



## Transcript from June 11, 2010 to June 11, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

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- 12:08 am **DeborahMersino:** "Growing Up 2 Fast: Society & #Gifted Pressure Cooker" will be our 06.11 #gtchat topic at 7:00 p.m./EST. Join us!
- 12:09 am **DeborahMersino:** "Confident Parenting: Myth or Magic?" will be our 06.11 #gtchat topic at noon/EST. Join us! #gifted
- 12:14 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @ljconrad: New blog post - "Counseling for Gifted Parents" - includes 'star power' from #gtchat <http://bit.ly/aVwqgT> #gifted
- 12:41 am **ljconrad:** Gifted Ed in the U.S.: A Case of Bright Child Neglect #gtchat <http://bit.ly/b5fJGA>
- 12:45 am **ljconrad:** The 2016 hours of summer. Great post <http://bit.ly/9dFDiU> #gtchat
- 12:51 am **ljconrad:** TED talk by Ken Robinson on schools and creativity #gtchat <http://bit.ly/a5umgP>
- 1:13 am **teachagiftedkid:** RT @ljconrad: New blog post - "Counseling for Gifted Parents" - includes 'star power' from #gtchat <http://bit.ly/aVwqgT> #gifted
- 1:15 am **deepwaterscoach:** ROFL! RT @ljconrad: @DeepWatersCoach I knew it! You have teacher's pet written all over you. :- ) I'm a very good judge of character. #gtchat
- 1:26 am **SaarduLady:** RT @ljconrad: New blog post - "Counseling for Gifted Parents" - includes 'star power' from #gtchat <http://bit.ly/aVwqgT> #gifted
- 1:50 am **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Confident Parenting: Myth or Magic?" will be our 06.11 #gtchat topic at noon/EST. Join us! #gifted
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- 1:55 am **jofrei:** Aussies join in for #gifted discussion on #gtchat at 2.00am and 9.00am Saturday (Eastern states) #vicpln
- 1:58 am **ljconrad:** RT @jofrei: Aussies join in for #gifted discussion on #gtchat at 2.00am and 9.00am Saturday (Eastern states) #vicpln
- 3:05 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @jofrei: Aussies join in for #gifted discussion on #gtchat at 2.00am and 9.00am Saturday (Eastern states) #vicpln
- 5:33 am **LesLinks:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Growing Up 2 Fast: Society & #Gifted Pressure Cooker" will be our 06.11 #gtchat topic at 7:00 p.m./EST. Join us!
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- 6:25 am **armadillosoft:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Growing Up 2 Fast: Society & #Gifted Pressure Cooker" will be our 06.11 #gtchat topic at 7:00 p.m./EST. Join us!
- 9:53 am **jofrei:** RT @ljconrad: New blog post - "Counseling for Gifted Parents" - includes 'star power' from #gtchat <http://bit.ly/aVwqgT> #gifted
- 12:11 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @armadillosoft: RT @DeborahMersino: "Confident Parenting: Myth or

- 12:26 pm **DazzlId:** Off to France for the summer tomorrow -school's out, so the learning can begin! #gtchat
- 1:19 pm **chrstinef:** A few of my #gtchat peeps for #FF @DeepWaterCoach @DeborahMersino @laughingatchaos
- 1:47 pm **FrazzId:** Just over 2 hours to 5pm (GMT) #gtchat . "Confident Parenting: Myth or Magic?" will be the topic. Join us!
- 1:48 pm **FrazzId:** Topic for midnight (GMT) #gtchat is "Growing Up 2 Fast: Society & #Gifted Pressure Cooker"
- 1:51 pm **CathRiordan:** Just over 2 hours to 5pm (GMT) #gtchat . "Confident Parenting: Myth or Magic?" will be the topic. Join us!
- 1:51 pm **CathRiordan:** Topic for midnight (GMT) #gtchat is "Growing Up 2 Fast: Society & #Gifted Pressure Cooker"
- 2:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @chrstinef A few of my #gtchat peeps for #FF @DeepWaterCoach @DeborahMersino @laughingatchaos <== Right back at you! TY!
- 2:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** @armadillosoft @cybraryman1 TY the RTs. Looking forward today's #gtchat sessions. @armadillosoft - miss youu/would love you 2 join us!
- 3:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** Less than an hour to #gtchat! Join us as we delve into a discussion of "Confident Parenting: Myth or Magic?" #gifted
- 3:28 pm **AnnBridgland:** #gtchat #gifted #edchat #nagchat Enjoyed reading GiftedPhoenix's article in June issue of G&TUpdate in the UK
- 3:36 pm **armadillosoft:** New work schedule. Not possible 4 now. RT @DeborahMersino Looking 4ward 2day's #gtchat sessions. miss youu/would love you 2 join us!
- 3:51 pm **jofrei:** Hi I am trying out tweetchat to see if it makes it easier #gtchat
- 3:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei - Good for you! Let me know how you like/don't like it. I'm curious! #gtchat
- 3:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat ("Confident Parenting). Pardon the heavy tweet stream. Feel free to unfollow. #gifted
- 3:59 pm **cybraryman1:** Great book I am reading - The Global Achievement Gap by Tony Wagner (via recommendation from @kylepace) #edchat #gtchat
- 3:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** @armadillosoft - Completely understand. Just wanted you to know you matter to us and we appreciate your continued support! #gtchat
- 4:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to #gtchat! Today's topic: "Confident Parenting: Myth or Magic?" Join us for a lively discussion on raising #gifted learners.
- 4:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourselves, your role (parent, educator, advocate, student) & where you reside. TY. #gtchat
- 4:01 pm **cybraryman1:** ?There are two lasting bequests we can give our children. One is roots. The other is wings.? ~Hodding Carter, Jr. #gtchat
- 4:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, mom to 2 girls, consultant to gifted communities & reside in Northern Colorado.
- 4:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** While you're introducing yourselves, I'm going to put up a few recommended resources/links for perusal later. #gtchat
- 4:02 pm **jofrei:** Hi Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources in Melbourne Australia looking forward to #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **jofrei:** @cybraryman1 I like that quote! #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** Alfie Kohn's site/book "Unconditional Parenting." <http://bit.ly/a4QxMj> #gtchat {have recommended before}
- 4:03 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Erik Tweeting from Las Vegas. I work as an advocate and resource for gifted kids and thier families through the Davidson Institute #gtchat

- 4:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** A favorite of mine, "Big Book of Parenting Solutions" by @micheleborba <http://bit.ly/bif9aj> (sound research/ideas/insight) #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** Must visit page from @HoagiesGifted on Parenting Gifted Kids <http://bit.ly/aFgJZV> #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **theboysstore:** Good Morning - Suzanne Mom and parent advocate for gt program in my county #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 @jofrei - Welcome! Glad you're with us. Like the quote too. #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** Hello from England on a cloudy afternoon. Game's just finished and Twitter has miraculously started working #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted @theboysstore - Welcome Erik and Suzanne. Grateful you're with us. #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** Marlow Schmauder from Asynchronous Scholars' Fund joining. I'm also mom to 2. #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **cybraryman1:** "The child supplies the power but the parents have to do the steering". ~Benjamin Spock #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** Let's start with a ?. If you're a parent with kids at home and/or have adult children, how would you describe your confidence level? #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @GiftedPhoenix, Twitter was over capacity here too when I first tried to join! #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** On a percentage level, do you feel confident 50 percent of the time, 90 percent of the time. Trying to discern where people fall. #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **DazzlId:** Hi everyone, Karen in Dublin here, parent, advocate, sometime agitator #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **jofrei:** @GiftedPhoenix I have mentioned your article in editorial to next Gifted Resources newsletter and also #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @AnnBridgland Glad you liked it. Not sure its downloadable - in which case I can't share but it's about #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: Hello from England on a cloudy afternoon. Games just finished and Twitter has miraculously started working #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino the word "panic" comes to mind, lol. #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **theboysstore:** I feel confident 80% of the time - when doubts come then I easily can steer towards frantic #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **cybraryman1:** Nothing really prepares for parenting. It is much easier the 2nd time around as a grandparent. #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix @AsynchScLrsFnd @DazzlId @GaryBrannigan Welcome! Glad you're with us. Yes, Twitter has been overcapacity a lot today. #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat I was relaxed about parenting - I still am, until I make a silly mistake...
- 4:10 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino confidence level is on a see saw! #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @jofrei Thank you very much! #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **DazzlId:** I'm with the boysstore, about 80% when I'm rested and stress-free #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** @theboysstore - You're not alone. I would say I'm in the 60 percent category and have been wondering why (hence the topic choice). #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @cybraryman1: Nothing really prepares for parenting. It is much easier the 2nd time around as a grandparent. #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **theboysstore:** @GiftedPhoenix \* I thought I was a relaxed parent until my Gifted child started challenging me LOL #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** More srsly, I'd say now my confidence is closer towards the higher end, but it's been a long road. @cybraryman1, I agree. #gtchat

