional needs, and to advocate for child. #gtchat
- 8:00 pm **cmntysvcportal:** RT @CoachNancyP: Emphasize that it is OK to make mistakes. They are learning opportunities, and model empathy for them. #gtchat
- 8:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @GranvillePACE: Ever tried a gifted chat? RT @DeborahMersino: Join us at 7 p.m/EST for our next #gtchat. (transcripts available afterwards)
- 8:33 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DeborahMersino Looking forward to it. Twitter was not kind to me this noon; blocked all posts from 12:30. Hoping for better tonite! #gtchat
- 8:48 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Everyday Social Life of #Gifted Kids: Proactive Support" will be our 7 pm/EST #gtchat
- 8:49 pm **Begabung:** RT @cybraryman1: RT @DeborahMersino: "Everyday Social Life of #Gifted Kids: Proactive Support" will be our 7 pm/EST #gtchat
- 9:49 pm **ljconrad:** Eagerly awaiting #gtchat tonight!
- 9:52 pm **THE_REAL_GIFTED:** RT @DeborahMersino Transcript from 04.30 noon/EST #gtchat | Trouble Signs Depression/Anger/Narcissism/Isolation <http://bit.ly/dqHsXK> #gifted
- 10:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** We're less than an hour from #gtchat. Our topic: "Everyday Social Life of #Gifted Kids: Proactive Support." Join us at 7 pm/EST!
- 10:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan Same thing happened to me. #Twitter has been overcapacity several times today. Hopefully, we'll be all right for #gtchat!
- 10:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** Behind my back I heard them whisper, "What does she have to worry about? Her kid is gifted!" (from SENG Web site). Parents know. #gtchat
- 10:13 pm **LesLinks:** RT @ljconrad: Eagerly awaiting #gtchat tonight!
- 10:18 pm **ljconrad:** RT @DeborahMersino: We're less than an hour from #gtchat. Our topic: "Everyday Social Life of #Gifted Kids: Proactive Support." Join us at 7 pm/EST!
- 10:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jprevatte - Here's another article from @DeborahRuf that discusses clustering. <http://bit.ly/b0S6vc> #gifted #gtchat
- 10:22 pm **ljconrad:** Ordering in dinner so I don't have to cook during #gtchat ! lol
- 10:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. I apologize in advance for the flood stream. Feel free to unfollow if needed #gifted
- 10:59 pm **ljconrad:** taps finger in anticipation #gtchat
- 11:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to our 4.30 #gtchat! Our topic: Everyday Social Life of #Gifted Kids: Proactive Support. Feel free to join us.
- 11:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself, your role (parent, teacher, student, educator, advocate) and where you reside. #gtchat
- 11:00 pm **60secondparent:** @DeborahMersino RT Welcome to our 4.30 #gtchat! Our topic: Everyday Social Life of #Gifted Kids: Proactive Support. Feel free to join us.
- 11:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ljconrad - So glad you're so eagerly anticipating. Wish I was ordering in food! #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, mother to two girls, consultant to GT communities and reside in Colorado!
- 11:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** While you're all introducing yourselves, I'm going to start posting some links (which will be helpful to review later). #gtchat
- 11:02 pm **BrendonWalker:** Hopping on board for #gtchat today. Dad of 2 here in Sydney, Aus.
- 11:02 pm **ljconrad:** Hello from the home of the Pittsburgh Penguins! Gifted mother, advocate

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ljconrad: Here from the home of the "Insightful" engines: Gifted mother, advocate, blogger, and paraeducator. #gtchat

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doctorjeff: am an education center director, blogger, and parent of a gifted child:) #gtchat

11:03 pm

FrazzIId: @DeborahMersino Sorry missed earlier chat. Not sure how long will last this time as VERY tired! Mother/advocate in Ireland. 12am... #gtchat

11:03 pm

DeborahMersino: Social / Emotional Aspects of Giftedness via the illustrious @HoagiesGifted | <http://bit.ly/9bsPfh> #gifted #gtchat

11:03 pm

DavidsonGifted: Hello again.Erik from Las Vegas here. I work as a resource and advocate for gifted children and families with the Davidson Institute #gtchat

11:04 pm

DeborahMersino: Nurturing Social-Emotional Development of #Gifted Children via Dr. James Webb | EPIC <http://bit.ly/cynNsr> #gtchat

11:04 pm

DeborahMersino: Hello everyone! So glad you're all with us! #gtchat

11:05 pm

DeborahMersino: Upcoming Webinar via SENG entitled: "This Isn't the Child I Dreamed of Raising" <http://bit.ly/9YDVgL> #gifted #gtchat