- 4:11 pm **hadleyjf:** [@cybraryman1](#) Totally agree! I loved parenting, but being Nana is the best! #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** [@theboysstore](#) - I also think many of us project onto other moms/dads that they are much more confident and in control. Do you agree? #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **GaryBrannigan:** I'm a cognitive psychologist, but it is difficult to know what is going thru their minds, esp when they are young & can't verbalize! #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Maybe there's a correlation between age and confidence level?
- 4:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** [@AsynchSchlrsFnd](#) - What age is/are your kids out of curiosity? Do we grow more confident as the years go by? #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **jofrei:** The first was the worst - she hardly slept and I assumed it was my fault... #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT [@GiftedPhoenix](#): #gtchat Maybe there's a correlation between age and confidence level?
- 4:13 pm **DazzlId:** [@DeborahMersino](#) I think other parents look like everything is perfectly under control too, but I think I project that also! #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **theboysstore:** [@DeborahMersino](#) \* true - I do think that we see others as doing it much better than we are #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** [@hadleyjf](#) - Hi! Glad you joined us. I would say my parents feel the same - LOVE being the grandparents! #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** [@DeborahMersino](#) I agree; I think people present a public face that helps us project confidence/control onto them as well. #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat [@theboysstore](#) the challenge I can cope with - usually with challenge squared. Rudeness is more difficult...
- 4:14 pm **theboysstore:** I see that RT [@DazzlId](#): [@DeborahMersino](#) I think other parents look like everything is perfectly under control too, but... #gtchat
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- 4:15 pm **theboysstore:** Agreed RT [@GiftedPhoenix](#) [@theboysstore](#) the challenge I can cope with - usually with challenge squared. Rudeness is more difficult... #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **ljconrad:** RT [@asynschlrsfnd](#): [@GiftedPhoenix](#) That may be the case as well. Younger parents may have more energy to weather sleepless nights, but age has wisdom. #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** Next question: In what areas do you feel the most confidence? What causes the most acid/flip-flops in your stomach and/or worry? #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **cybraryman1:** Most parents need support groups. My wife helped establish a Parent Center in our community when we raised our children. #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT [@asynschlrsfnd](#): [@GiftedPhoenix](#) That may be the case as well. Younger parents may have more energy to weather sleepless nights, but age has wisdom. #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **GaryBrannigan:** The intensity level is high on a regular basis #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **theboysstore:** Too cool will try it RT [@cybraryman1](#) Most parents need support groups. My wife helped establish a Parent Center in our community... #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Most confident on all educational questions - hence my queries on [@deepwaterscoach](#) blog about school choice
- 4:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** [@GaryBrannigan](#) - I would say "intensity" is likely my #1 challenge. Wondering how to embrace, while still setting healthy limits. #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **DazzlId:** I feel most confident helping with friendship/relationship issues, I'm good at the analytical (maybe over-analytical!) #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **jofrei:** [@cybraryman1](#) Agreed Parent support groups are excellent esp Gifted Parent Support Groups #gtchat

- 4:18 pm **ljconrad:** #gtchat creeping only - @work See my latest post :- ) @cybraryman1
- 4:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - I'd have to agree. My investment in ensuring they get the proper ed is where I'm most comfortable. #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @jofrei: @cybraryman1 Agreed Parent support groups are excellent esp Gifted Parent Support Groups #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @jofrei: @cybraryman1 Agreed Parent support groups are excellent esp Gifted Parent Support Groups #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **theboysstore:** Having a hard tiem on educational choices - though Davidson is right down the road for me. Emotional response is also a challenge #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino as far as relates to asynchrony, keeping up with my kids is what causes me the greatest worry. #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ljconrad - Glad to see you...hope you'll stay on the whole time - we value your input. #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **DazzlId:** I'm least confident approaching schools and bringing up gifted issues, need to work on that! #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **DazzlId:** Will be dropping out for a while, back as soon as I can! #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **theboysstore:** I can see that RT @DazzlId: Im least confident approaching schools and bringing up gifted issues, need to work on that! #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @theboysstore, Davidson is extremely helpful! #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** What to you all attribute our lack of confidence to (i.e. society, perfectionism, asynchrony, intensity, own issues, 24/7 lives)? #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat I think I'm fortunate in that we about match each other intellectually - might be harder if I felt at an intellectual disadvantage
- 4:21 pm **getsweetie:** RT @cybraryman1: Most parents need support groups. My wife helped establish a Parent Ctr in our community when we raised our children. #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **jofrei:** I spoke to a group of parents of gifted at local school this week - see Articles page of www.giftedresources.org #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **cybraryman1:** Trained parent advocates are important to utilize when dealing with school issues #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** Seeing the fail whale quite a bit...sorry if you're experiencing slowness/issues. #gtchat
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- 4:23 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino lack of confidence hits with other mums if kids misbehave and with school when you are treated as dopey mum #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat @cybraryman1 When I was with the Government we funded our NAGC to introduce parent advocates into mediation. Critical role

- 4:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** What about perfectionism? Does that also contribute to the malaise/self-questioning? #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **theboysstore:** Been there RT @jofrei: @DeborahMersino lack of confidence hits with other mums if kids misbehave and with school when you are... #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix @cybraryman1 - Once kids are in the right school environment, many of the behavioral needs improve at home too! #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Lack of confidence correlates in my experience with how much one worries about what other people think!
- 4:25 pm **theboysstore:** As a perfectionist I am over it RT @DeborahMersino What about perfectionism? Does that contribute 2 the malaise/self-questioning? #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **asynschlrsvnd:** @DeborahMersino Perfectionism is very challenging to parent through (especially for perfectionistic parents!). #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Definitely perfectionism is a big part of the equation #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Hope #gtchat is going well! missing it...twitter over capacity? all those gifted peeps eh? <http://bit.ly/dgDU39>
- 4:26 pm **theboysstore:** WooHoo!! RT @DeborahMersino: @GiftedPhoenix @cybraryman1 -Once kids are in the right school environment, many of the behavioral... #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** I posted Alfie Kohn & Dr. Borba book resources. Recommend them as they talk about moral issues/questioning/compliance - the whys #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: #gtchat Lack of confidence correlates in my experience with how much one worries about what other people think!
- 4:27 pm **asynschlrsvnd:** @GiftedPhoenix RT When I was with the Government we funded our NAGC to introduce parent advocates/intermediaries.<--How wonderful! #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **theboysstore:** @DeborahMersino \* Love Michele Borba so helpful yet so down to earth :- ) #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix You make an excellent point about worrying what others think! Truth is...this gen of parents does it more (it seems). #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Gap in development cognitively and socially/emotionally causes frustration, anger, anxiety,depression issues #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **asynschlrsvnd:** @GiftedPhoenix Lack of confidence can also correlate to struggling to kids' needs (fear that one won't). #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **mygiftedgirl:** FINALLY!!! ahhhhh got in! Has anyone started a club at their school to support these kids? #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat @AsynchSchlrsFnd We grant-aided NAGC annually to support parents and undertake other key projects. Money was more plentiful then...
- 4:29 pm **theboysstore:** Yep! RT @asynschlrsvnd: @GiftedPhoenix Lack of confidence can also correlate to struggling to kids needs (fear that one wont). #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **asynschlrsvnd:** @DeborahMersino RT Once kids are in the right school environment, many of the behavioral needs improve at home too! <-- Right on! #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **theboysstore:** @mygiftedgirl \* Welcome - glad you made passed the whale #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **FrazzIId:** Catherine from Ireland joining late. Twitter fail whale here. Can't sign into twitter or tweetchat so can't see #gtchat stream : (
- 4:30 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @mygiftedgirl: FINALLY!!! ahhhhh got in! Has anyone started a club at their school to support these kids? #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** Kohn also encourages allowing kids to really wrestle w/moral questions, so they internalize their beliefs (not just ours). Love this #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **jofrei:** I talked about need for recognition of what is 'normal for gifted' although odd/rare etc in general population #gtchat

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Transcript for #gtchat - What the Hasht...

- 4:30 pm **ljconrad:** #gtchat Sounds like a male POV! Haha @GiftedPhoenix
- 4:31 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat I find age is a good counterbalance to parenting insecurity. That and learning to be a pragmatist rather than a perfectionist!
- 4:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** @FrazzIId - Welcome!! #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @GaryBrannigan Yes, asynchrony = extreme challenge for kids, parents, and how others perceive both b/c it's not understood publicly. #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @asynschlrfsnd: @GaryBrannigan Yes, asynchrony = extreme challenge for kids, parents, and how others perceive both b/c it's not understood publicly. #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **theboysstore:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: #gtchat I find age is a good counterbalance to parenting insecurity. That and learning to be a pragmatist... #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @ljconrad Ahh yes. You got me bang to rights (as they say in these parts)! #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @jofrei Absolutely; these kids have a very different "normal." As advocates we should aim for public education/understanding too! #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **DeborahMersino:** @mygiftedgirl Welcome! I think GT parenting groups @schools & equivalent grps for their kids are critical. Working on one here now. #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @theboysstore LOL dang whale!!!! got scared something big happened to cause so much tweeting...and checked the news... #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **FrazzIId:** @DeborahMersino I'm in! Missed loads... #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @GiftedPhoenix Ooh, you mean lower your standards? ;- ) (I do it all the time!) #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **theboysstore:** @mygiftedgirl \* Well World Cup is officially on so it could be the hold up ;-) #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** @micheleborba - majority of mothers feel that being a mother today is more difficult than when their mothers raised them. Agree/no? #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Link of lots of great parenting #gifted kids articles, strategies and resources on our database: <http://bit.ly/cktPa0>. #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **GaryBrannigan:** They take time. Need to calm the emotion and then deal w/ the cognitive! #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Probably safest not to introduce gender distinctions into a parenting discussion imho...that way dispute lies!
- 4:35 pm **mygiftedgirl:** RT @DeborahMersino: @micheleborba - majority of mothers feel that being a mother today is more difficult than when their mothers raised them. Agree/no? #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** @micheleborba - 81 percent agree that today's moms are too concerned about how their kids compare to others. @GiftedPhoenix's point. #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **theboysstore:** @DeborahMersino \* Agree #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Link of lots of great parenting #gifted kids articles, strategies and resources on our database: <http://bit.ly/cktPa0>. #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat Popping into to say "Hi" from Houston TX. Have raised 2 gifted children to adults. Was bumps along the way but very rewarding.
- 4:36 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Some aspects are easier and some harder - more information now but greater worries for safety etc #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** How often do you compare yourself as a parent with how you were raised. Kohn discusses this a lot...Intriguing!! #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **theboysstore:** My mother stayed at home until we were teens - trying to balance work and family is a challenge for anyone #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino I think it's much easier to parent asynchronous kids like these now. Internet and other support = much greater. #gtchat

- 4:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teachagiftedkid - Hi! What made you feel confident/less confident throughout the journey? #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **thebigtoybook:** @theboysstore It definitely is hard to find that balance as a mom #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **FrazzId:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Link to lots of parenting #gifted kids articles/strategies/ resources on our database: <http://bit.ly/cktPa0>. #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **theboysstore:** On a regular basis RT @DeborahMersino: How often do you compare yourself as a parent with how you were raised... #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **theboysstore:** Still working on it LOL RT @thebigtoybook: @theboysstore It definitely is hard to find that balance as a mom #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat @DeborahMersino I used to think it was a myth that one turned into one's mum/dad - now I'm sure of it!
- 4:38 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** RT @DavidsonGifted Lots of great parenting #gifted kids articles, strategies and resources: <http://bit.ly/cktPa0><-my point exactly! #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @asynschlrnsfnd Yes, support from groups like gtchat can be very helpful #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** @AsynchSchlrnsFnd - Agree that the research/resources & even our chat offers solace/sanity. Knowing one is not alone = critical. #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **cybraryman1:** It is a new age now as both parents must work. The day of the stay at home parent has all but ended. #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** Question: What's most important to you? Your child's moral development, happiness, success? How does it correlate w/issues? #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **FrazzId:** Don't have time to! RT @DeborahMersino: How often do you compare yourself as a parent with how you were raised... #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **mygiftedgirl:** I try to copy the things I appreciated and remember so well. I worry that kids will go opposite just because...lol #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **jofrei:** Often discuss this with eldest daughter how I was raised, how she was raised and how she is raising her son #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **cybraryman1:** We found the schools were no help in helping us raise gifted children. #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** @DeborahMersino RT Knowing one is not alone = critical. <- Amen to that! #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **theboysstore:** @DeborahMersino \* Right now I am focused on hapiness and keeping her challenged/interested in learning new things #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** I live in a multi-generational setting/interesting how comparisons/parenting styles are viewed/absorbed/reflected upon. Blessings 2. #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **theboysstore:** RT @asynschlrnsfnd: @DeborahMersino RT Knowing one is not alone = critical. <- Amen to that! #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Yes! Support of others can be a life saver. Find other parents of GT kids and communicate with them/share ideas/experiences #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **Giegerich:** RT @cybraryman1: Great book I am reading - The Global Achievement Gap by Tony Wagner (via recommendation from @kylepace) #edchat #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **jofrei:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Link to lots of parenting #gifted kids articles/strategies/ resources on our database: <http://bit.ly/cktPa0>. #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** @DeborahMersino Support asynchronous / #gifted kids emotionally and I think the other things follow naturally. #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Most important,for us, is moral development, then success and happiness come more naturally and easier. #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Yes! Support of others can be a life saver. Find other parents of GT kids and communicate with them/share ideas/experiences #gtchat

- 4:41 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat what's most important (and most challenging) is to get the balance between freedom and prescription exactly right at all times
- 4:41 pm **theboysstore:** This is a blessing RT @DeborahMersino: I live in a multi-generational setting/interesting how comparisons/parenting styles... #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **jaaus:** @DeborahMersino It matters that they get a self-esteem boost in order to use their potential well, thus feeling happy & growing #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** @AsyncSchlrsFnd - I'd have to agree! Excellent point. #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **GaryBrannigan:** I am mostly interested in balance between their "standing out" and "fitting in". #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **FrazzIId:** Peer pressure is huge for teens. I feel the dangers of early independence are maybe greater nowadays. Maybe for next chat though! #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **mygiftedgirl:** RT @GaryBrannigan: I am mostly interested in balance between their "standing out" and "fitting in". #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @asynchschrslrsfnd: @DeborahMersino Support asynchronous / #gifted kids emotionally and I think the other things follow naturally. #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **theboysstore:** Love that!! RT @GaryBrannigan: I am mostly interested in balance between their "standing out" and "fitting in". #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - Excellent point. Letting them learn/lead, while still being the parent (in various contexts) = tricky. #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **asynchschrslrsfnd:** @jaaus I think for these kids emotional support includes support to follow their own learning needs. #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat But the teachers I consulted were very experienced w/GT children and well trained. Especially important in the high school years.
- 4:44 pm **asynchschrslrsfnd:** RT @GaryBrannigan: I am mostly interested in balance between their "standing out" and "fitting in". <--Agreed! They need peers. #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teachagiftedkid Yes, I, too, have found great advice/solace/input from GT teachers in our district. Valuable, critical insights! #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **jofrei:** @GaryBrannigan Well said! re I am mostly interested in balance between their "standing out" and "fitting in" #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat Good point: fitting in and standing out. Difficult balance to find. #gifted students need to be with academic & social peers.
- 4:46 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Like most things in life, it is good to have role models/mentors they can relate to and who can relate to them #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** @FrazzIId - Peer pressure even an issue for tweens. See it a lot. Scary. Hoping to dialogue about it more. #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @jofrei: @GaryBrannigan Well said! re I am mostly interested in balance between their "standing out" and "fitting in" #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **jaaus:** @AsyncSchlrsFnd They are in the G&T group @ school, but not learning anything new & getting bored #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **AnnBridgland:** @GiftedPhoenix #gtchat The article is downloadable easily for those who subscribe to G&T Update. Anyone who doesn't... it's well worthwhile
- 4:46 pm **FrazzIId:** Self knowledge/confidence vital RT @GaryBrannigan I am mostly interested in balance between their "standing out" and "fitting in" #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **mygiftedgirl:** GT teachers make a parent feel better.. .sometimes we must be reminded that our kid is normal, within their peer group. #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **asynchschrslrsfnd:** @GaryBrannigan The multi-age groupings in home school settings can really help with this need for role models/mentors too. #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** Question: What if we opened more dialogue with our GT kids re "fitting in" & "standing out" & help them wrestle w/feelings about it? #gtchat