11:05 pm

GaryBrannigan: Clinical & School Psychologist from upstate New York. Hi everyone! One Q Is there a specific age range? #gtchat

11:06 pm

DeborahMersino: When #Gifted Kids Don't Have All the Answers: How to Meet Their Social and Emotional Needs <http://amzn.to/9MjPxA> (highly recommend) #gtchat

11:06 pm

fullonlearning: #gtchat hello all...I'm based in the UK, developing quality learning experiences for students and teachers as co-learners & researchers

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ljconrad: growing up gifted can be very lonely for some. #gtchat

11:07 pm

DeborahMersino: The Survival Guide for Parents of #Gifted Kids by Sally Walker | Online | <http://bit.ly/aLKqaN> #gtchat

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FrazzIId: RT @DeborahMersino: When #Gifted Kids Don't Have All the Answers: How to Meet Their Social and Emotional Needs <http://amzn.to/9MjPxA> (highly recommend) #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: Social and Emotional Problems Affecting #Gifted Children by Carol Bainbridge <http://bit.ly/cXCGYv> #gtchat

11:08 pm

DeborahMersino: @GaryBrannigan - We can discuss issues at all ages, although as you know, they differ dramatically. #gtchat

11:09 pm

DeborahMersino: @fullonlearning - We love to see new tweeps on #gtchat. Welcome!

11:09 pm

GaryBrannigan: I stress emotional and social development w/ every child. It is the key to happiness. W/o happiness, what is there for a child? #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: Let's start our discussion by talking about social challenges faced by those you know (your child, students, patients, etc.). #gtchat

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DavidsonGifted: Here are some tips from Dr. Jim Delisle on the socialization of gifted kids: <http://bit.ly/cAN8P6> #gtchat

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FrazzIId: Knowing you are different but desperately wanting to fit in as an adolescent #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: RT @DavidsonGifted: Here are some tips from Dr. Jim Delisle on the socialization of gifted kids: <http://bit.ly/cAN8P6> #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: Feeling that they don't "fit in", feeling lonely. #gtchat

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ljconrad: younger kids don't have friends who know what their talking about or have shared interests. #gtchat

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DavidsonGifted: @DeborahMersino The gap between intellectual peers and age peers can be a challenge many gifted kids have to learn to deal with. #gtchat

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BrendonWalker: Challenges 4 our kids: playing normal games with other kids can frustrate

- 11:11 pm **BrendonWalker:** Challenges 4 our kids: playing normal games with other kids can frustrate them #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** Many young gifted girls believe they can "do it all."/"have it all" while older gifted females have learned they cannot. Conundrum. #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **jofrei:** Hi! Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources Melbourne Aus joining #gtchat at 9.00 am Saturday
- 11:13 pm **BrendonWalker:** Having age peers "understand" their games can be difficult as the rules made r very complex #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Sports is an area I stress. If children can develop skills, others overlook differences. #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** @BrendonWalker - So true. Especially because #gifted often want to control and/or even make up new rules. #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **jofrei:** @BrendonWalker re Challenges 4 our kids: playing normal games with other kids can frustrate them #gtchat OH YES!
- 11:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei - Welcome! Glad you're with us. We're talking about the everyday social challenges of #gifted. #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **FrazzIld:** Gifted girls not wanting to appear too smart, may dumb down to blend in #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **LesLinks:** Hellos Les from Ireland joining multi gifted support (ie ed. parent. consult.. etc...)... #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **ljconrad:** gifted kids often more comfortable in the company of adults. #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** According to Dr. James Webb, uneven development, peer relations, excessive self-criticism, perfectionism are problematic patterns. #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Gifted Kids Survival Guide (both versions) are wonderful resources to help kids understand and embrace their uniqueness. #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **GaryBrannigan:** In order to connect, it is useful to find common ground w/ peers (e.g., structured activities, at least early on) #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **LesLinks:** @GaryBrannigan ya I agree, tho.. it is important to expose to a wide variety of sport as not all common sports suit all.... #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** Avoidance of risk-taking, multipotentiality are also challenges...(Dr. James Webb) #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **BrendonWalker:** @GaryBrannigan our kids found sport boring. Run kick run kick...just didn't bake their noodles enough! #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Gifted Kids Survival Guide (both versions) are wonderful resources to help kids understand and embrace their uniqueness. #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **FrazzIld:** RT @DeborahMersino: According to Dr. James Webb, uneven development, peer relations, excessive self-criticism, perfectionism are problematic patterns. #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **jofrei:** Our youngest always let me entertain his playdates and talked to friends of big bro 7 years older #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **sandynay:** RT @DeborahMersino: According to Dr. James Webb, uneven development, peer relations, excessive self-criticism, perfectionism are problematic patterns. #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** Lack of understanding for #gifted, sometimes actual ambivalence or hostility create significant problems (Webb & Kleine). #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **FrazzIld:** @jofrei LOL! #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **cybraryman1:** You need to provide a variety of stimulating activities & groups for your child (my cameo appearance) #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **beccasara:** Hi! Haven't been here in a while. So happy to have the time now. Social challenges are our daily discussion topic at home #gtchat