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- 4:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Frazzlld: Self knowledge/confidence vital RT @GaryBrannigan I am mostly interested in balance between their "standing out" and "fitting in #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat So many more resources available to #gifted parents today. Not so true in the 80's & 90's. This forum is very valuable!
- 4:47 pm **theboysstore:** @DeborahMersino \* I have seen that since I started volunteering at the local elementary school - (tween pressure) #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat @AnnBridgland I'll circulate the link after we've finished!
- 4:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jaaus - Welcome. So sorry to hear that's your experience at school. Can be so frustrating...for both parent & student. #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **vaporofnuance:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Yes! Support of others can be a life saver. Find other parents of GT kids and communicate with them/share ideas/experiences #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **jaaus:** @teachagiftedkid I agree. they like to be selected to be in the G&T small group, but wish they'd fit with the rest #gtchat #gifted
- 4:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix @AnnBridgland - That would be wonderful. TY. #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **theboysstore:** RT @DeborahMersino Q: What if we opened dialogue with our GT kids re "fitting in" & "standing out" & help them wrestle w/feelings... #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino I'd say peer pressure even an issue for younger. Asynchronous / #gifted kids can be very sensitive to this. #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat @DeborahMersino Part of my parenting role is to model how it's OK to be introverted and different
- 4:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @teachagiftedkid: #gtchat So many more resources available to #gifted parents today. Not so true in the 80's & 90's. This forum is very valuable!
- 4:49 pm **moodmonster:** RT @asynchschrfsnd: RT @GaryBrannigan: I am mostly interested in balance between their "standing out" and "fitting in". <--Agreed! They need peers. #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **ljconrad:** #gtchat Just kidding with you! ;-) @GiftedPhoenix
- 4:50 pm **Frazzlld:** @DeborahMersino We have these discussions re fitting in/standing out regularly. There is no easy answer when you are a teen. #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** Moral development & ability 2 know themselves, what makes them tick, what their passionate about, leadership/what it means = vital. #gtchat
- 4:51 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** @jaaus Maybe help them find the larger GT community of kids, online (with guidance)? #gtchat
- 4:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - like that...self-acceptance = powerful. #gtchat
- 4:51 pm **jaaus:** @DeborahMersino By Australian standards I may be getting it all. I should extend them further myself Perhaps I need to find out how #gtchat
- 4:51 pm **PriscilaMarin:** A lot! RT @DeborahMersino: How often do you compare yourself as a parent with how you were raised. Kohn discusses this a lot... #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **mygiftedgirl:** GTkids vary so widely in their own grade. Each stand out for different reasons. Feel different sometimes even in their own group. #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **Frazzlld:** RT @DeborahMersino: Moral development & ability 2 know themselves, what makes them tick, what their passionate about, leadership/what it means = vital. #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat @Frazzlld I always think of that Janis Ian song...at 17
- 4:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** @PriscilaMarin - Hello! You're not alone.. #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino That sounds like good advice for people of all ages! #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **jaaus:** @AsynchSchlrFnd Sounds like a good idea. I have a question. Shall I wait? #gtchat

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**GaryBrannigan:** Their passions are more obvious, but they may have many, which can make life difficult for them when they have to choose #gtchat

4:53 pm **teachagiftedkid:** @GiftedPhoenix So true! This is why an adult mentor is good. #gtchat Child can see confidence in being different & fitting in at work & home

4:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** Idea: What if we set aside time (daily/weekly) to truly talk about such issues (moral wrestling, peer pressure) & listened intently? #gtchat

4:54 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @teachagiftedkid: #gtchat So many more resources available to #gifted parents today. This forum is very valuable!

4:54 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @jaaus #homeschool resources for asynchronous / #gifted can be useful even if you're not hsing. Try Davidson db or Hoagies Gifted #gtchat

4:54 pm **theboysstore:** Amen RT @GaryBrannigan Their passions are more obvious, but they may have many, which can make life difficult for them ...to choose #gtchat

4:55 pm **jaaus:** #gtchat What IQ is (for American standards) reasonably high enough to consider a child to be gifted? 125? 140 ?

4:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan - Fine point about multi-potentiality. Inquiring the regularly/catching them w/sparkling eyes can help. #gtchat

4:55 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DeborahMersino Taking time to discuss issues is a great idea: I call it family dinner therapy. lol #gtchat

4:55 pm **teachagiftedkid:** @mygiftedgirl True. Makes our job as #gifted professionals so difficult. One size does not fit all. #gtchat

4:55 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @DeborahMersino Yes...it's usually right at bed time...mine unload all of those feelings. Like they have to get it out before sleep #gtchat

4:55 pm **jaaus:** @teachagiftedkid Yes! You know it! #gtchat

4:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** Final minutes of our chat. Final thoughts everyone? Learns, insights, hopes? #gtchat

4:56 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino Read about a family practice of reviewing favorite things of the week together; could be part of regular discussion. #gtchat

4:56 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @teachagiftedkid Agreed.I am a believer that mentors provide the most effective learning for many GT Kids-individualized & in depth! #gtchat

4:56 pm **Frazzlld:** Fitting in/standing out. How does dying your hair bright pink fit? Was late to chat 'cos was with dd doing just that! #gtchat

4:56 pm **cybraryman1:** @DeborahMersino Yes. It is important to regularly talk about those issues and also when needed. #gtchat

4:57 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @teachagiftedkid Can't imagine how you do it! So widely varied in one class of 22 or so kids! #gtchat

4:57 pm **theboysstore:** Relax, ask for input and listen to suggestions :- ) #gtchat

4:57 pm **cybraryman1:** @DeborahMersino Thanks for another stimulating session. I enjoy learning from all of the participants #gtchat

4:57 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @jaaus Depends on who you ask, but generally, 2+ standard deviations above the norm = #gifted #gtchat

4:57 pm **Frazzlld:** dd's hair, not mine, I should add! #gtchat

4:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Frazzlld - LOL...love it. Stages of self-expression, right? I hear you though! #gtchat

4:58 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Final Thought - if you havent already found one, seek out a parent support group for GT. Strength (and sanity/comfort) in numbers! #gtchat

4:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - My pleasure. You all make it possible and invigorating. #gtchat

4:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Final Thought - if you havent already found one, seek out a parent support group for GT. Strength (and sanity/comfort) in numbers! #gtchat

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- 4:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - Potent/sage advice about finding a parenting support group locally...so healthy! #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @theboysstore: Relax, ask for input and listen to suggestions :- ) #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat Please share any helpful insight to add the curriculum I am developing for 1st-4th grade students on being #gifted
- 4:59 pm **jofrei:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Final Thought seek out a parent support group for GT. Strength (and sanity/comfort) in numbers! #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** RT @DavidsonGifted If you haven't already found one, seek out a parent support group. Strength/sanity/comfort in nmbrs!<--Right on! #gtchat
- 4:59 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Thanks to all for a stimulating discussion of gifted kids! #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **jaaus:** @AsynchSchlrsFnd Thanks kindly. #gifted #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **FrazzIId:** With a good moral grounding and unconditional support from home, I think most kids will turn out fine. All need to experiment tho' #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Well folks, you did it again. Congratulations to you all on another fine #gtchat session. Here's hoping it's inspired new thinking! #gtchat
- 5:00 pm **DavidsonGifted:** We can help find support groups & other resources. Email us at info@davidsongifted.org and check www.davidsongifted.org/db for more. #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Thanks for a fun chat - good getting in touch with my sensitive side after the more macho soccer experience. Now back to football!
- 5:01 pm **jofrei:** @cybraryman1 Re Thanks for another stimulating session. I second that! #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** Thank you everyone. I'll have transcript up shortly. Hoping www.wthashtag.com is working this week. #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** Thank you to everyone (especially fearless moderator @DeborahMersino)! Such helpful chats. #gtchat
- 5:01 pm **FrazzIId:** @DeborahMersino Thanks for another great chat. Looking forward to next one. Hope no fail whale later. #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** Join us again for #gtchat at 7:00 p.m./EST for "Growing Up 2 Fast: Society & Gifted Pressure Cooker." Peer pressure will likely come up!
- 5:02 pm **DavidsonGifted:** thanks Deborah! #gtchat
- 5:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: We can help find support groups & other resources. Email us at info@davidsongifted.org and check www.davidsongifted.org/db for more. #gtchat
- 5:03 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Amazon.com: how to win friends and influence people for teen girls: Books <http://amzn.to/ccy485> #gtchat great for girls!!
- 5:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teachagiftedkid - I'll get back to you with some possible resources! #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **LesLinks:** Hi Leslie in Ire. here checking in.. good group at IATSE Conference, good when teachers engage in a presentation. Sorrymissed chat! #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **jaaus:** @DeborahMersino Next week I'll be here early. Thanks for the chat :) #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: Join us again for #gtchat at 7:00 p.m./EST for "Growing Up 2 Fast: Society & Gifted Pressure Cooker." Peer pressure will likely come up!
- 5:04 pm **teachagiftedkid:** @DeborahMersino Enjoyed the conversation! Having a world perspective on #gifted issues is amazing. #gtchat We are not alone in our struggle.
- 5:04 pm **jofrei:** Just realised I had blocked some people not realising they were from here - have unblocked now - have I blocked anyone else? #gtchat
- 5:05 pm **mygiftedgirl:** better link...'How to Win Friends and Influence People for Teen Girls' by Donna Dale Carnegie (Paperb... <http://amzn.to/alOAva> #gtchat

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- 5:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @teachagiftedkid: @DeborahMersino Enjoyed the conversation! Having a world perspective on #gifted issues is amazing. #gtchat We are not alone in our struggle.
- 5:05 pm **LesLinks:** Will look forward to transcript... I was very interested in this topic.. and sorry to have missed it. Catch you all tonight.. #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DeborahMersino This is the publication (priced I'm afraid) in which my article on #gtchat has just appeared.
- 5:08 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Using the tweetchat did make the chat much easier and faster also #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** Transcript from 06.11 #gtchat on "Confident Parenting: Myth or Magic?" <http://bit.ly/be80aK> {Scroll to 4pm for start} TY! #gifted
- 5:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei - Good to know. Perhaps I'll finally give it a whirl tonight! TY, as always for being with us!! #gtchat
- 5:09 pm **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from 06.11 #gtchat on "Confident Parenting: Myth or Magic?" <http://bit.ly/be80aK> #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **LesLinks:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript f 06.11 #gtchat on "Conf/Parenting: Mythor Magic?" <http://bit.ly/be80aK> {Scroll to 4pm } TY! #gifted #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **BCGifted:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from 06.11 #gtchat on "Confident Parenting: Myth or Magic?" <http://bit.ly/be80aK> {Scroll to 4pm for start} TY! #gifted
- 5:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - I didn't see a link to the publication. Do you have one? I realized it's subscription, but would like to order/see. #gtchat
- 7:53 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @asynchschrfsnd: RT @DeborahMersino: Join us again for #gtchat at 7:00 PM/EST for "Growing Up 2 Fast:Society & Gifted Pressure Cooker."
- 7:57 pm **cybraryman1:** ?A grownup is a child with layers on.? Sorry I cannot join you for tonight's chat. Enjoy! #gtchat
- 8:22 pm **ljconrad:** @GiftedPhoenix ok, what does 'bang to rights' mean? Feelin' like I need to learn how to speak the Queen's English! #gtchat
- 8:24 pm **ljconrad:** @cybraryman1 missed chatting more! I'm still in school and had to deal with kids during chat! See you all at 7PM! #gtchat
- 8:51 pm **ljconrad:** New blog post - "Counseling for Gifted Parents" - includes 'star power' from #gtchat <http://bit.ly/aVwqgT> #gifted
- 9:03 pm **ChristineMMTTM:** RT @GaryBrannigan: RT @asynchschrfsnd: @DeborahMersino Support asynchronous / #gifted kids emotionally and I think the other things follow naturally. #gtchat
- 9:04 pm **soundsuccess:** Sad to be missing #gtchat again today. Wish our times matched up a little better. Looking forward to time changes later in year :) #gifted
- 9:07 pm **soundsuccess:** early onset of puberty in #gifted brings huge asynchrony problems... just when we thought things were coming together. #gtchat
- 9:12 pm **ljconrad:** @soundsuccess Reschedule your entire life & then you can come chat with us! Problem solved! We miss you! :( #gtchat
- 9:20 pm **soundsuccess:** @ljconrad I would except then I can't help my VSL kids. I have been thinking about what i can do though :) #gtchat I'll keep trying.Have fun
- 9:25 pm **ljconrad:** @soundsuccess I guess helping kids is more important... Of course they grow up ... and then you can come to #gtchat! :-D
- 9:33 pm **teachagiftedkid:** Today was my first real vacation day home from school (Spending 10 days in France doesn't count). Took 2 naps, went thru mail, & did #gtchat
- 9:45 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** @jaaus Belatedly, you're welcome; was that the question you were asking "should I wait" about? Happy to answer any others you have. #gtchat
- 9:58 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino Belatedly, 5&8, and yes, experience (aging!) has helped me gain confidence. #gtchat

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10:03 pm

**DeborahMersino:**

Global #gtchat is just an hour away! Join us @ 7:00 p.m./EST for discussion on "Growing Up 2 Fast: Society & Gifted Pressure Cooker" #gifted

10:03 pm

**DeborahMersino:**

@teachagiftedkid - So honored that you included #gtchat in your first vacation day. Lucky us!

10:08 pm

**Ijconrad:**

@DeborahMersino Oy! Where's that pizza I ordered dh to pick up??? #gtchat

10:09 pm

**Ijconrad:**

@DeborahMersino <--- looking up references to pressure cookers ... #gtchat

10:11 pm

**deepwaterscoach:**

Are we already preparing #gtchat treats? RT @LesLinks: @Ijconrad Ya... would be nice.. pizza would be nice to...

10:11 pm

**Ijconrad:**

<---- is sincerely hoping @teachagiftedkid stays awake for tonight's chat! Always enjoy your POV! #gtchat

10:11 pm

**deepwaterscoach:**

Don't we #gifted have enough pressure in our lives? RT @Ijconrad: @DeborahMersino <--- looking up references to pressure cookers ... #gtchat

10:12 pm

**DeborahMersino:**

RT @Ijconrad - @DeborahMersino <--- looking up references to pressure cookers ... #gtchat <= Look under Mersino household @ 4 p.m. on Fri :)

10:13 pm

**Ijconrad:**

@DeepWatersCoach Will you be chatting with us this evening, missy? #gtchat

10:13 pm

**DeborahMersino:**

@teachagiftedkid - I agree with @Ijconrad! #gtchat

10:13 pm

**deepwaterscoach:**

@Ijconrad That's my plan! #gtchat

10:13 pm

**DeborahMersino:**

The pre-chat chatter has begun... #gtchat

10:13 pm

**asynschlrsfnd:**

@DeepWatersCoach I certainly am contemplating some form of frosty beverage! #gtchat

10:14 pm

**deepwaterscoach:**

Me too! RT @DeborahMersino: @teachagiftedkid - I agree with @Ijconrad! #gtchat

10:14 pm

**deepwaterscoach:**

@AsynchSchlrsFnd Ah, yes...a fine plan indeed! #gtchat

10:16 pm

**Ijconrad:**

i.e., <http://bit.ly/cB2sxN> I'm thinking 'real' pressure cookers! #gtchat

10:16 pm

**deepwaterscoach:**

@DeborahMersino Do you have the transcript up from today's earlier chat? #gtchat

10:18 pm

**Ijconrad:**

@DeborahMersino Success! The lobby is now open! #gtchat I'm turning up the lights and starting to make the popcorn!

10:18 pm

**DeborahMersino:**

@DeepWatersCoach - Transcript from 06.11 #gtchat on "Confident Parenting: Myth or Magic?" <http://bit.ly/be80aK> {Scroll to 4pm for start}

10:19 pm

**asynschlrsfnd:**

RT @DeborahMersino: @DeepWatersCoach - Transcript from 06.11 #gtchat on "Confident Parenting: Myth or Magic?" <http://bit.ly/be80aK> {Scroll to 4pm for start}

10:24 pm

**LesLinks:**

<http://tinyurl.com/2e54q85> tolan's take... yawn... tired.. pizza sounds nice.. #gtchat

10:24 pm

**deepwaterscoach:**

@Ijconrad @LesLinks So happy my new Twitter playmates will be on the #gtchat playground today/tonight!

10:25 pm

**deepwaterscoach:**

@LesLinks @Ijconrad So popcorn, pizza, and @AsynchSchlrsFnd is bringing the frosty beverages! I'll chip in the cookie dough. #gtchat

10:25 pm

**LesLinks:**

@deepwaterscoach hmm.. dry white stuff?? #gtchat

10:26 pm

**deepwaterscoach:**

Quite possibly, but shhhh!!!! We're on Twitter!!! RT @LesLinks: @deepwaterscoach hmm.. dry white stuff?? #gtchat

10:28 pm

**LesLinks:**

@deepwaterscoach Wine (white dry)... and cashews too!! #gtchat

10:30 pm

**deepwaterscoach:**

@LesLinks Will that help you stay awake??? ;-) #gtchat

10:35 pm

**LesLinks:**

@Ijconrad@deepwaterscoach AsynchSchlrsFnd No... not really..not sure if I'll last the whole chat but will see.. #gtchat