- 11:17 pm **LesLinks:** @BrendonWalker This is why I say... there are many sports other than kick and run ones... we found our nich with river kayaking #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** Outside sources: school culture/norms, others' expectations (parents/teachers), peer relations, depression = problem patterns. Webb #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: Avoidance of risk-taking, multipotentiality are also challenges...(Dr. James Webb) #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **LesLinks:** Exposure to groups that foster multi age groupings is very important.. things like scouts and sea scouts... music bands/clubs.. #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **doctorjeff:** Could someone define what is meant by "gifted" in this discussion? #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **jofrei:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Gifted Kids Survival Guide (both versions) are wonderful resources to help kids understand and embrace their uniqueness. #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** We all know asynchronous development causes its own set of challenges with creating lasting/rich relationships/friendships. #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **BrendonWalker:** Also on sport, consider that many GT kids reached very early milestones & retain primitive reflexes. They be quite uncoordinated - #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **GaryBrannigan:** There are activities for all, from baseball to running, to karate....The point is standing out in a way that peers can relate to. #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **beccasara:** @LesLinks my dds love to ice skate and ski. they prefer solo sports. #gtchat (they're not naturally athletic so it's good for them to try)
- 11:20 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Play Partner or Sure Shelter: <http://bit.ly/bZoCd7.A> great article illustrating why some #gifted kids have hard time making friends.#gtchat
- 11:20 pm **ljconrad:** Dear daughter finally found happiness in college honors program. Wide circle of friends ... virtually all gifted. #gtchat
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- 11:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** @doctorjeff: We typically are using this: <http://www.nagc.org/index.aspx?id=574>. #gtchat
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- 11:21 pm **LesLinks:** @ljconrad Dear son has found blisful happiness with ctyi group... all are gifted.. #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - Excellent piece (worth printing out) "Play Partner or Sure Shelter." #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Kids need to learn to relate to others on others terms, not only their own. #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** We've discussed friendships before. We also know propensity to connect with other gifted peers and/or older children. #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **beccasara:** My dds social issues are compounded by being identical twins. its hard to find other kids who get them the way they get each other. #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **FrazzIId:** @DeborahMersino Plaaay partner link not working for me #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** As parents (often gifted themselves), it can be helpful to dialogue with #gifted about friendships (breakdowns, joys) regularly. #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @LesLinks: Some find the 'empathy' so intense... it's scary and overwhelming.. almost hurting so they run from it... almost to much to bear. #gtchat

11:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teachagiftedkid - Welcome! We're discussing empathy/social challenges