10:38 pm

**Ijconrad:**

@DeepWatersCoach @LesLinks She stayed awake last week! #gtchat

10:39 pm

**deepwaterscoach:**

Transcript RT @Ijconrad: @DeepWatersCoach @LesLinks She stayed awake last

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- 10:39 pm **deepwaterscoach:** IROOR! @ljconrad: @DeepWatersCoach @LesLinks She stayed awake last week! #gtchat
- 10:41 pm **LesLinks:** 'She' spent a long day advocating and presenting at conference... than 'nurturing.. over grown teens.. Maybe needs sleep?? #gtchat
- 10:42 pm **ljconrad:** Shhhhh .... ordering pizza! #gtchat
- 10:44 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Shhhh...stirring cookie dough! #gtchat
- 10:47 pm **ljconrad:** Ok ... bbq chicken & bacon, spinach alfredo, & the works from Papa Johns! I'll let you know how they taste! #gtchat
- 10:47 pm **DalydeGagne:** @DeepWatersCoach I love raw cookie dough. Is that why the shhhh so the kids won't come in asking for some. #gtchat
- 10:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** Can't wait to see the new #gtchat slogan: "#gtchat | 140 characters. Unlimited potential" on quality T-shirts. Soon!! #gifted
- 10:48 pm **ljconrad:** @LesLinks <--- Overachiever! :-p #gtchat
- 10:48 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @DalydeGagne We're being quiet so the people on #gtchat don't know what we're up too! LOL!
- 10:49 pm **ljconrad:** @DeepWatersCoach mmmmm .... what kind of cookie dough? #gtchat
- 10:50 pm **DalydeGagne:** @DeepWatersCoach Oh. Good thing they probably don't follow their own hash tag, right. What kind of cookies? #gtchat
- 10:50 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @ljconrad Chocolate chip, of course! Might add some M&Ms too...#gtchat The pizza sounds great!
- 10:51 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino Niiiice, I think I will order one! #gtchat
- 10:51 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @DalydeGagne That's exactly right. You're #gifted—you get it! Chocolate chip cookies! #gtchat
- 10:51 pm **ljconrad:** What are we 'suppose' to be talking about tonight??? #gtchat Wine and cashews are starting to sound pretty good!
- 10:51 pm **DalydeGagne:** @DeepWatersCoach Gifted, thanks. Chocolate chip cookies? Now I feel deprived. #gifted #gtchat
- 10:52 pm **ljconrad:** <--- Must get serious. #gtchat
- 10:53 pm **ljconrad:** @DeborahMersino I want a t-shirt!!!! #gtchat
- 10:53 pm **deepwaterscoach:** What fun is that? RT @ljconrad: <--- Must get serious. #gtchat
- 10:55 pm **ljconrad:** @DeepWatersCoach Oh, man! Does that sound good! I love chocolate chip cookies! #gtchat
- 10:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @ljconrad <--- Must get serious. #gtchat <@ljconrad = life. Its' a good thing. :-)
- 10:56 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Me tooooooooooo!!!!!!! RT @ljconrad: @DeborahMersino I want a t-shirt!!!! #gtchat
- 10:56 pm **ljconrad:** 5 minutes! Dimming the lights now! No food or drink in the theatre. #gtchat
- 10:56 pm **LesLinks:** @ljconrad meanie.. all that food and can't share.. hey.. Chocolate chip cookies are good for counting..chips I mean.. and smell nice #gtchat
- 10:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** Four minutes and counting...everyone's fingers feeling nimble? #gtchat
- 10:57 pm **LesLinks:** @ljconrad Awww... no food??? #gtchat
- 10:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted 2 #gtchat (Growing Up 2 Fast). Pardon for the heavy Tweet stream. Feel free to unfollow. #gifted
- 10:59 pm **ljconrad:** Oh, alright! I'll clean up when we're done! #gtchat
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- 10:59 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @DeborahMersino I pilfered your #gtchat disclaimer. Thank you!
- 11:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to our 7pm/EST global #gtchat. Our topic: "Growing Up 2 Fast: Society & #Gifted Pressure Cooker." Join us now!
- 11:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DeepWatersCoach - I borrowed it from someone on #edchat! :- ) #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Visors? Hats? Mugs? Tote bags? RT @LesLinks: @DeborahMersino... buttons would be nice too!!! #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself, your role (parent, grandparent, educator, advocate, student) & where you reside. #gtchat
- 11:01 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @DeborahMersino It's a great idea b/c I think a new follow last week blocked me b/c of #gtchat!!! LOL!!!
- 11:01 pm **RobertELeeandme:** RT @DeepWatersCoach: What fun is that? RT @ljconrad: <~~~ Must get serious. #gtchat ~~~> that sounds like serious fun! LOL ~>How is Lisa?
- 11:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, mom to two girls (who just finished up Camp Invention!) & live in Colorado (tornado warning)!
- 11:02 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** Greetings - Marlow Schmauder, Asynchronous Scholars' Fund, parent of 2, educator. #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** While all of you delightful folks introduce yourselves I'm going to put up some links on our subject for later viewing. Welcome all! #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **LesLinks:** @deepwaterscoach pens.. stationary.. hmm.. 'DeborahMersino #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **deepwaterscoach:** I'm Lisa Lauffer, Chief Sanity Officer to Gifted Grown-ups & Parents of Gifted Children. Parent of 2 #gifted, 1 of whom is 2e. #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Erik from Vegas here. Hopefully Twitter will cooperate w/me better this afternoon than it did this morning. Good to see everyone. #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** Oldie, but interesting. From Wall Street Journal on Growing Up Too Fast | <http://bit.ly/b31Zr1> #gtchat
- 11:03 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Residing on Planet Chaos #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **FrazzIId:** Hi from Ireland. Catherine, mother and advocate. #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** From Family Circle: Girls Growing Up Too Fast | <http://bit.ly/dgrGCJ> #gtchat
- 11:04 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Clinical & School Psychologist in upstate New York #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** Growing Up Too Fast: Secret Life of America's Middle Schoolers by Sylvia Rimm <http://bit.ly/d3xsC7> #gtchat
- 11:05 pm **deepwaterscoach:** NOW who's teacher's pet? Hmm??? Hmmm???? RT @ljconrad: Oh, alright! Ill clean up when were done! (Ill squeegee the white boards!) #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** Guiding #Gifted Readers (includes excellent section on developmental bibliotherapy) <http://bit.ly/buBgkq> #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **LesLinks:** Hi I'm Les in Dublin Ireland here.. citizen of planet chaos, advocate, mom of two teens and gifted ed consultant.. #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **DazzIId:** Karen here, from Dublin Ireland #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Pretty good book: The Hurried Child: growing up too Fast too Soon [http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/Resources\\_id\\_10865.aspx](http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/Resources_id_10865.aspx) #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **ljconrad:** Hello from Pittsburgh! Mother of 2 young adults, gifted advocate, pres of local parents grp #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** Not to jump the gun but @DeborahMersino there seems to be a particular inability of people to understand #gifted kids' asynchrony #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** Growing Up Gifted Blog by @chrstnef (recommended bookmark) <http://bit.ly/bTE9aq> #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **LesLinks:** @deepwaterscoach squeegee??? really?? #gtchat

- 11:07 pm **bfwritergt:** grown-up gifted kid and wannabe counsellor (and possibly proud owner of a sparkly blue pocket protector). #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** From Worry to Wonderment by Dr. Silverman | Found this interesting! <http://bit.ly/bb8FHD> #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **DavidsonGifted:** This is a big issue for GT kids b/c we think they can handle adult themes at such young age,this can cause great anxiety 4 them #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - Excellent! The Hurried Child was on my list. Thank you! #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: This is a big issue for GT kids b/c we think they can handle adult themes at such young age,this can cause great anxiety 4 them #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **deepwaterscoach:** As long as I get to spray with the spray bottle...RT @LesLinks: @deepwaterscoach squeegee??? really?? #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **LesLinks:** @asynchschrslrwnd to right.. so often misunderstood... and also the fact that with time some bits do seem to grow into themselves #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **bfwritergt:** do we ever grow up, really? <puts on fake serious face> #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** Let's first talk about reasons. Feel free to toss them out (i.e. societal pressures, asynchrony, 24/7 world, tween marketing, etc.) #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Quick "tips for parents" from Sylvia Rimm on growing up too fast: [http://www.dauidsongifted.org/db/Articles\\_id\\_10561.aspx](http://www.dauidsongifted.org/db/Articles_id_10561.aspx) #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **morsemusings:** @DeepWatersCoach Thanks for the invite to #gtchat. Sounds like FUN ... but I'm soon to leave for some rollerskating :) #Looking4IceCreamMan
- 11:09 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DavidsonGifted: This is a big issue for GT kids-we think they can handle adult themes at young age,this can cause anxiety 4 them #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **asynchschrslrwnd:** @DavidsonGifted & #gifted kids are so sensitive and/or morally focused that adult themes are overwhelming (never mind for any kid) #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **ljconrad:** @DeepWatersCoach @LesLinks Settle down, girls! #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted makes a poignant point. #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DeborahMersino And The Hurried Child was written in the 70s!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!What does that say for now? #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** So often, we & others (and kids themselves) "expect" too much, yet we don't "want" them to grow up too fast. #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Quick "tips for parents" from Sylvia Rimm on growing up too fast: [http://www.dauidsongifted.org/db/Articles\\_id\\_10561.aspx](http://www.dauidsongifted.org/db/Articles_id_10561.aspx) #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @AsynchSchlrslrwnd So true. They see injustice or inequality and dont know how to process it. feel helpless. #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **LesLinks:** @DavidsonGifted Ya.. hard 2 keep them from 'knowing' or 'experiencing' adult themes when reading levels mean access 2 knowledge easy #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @AsynchSchlrslrwnd So true. They see injustice or inequality and dont know how to process it. feel helpless. #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **ljconrad:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @AsynchSchlrslrwnd So true. They see injustice or inequality and dont know how to process it. feel helpless. #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** @AsynchSchlrslrwnd - So true about the sensitivities (moral & other) - compound normal challenges of growth/development. #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @GaryBrannigan Sorry, that was the 3rd edition I linked to...written in 2001, but your point is still a valid one. #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @asynchschrslrwnd: @DavidsonGifted & #gifted kids are sensitive &/or morally focused that adult themes are overwhelming #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **asynchschrslrwnd:** @LesLinks I think you nail it - these kids need high-level content but geared for kids #gtchat

- 11:13 pm **ljconrad:** Important to keep open lines of communication and to 'review' reading material ahead of time. #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** QUESTION: What are some of the signs/challenges that you all see with this in #gifted (being forced to grow up too fast)? #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @ljconrad: Important to keep open lines of communication and to review reading material ahead of time. #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **LesLinks:** @DavidsonGifted Oh so true ,, crying over thrown out newspaper cause it is 'wasting the trees..... #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DavidsonGifted Thanks! I was convinced by the first edition!!! #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **Frazzlld:** The need to fit in but seeing how ridiculous your peers are. What do you do?! #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @AsynchSchlrFnd Agreed. this is the crux of the matter. keeping them supplied with advanced content that is age appropriate.Tough!#gtchat
- 11:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** @AsynchSchlrFnd @LesLinks - The Hoagies link I provided earlier suggests developmental bibliotherapy. Wonderful! #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **asynschlrFnd:** @DeborahMersino Let's first talk about reasons<--4 misunderstandings? Even we who know these kids struggle to understand asynchrony #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **Dazzlld:** @ljconrad I often read books to see if I feel they're appropriate, especially for my pre-teen girl #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **asynschlrFnd:** @ljconrad Who can keep up with these voracious readers, though? I sure can't! #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Frazzlld The need to fit in but seeing how ridiculous your peers are. What do you do?! #gtchat <= So true!! Need gifted peers.
- 11:15 pm **ljconrad:** @DeborahMersino It's a balancing act b/c they CAN handle some adult themes - environment, world peace, tolerance #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @LesLinks Yes! this is why we encourage kids to do something about it.Start a recycling program in school or nghbrhd (if old enough) #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @asynschlrFnd I think sometimes we don't know what age our kids are going to show up as! Sometimes it's mature, sometimes not. #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **Dazzlld:** @DeborahMersino I see my job as allowing them to grow intellectually but making sure they can be kids first and foremost #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **LesLinks:** @Frazzlld such a heart renching and painful realisation... the need to find peers who are is so important.. to get that 'I belong' #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Information w/o context can be a big problem #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** @AsynchSchlrFnd - Very true indeed. Understanding of both asynchrony and intensities is vital to helping them through development. #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **Frazzlld:** I'm often surprised by content of books/films. Society seems to have accepted much sexualised stuff at a very early age. #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **deepwaterscoach:** I think anxiety is a key that they've had more than they can handle-- perseverating on a topic, esp at bedtime. #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **ljconrad:** @DeepWatersCoach As it should be! That the wonderful part of gifted parenting! :- ) #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino Yes I use bibliotherapy too... good thing... #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **Dazzlld:** RT @Frazzlld: Im often surprised by content of books/films. Society seems to accept much sexualised stuff at a very early age. - yes #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @deepwaterscoach: I think anxiety is a key that theyve had more than they can handle--perseverating on a topic, esp at bedtime. #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **jofrei:** Hi Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources Melbourne Aus - a bit late sorry- and pushing to catch up with #gtchat

- 11:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Frazzlld - You said it. Unbelievable. The series on see on TV now. "Pretty Liars", "Secret Life of American Teens", etc. #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **LesLinks:** @Frazzlld Very very true.. it is indeed disturbing.. #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei - Always a pleasure. Happy Saturday to you! #gtchat #AU
- 11:19 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @ljconrad Yes, it's true—it's wonderful, & it's something 2 remember when discussing topics requiring a certain level of maturity #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @jofrei That's okay. I think we may be looking to slow things down a bit! #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **ljconrad:** Monitor everything - guide them in all things! #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **Frazzlld:** Sexualization Of Girls Is Linked To Common Mental Health Problems In Girls And Women <http://ht.ly/1XsMG> A hobby horse of mine #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** Making everything even more complex is the fact that some girls ARE reaching puberty earlier...9/10 - bodies ready, not emotions. #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **asynschlrshnd:** Asynch kids recognize their own potential to do more grown-up stuff and thus have less ability to resist pressure. #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Frazzlld: Sexualization Of Girls Is Linked To Common Mental Health Problems In Girls And Women <http://ht.ly/1XsMG> A hobby horse of mine #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **deepwaterscoach:** I agree totally--we NEED to do this. Sometimes I find it overwhelming RT @ljconrad: Monitor everything - guide them in all things! #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @asynschlrshnd: Asynch kids recognize their own potential to do more grown-up stuff and thus have less ability to resist pres. #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: Making everything more complex is that some girls R reaching puberty earlier...9/10-bodies ready, not emotions. #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **Dazzlld:** We need to make our young people, esp girls, aware that the media manipulate them in this way #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **ljconrad:** @DeborahMersino Boys are responding, too. I see it everyday in school! #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** Whomever said "not fitting in" comment/so true! Often feel they can't express their real thoughts/feelings/worries/accomplishments #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **jofrei:** RT @ljconrad: @DeborahMersino Its a balancing act b/c they CAN handle some adult themes - environment, world peace, tolerance #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @asynschlrshnd: Asynch kids recognize their own potential 2 do more grown-up stuff & thus have less ability 2 resist pressure. #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @Dazzlld: We need to make our young people, esp girls, aware that the media manipulate them in this way #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Dazzlld - Well said!! Please write a book or article on how to do that...It's a tricky terrain, isn't it! #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **GaryBrannigan:** The media manipulates us in lots of ways! #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **Frazzlld:** @asynschlrshnd I find mine often resist peer pressure because of their asynchrony. #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @DeepWatersCoach We play a game with our kids: What is this ad selling? #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** Another peeve of marketing to tweens - the clothes, the stereotypical "rich" or "dumb" character on a show...so sad. Must discuss #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Excellent game! RT @asynschlrshnd: @DeepWatersCoach We play a game with our kids: What is this ad selling? #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @Frazzlld I mean not peer pressure, but pressure to take on adult-level

undertakings b/c they can: perfectionist expectations. #gtchat

- 11:24 pm **DazzlId:** @asynschlrsfnd We do that too, but I fear I'm raising quite cynical kids sometimes! #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @jofrei They can "understand" these themes but they require adult guidance and context frm parent/teacher to "handle" appropriately. #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **Ijconrad:** As they grow up, gifted kids are very keen on seeing through advertisers. Atleast at my house. #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @AsynchSchlrsFnd @DeepWatersCoach We play a game with our kids: What is this ad selling? #gtchat <== Love this...powerful!
- 11:25 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Show kids what ad says and let them see if the product lives up to it! #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Also sassy, we-know-better-than-adults attitudes. RT @DeborahMersino: Another peeve of marketing to tweens - stereotypes...so sad #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** @DazzlId And cynicalness is another feature of growing up too fast...need to balance skepticism with childhood idealism. #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** The Worry to Wonderment article by Silverman (new blog BTW) is intriguing, in that it opens up thoughts about anxiety/perfectionism #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **jofrei:** @DavidsonGifted True and understanding does not necessarily mean able to deal with issues emotionally yet #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DeepWatersCoach - Oh yes...sassy seems to be the norm. #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @asynschlrsfnd: @DazzlId And cynicalness is another feature of growing up too fast...need to balance skepticism with childhood idealism. #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **LesLinks:** Peer pressure from age peers 2 do things gifted may not want 2 do cause they already know it's harmful, but dilemma 2 fit in, drink #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @asynschlrsfnd: @DazzlId Cynicism-another feature of growing up too fast...need to balance skepticism with childhood idealism. #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @asynschlrsfnd Good point. Need to teach kids to think critically #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** @DeepWatersCoach RT Also sassy, we-know-better-than-adults attitudes.<-- this can start much earlier in asynchronous kids, too #gtchat
- 11:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** Simple things, like having kids identify how they're feeling (happy, sad, scared, excited, angry, tender) can help open dialogue. #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @asynschlrsfnd So true! (re: sassy attitudes) #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **LesLinks:** @jofrei No it doesn't.. also there is that.. brain still developing thing and trouble with desion making.... #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **Ijconrad:** @AsynchSchlrsFnd I lost that battle. My kids very cynical #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @AsynchSchlrsFnd Good point. If left to their own devices, they can become cynical/skeptical so easily. Need to teach solutions! #gtchat
- 11:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** Sometimes, I see the "sassy" come out most when it's "fear" underneath. Slowly, but surely, learning to ID. #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @jofrei Agreed 100%. Exactly what I was getting at. #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Oo...interesting. RT @DeborahMersino: The "sassy" comes out most when its "fear" underneath. Slowly, but surely, learning to ID. #gtchat
- 11:29 pm **DazzlId:** @DeborahMersino I see that in my youngest (just 10), usually it masks upset about something #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** Let's talk for a bit about the biggest contributors beyond giftedness (which we might have some ability to control/set boundaries) #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @DeborahMersino I think when they feel that fear they really want us to show up strongly, to rise to the challenge they're throwing. #gtchat