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- 11:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teachgiftedkid - welcome: were discussing empathy/social challenges and needs of #gifted. #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **GaryBrannigan:** The most common problems psychologists deal with involve identity, connectedness (relationships, belonging), and control #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **giftedmum:** @DeborahMersino its still like it, until we fully know&accept who we R, we R 4ever trying 2 make a fit somewhere.. searching #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks - You're so right. Their extra perception/sensitivity can prove almost overwhelming...they may simply shut it down. #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **giftedmum:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Identity Development in Gifted Children by D. Lovecky (on morals/empathy): <http://bit.ly/dhNNjY>. #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **jofrei:** In Aus psychologist Alison Brown coaches #gifted kids in social skills with Football or fractals, Tsunamis in the sandpit etc #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino Thanks for the kind words, it is my pleasure Deborah! We enjoy being part of it. #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** Control - another golden nugget issue among gifted children/teens/adults. #gtchat Having a leadership strength that can also cause problems.
- 11:42 pm **giftedmum:** RT @jofrei: In Aus psychologist Alison Brown coaches #gifted kids in social skills with Football or fractals, Tsunamis in the sandpit etc #gtchat
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- 11:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** Webb stresses focusing on parents of young children, so they can discern needs of #gifted early on... #gtchat (I agree)
- 11:43 pm **getsweetie:** #gtchat Highly sensitive thinkers can become so very overwhelmed in the experience, they have difficulty changing gears
- 11:44 pm **getsweetie:** #gtchat I believe that one of the difficulties of our system of identification is not enough support is offered early on for high abilitied
- 11:44 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino Oh yes. Power struggles and control are issues we deal with all the time. #gtchat. Any suggestions are welcome!
- 11:44 pm **giftedmum:** 9 months ago, 9yo son witnessed a car accident (people still hurt) & still 2 this day he says something inside him just changed #gtchat :-)
- 11:45 pm **teachgiftedkid:** #gtchat One way to teach/experience empathy is to plan activities that get gifted kids together w/special needs. My kids experienced this.
- 11:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** Social & emotional issues faced by #gifted girls in elem. & secondary school by Sally Reis via SENG <http://bit.ly/922TJ8> #gtchat Intriguing!
- 11:45 pm **FrazzIld:** RT @getsweetie: #gtchat Highly sensitive thinkers can become so overwhelmed in the experience, they have difficulty changing gears #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **getsweetie:** #gtchat So often without the ability to comm what is frustrating/challenging/hurting them emotionally they are experiencing it intell
- 11:45 pm **LesLinks:** @GaryBrannigan So very right. I have witnessed the 'conectedness' factor which deep friendship brings with ds this year. important #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** @getsweetie - Couldn't agree more!! We must continue to educate and advocate. #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **jprevatte:** Crap. Missed #gtchat. Not to bummed because I was playing with the kids at the time

- 11:46 pm **getsweetie:** #gtchat Wish I could stay, but have a dinner waiting for me in Franklin! Great input, thanks as always!
- 11:46 pm **giftedmum:** @getsweetie likewise I am still like it... whether someone else' emotional or physical pain & injury I feel it in my body #gtchat #empathy
- 11:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teachagiftedkid - My 3rd grade dd is very close to the two disabled girls in her class. Almost easier for her to connect somehow. #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jprevatte - You'll join us another time. No worries. Good for you for being a fun dad! #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **LesLinks:** @getsweetie ya I relate to that... also my dd as a youngster would cry for literally hours at the death of an animal..... #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **giftedmum:** RT @Frazzlld: RT @getsweetie: #gtchat Highly sensitive thinkers can become so overwhelmed in the experience, they have difficulty changing gears #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **doctorjeff:** @BrendonWalker I have a child in 93-99 percentile across various benchmarks on IQ, he is 7, an athlete, & very outgoing -2 much so #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **GaryBrannigan:** When it comes to teaching social/emotional skills to gt kids, parents have MANY teaching moments....More than they like! #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** @getsweetie - Glad you were with us. Enjoy your dinner. #gtchat
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- 11:48 pm **Frazzlld:** @getsweetie Bon appetit! #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **doctorjeff:** @BrendonWalker I find pegging an intellectually gifted child so hard to fathom given giftedness presents in so many ways. #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** @doctorjeff - He's gifted; it's that simple :-) #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** @doctorjeff - I have one gregarious dd and one introvert. Both are #gifted, but social needs/challenges are different. #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **beccasara:** @LesLinks i can't take my dd to movies b.c she gets so emotional. we had to leave Up when his wife died. the emotions scared her. #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **doctorjeff:** @DeborahMersino but, see, and truly respectfully, I disagree. In my mind it's not that simple. #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **beccasara:** @doctorjeff why "peg" them as gifted? its more about supporting it #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **giftedmum:** @beccasara Up was an incredibly emotive movie.. way beyond many children. it dealt with very serious life issues.. incredible #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** We've got about 10 minutes left. TY for all of the great resources shared. Final thoughts? #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @beccasara That's a teaching moment. Not an easy one, but who said gt kids are easy! #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat. Developing empathy is better phrased as experiencing empathy. And it starts in elementary school. Building relationships.
- 11:51 pm **LesLinks:** @beccasara My dd now seeks out vampiry and dark things, but as a young one ... remembered a doll she gave away... cried forever.hmm #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** SENG training is a great vehicle for parents and educators to have a better understanding of needs. www.sengifted.org for more info. #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **giftedmum:** @doctorjeff whats not so simple? #gtchat what do you have difficulty with? what complexities do you see?
- 11:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @teachagiftedkid: #gtchat. Developing empathy is better phrased as experiencing empathy. And it starts in elementary school. Building relationships.
- 11:52 pm **beccasara:** @giftedmum she cried at the chipmunk movie too. :) She doesn't like the feeling of having her emotions manipulated. #gtchat

- 11:52 pm **FrazzIld**: Gifted or not, every child is a unique package. The gifted label is just a pointer in trying to figure each one out and then support #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **GaryBrannigan**: @beccasara I had a hard time with the wife's death in UP too!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **giftedmum**: RT @beccasara: @doctorjeff why "peg" them as gifted? its more about supporting it #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **doctorjeff**: @beccasara well, maybe bad wording on my part, but meant that gifted intellectually seems 2 imply Re research other specific traits #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **DazzIld**: @teachagiftedkid Experiencing empathy, that's a perfect way to put it #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **LesLinks**: Not forgetting that others need to be taught to have empathy for gifted souls as well... #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **DeborahMersino**: RT @DazzIld @teachagiftedkid Experiencing empathy, that's a perfect way to put it #gtchat {I completely agree...excellent}
- 11:54 pm **DazzIld**: RT @LesLinks: Not forgetting that others need to be taught to have empathy for gifted souls as well... #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **DeborahMersino**: @LesLinks - Agree. That's why continued advocacy & education (esp. in today's environment) is so critical. Great point. #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **giftedmum**: @beccasara exactly.we R not defining them. we R identifying them so they can receive asst so their often very complex needs are met #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **DeborahMersino**: As mentioned in our earlier chat today, there's such power in listening (truly listening) to our #gifted kids (thoughts/feelings). #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **LesLinks**: @DeborahMersino exactly #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **DavidsonGifted**: Another great chat Deborah!Visit our online database for articles and resources on these topics: <http://www.dauidsongifted.org/db/>. #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **Ijconrad**: spent the day @Special Olympics for 3rd yr. Everyone should do this atleast once in their lifetime. Very humbling. #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **DeborahMersino**: The perils of not being educated on social-emotional needs of #gifted can be dangerous (underachievement/depression/violence)... #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **giftedmum**: @beccasara I actually struggled with some of the subtle nuances of loss & grief & hope & life in UP #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **DeborahMersino**: RT @DavidsonGifted: Another great chat Deborah!Visit our online database for articles and resources on these topics: <http://www.dauidsongifted.org/db/>. #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **LisaDSB**: @doctorjeff Depends where kid is on IQ spectrum, but there are real issues for these kids - read about Dabrowski & overexciteability #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **DazzIld**: we need to validate our children's feelings so they in turn can learn to validate others feelings #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **beccasara**: TY @DeborahMersino for another great #gtchat! I always leave with such amazing resources and a new energy to advocate for my girls!
- 11:58 pm **giftedmum**: RT @FrazzIld: Gifted or not, every child is a unique package. The gifted label is just a pointer in trying to figure each one out and then support #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **jofrei**: RT @DeborahMersino: As mentioned in our earlier chat today, there's such power in listening (truly listening) to our #gifted kids (thoughts/feelings). #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **Ijconrad**: Goodnight! Thanks, Deborah, for getting us all together. #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **FrazzIld**: Good point RT @DazzIld: we need to validate our childrens feelings so they in turn can learn to validate others feelings #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **giftedmum**: RT @LesLinks: Not forgetting that others need to be taught to have empathy for gifted souls as well... #gtchat

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- 11:58 pm **LesLinks:** teaching them to be able to vocalise their feelings needs 'I have to take a few minutes here.'(in order to settle feelings..) etc. #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **giftedmum:** RT @DeborahMersino: As mentioned in our earlier chat today, there's such power in listening (truly listening) to our #gifted kids (thoughts/feelings). #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** That's it for this session of #gtchat. Thank you all for for your input, wisdom, reflection and resources! Transcripts will be up shortly.
- 11:59 pm **giftedmum:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Another great chat Deborah! Visit our online database for articles and resources on these topics: <http://www.dauidsongifted.org/db/>. #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **jprevatte:** I've been concentrating on REALLY listening to my kids before responding. That's my current focus. #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **doctorjeff:** @Giftedmum hard in 140 - I guess as an educator - but not as psychologist, or an MD, or an expert in GT, I feel the conversation is #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **giftedmum:** RT @ljconrad: spent the day @Special Olympics for 3rd yr. Everyone should do this atleast once in their lifetime. Very humbling. #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @ljconrad Goodnight! Thanks, Deborah, for getting us all together. #gtchat {my pleasure/honor}
- 11:59 pm **giftedmum:** RT @DazzlId: we need to validate our children's feelings so they in turn can learn to validate others feelings #gtchat
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