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- 11:30 pm **GaryBrannigan:** This all points to the need to be tuned in to kids and create an open environment for communication about any topic. START EARLY #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** TV monitoring, Internet, Wii, texting, book monitoring, cell phones, facebook, peer groups? How do you handle? #gtchat
- 11:31 pm **ljconrad:** @DeborahMersino There's light at the end of the tunnel! All that sassyness does go away and it's a beautiful time of life! #gtchat
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- 11:34 pm **deepwaterscoach:** In life coaching we talk abt perspectives--coming up w/ all sides of the truth & deciding where to powerfully live from. #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @GaryBrannigan RT teach them how to find reliable sources <-- an excellent strategy for enabling all asynchronous/ #gifted kids #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **deepwaterscoach:** #gifted kids are agile & creative at developing a variety of perspectives from which to view topics #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **ljconrad:** @DavidsonGifted That's part of the growing up process. Much faster in gifted kids. Monitor young, guide as they grow. #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **DalydeGagne:** @AsynchSchlrFnd Check out Jon Kabat-Zinn's stuff o and/or tweet me later - am just out the door for supper. #gtchat

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- 11:35 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeepWatersCoach Seems very applicable across the board. #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted @GaryBrannigan - Yes! With younger kids, tho, some monitoring/input needed. Hands-on, not hovering. Open dialogue #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **LesLinks:** Angst over what adults say, and what adults do can be scary. why do they build nuclear plants/faulty oil rigs..make kids feel unsafe. #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeepWatersCoach I like this "all sides of the truth" it shows life has many grey areas, not just black and white/right and wrong. #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **DalydeGagne:** @DeborahMersino Often problem is too much inner talk, the secondary array of thoughts which drive feelings but help little #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DalydeGagne - Will do. Thanks for stopping by! #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **DazzlId:** A big fear for parents of teens in Ireland is alcohol use, we need to keep dialogue, and our eyes & ears, open to them #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @asynschlrfsnd It is! You can create all kinds of perspectives on any topic! #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Research shows that people find more reasons to support what they read than negate what they read #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **LesLinks:** RT @deepwaterscoach: #gifted kids are agile & creative at developing a variety of perspectives from which to view topics, very true #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @DeepWatersCoach I like this "all sides of the truth" it shows life has many grey areas, not just black and white/right and wrong. #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DalydeGagne Thanks and buon appetito! #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @DavidsonGifted Yes! In coaching we envision the whole truth as a circle, & each perspective is a slice of that pie. #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DalydeGagne - Agree...hence the need for conversation/trust-building, so they feel safe working through complexities. #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @DavidsonGifted Each perspective holds a piece, but only a piece, of the whole truth. #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @LesLinks RT Angst over what adults do can be scary. Why do they build nuclear plants/faulty oil rigs?<--For adults as well! #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **ljconrad:** @DazzlId Same here! Very scary for a parent. #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **GaryBrannigan:** We also have to be aware of kids' arrogance "know it all, can't happen to me..." It makes them more vulnerable #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** It's also interesting to think about how we treat siblings of differing ages...do we remind ourselves of the gap? #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **LesLinks:** @DazzlId mine have had many discussions on alcohol and damage to the developing brain before 25, also dislike 'silly drunk behavior #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DavidsonGifted RT I like this "all sides of the truth" it shows life has many grey areas, not just b&w/right & wrong.<--Right on! #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeepWatersCoach I like it! Some GT kids have difficulty understanding more than just right & wrong cause in academia is clearer #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan - Scary, but so well said (re arrogance). #gtchat.
- 11:40 pm **LesLinks:** RT @GaryBrannigan: We also have to be aware of kids arrogance "know it all, cant happen to me..." It makes them more vulnerable.YA #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @DeborahMersino Oh, the sibling gap! What a challenge that has been for us! DD9 thinks she should be able to do whatever DS13 does #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **ljconrad:** @GaryBrannigan Have you been eavesdropping at my house? My son calls himself "steel" - makes me crazy! #gtchat

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- 11:41 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @GaryBrannigan Sure. I was invincible once too. Werent you? Ha. #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeepWatersCoach DD9 thinks she should be able to do whatever DS13 does<--Very familiar here too! #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** Also interesting in how we project our own values/perfectionism/criticisms on each child, depending on personality type. #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **LesLinks:** RT @deepwaterscoach: @DeborahMersino gap! a challenge that has been for us! DD9 thinks she should be able to do whatever DS13 does #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **jofrei:** We used to have a Truth Bank - build dealing honestly with each other so that we had that base for when it was important #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted @GaryBrannigan Sure. I was invincible once too. Werent you? Ha. #gtchat <= love this...
- 11:42 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @asynschlrfsnd It's a challenging gap--DS13 is maturing, needs more independence. DD9 isn't ready for that! #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: Also interesting how we project our values/perfectionism/criticisms on each child, depending on personality type #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DavidsonGifted Yes, especially during adolescence. Look back at the risks I took! #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **Frazzlld:** Into the mystery of the adolescent mind by Andrew Fuller: <http://ht.ly/1Xt7w> An interesting read #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei - Love the idea of establishing a Truth Bank. Say more. #gtchat
- 11:44 pm **LesLinks:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @GaryBrannigan Sure.I was invincible once too. Werent you? Ha.I was so much older than I'm younger than that now #gtchat
- 11:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Frazzlld: Into the mystery of the adolescent mind by Andrew Fuller: <http://ht.ly/1Xt7w> An interesting read #gtchat
- 11:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Frazzlld - Thank you for the rec. I'll look into it. #gtchat
- 11:44 pm **Dazzlld:** @deepwaterscoach We have that gap too, ds14 ready to pull away, but dd10 is determined to keep up! #gtchat
- 11:44 pm **jofrei:** @deepwaterscoach yes eldest always complained the younger ones got to do things earlier #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **deepwaterscoach:** b/c younger is so persistent in asking! RT @jofrei: @deepwaterscoach yes eldest complained the younger ones got to do things earlier #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @GaryBrannigan Exacly! Sometimes I wonder how anyone makes it through. Scary to watch as an adult - oblivious to risks at the time #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **Frazzlld:** @deepwaterscoach We get that too! DD13 won't accept that DS15 is older #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **ljconrad:** @jofrei RT yes eldest always complained the younger ones got to do things earlier #gtchat | Same here!
- 11:46 pm **Dazzlld:** No matter how gifted, teens need clear boundaries from us to make them feel secure #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** Discussng friendships/relationships w/others (whether leading or not) is critically important b/c of asynchrony/sensitiv/intensities #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - So very true. Frightening to look back! :) #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Dazzlld: No matter how gifted, teens need clear boundaries from us to make them feel secure #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @Frazzlld & what if, in some ways b/c of asynchrony, DD13 is more mature than DS15? Gah!!! #gtchat

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**Frazzlld:** RT @Uazzlld: No matter how gifted, teens need clear boundaries from us to make them feel secure #gtchat

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**jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Eg If I suspected they were lying I would remind that there will be times it will be vital to know they are truthful #gtchat

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**LesLinks:** @DavidsonGifted Very scary indeed... sometimes you watch them walk out that front door..and wonder if they will ever make it home? #gtchat

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**deepwaterscoach:** And yet we all survived! That should tell us something RT @DeborahMersino: @DavidsonGifted - So very true. Frightening to look back! #gtchat

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**Frazzlld:** @deepwaterscoach Not in this case. She is just more demanding!! #gtchat

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**LesLinks:** RT @DeborahMersino: RT @Dazzlld: No matter how gifted, teens need clear boundaries from us to make them feel secure, so agree #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** @Dazzlld - I agree. I think they long for boundaries, even though they often "dramatically" resist/protest/question. #gtchat

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**GaryBrannigan:** @DavidsonGifted Back then, drinking age in CT was 21, in NY 18 You can see where this is heading w/ risk taking #gtchat

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**deepwaterscoach:** @Frazzlld Well, we have that too! LOL! and Gah!!! #gtchat

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**Jeff\_shoemaker:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat I have found as parents and teacher we project our values/criticisms on the children we come in contact with.

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**LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino They may really dislike us for those boundries at the time.. but.. necessary for survival #gtchat

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**DavidsonGifted:** Gifted Kids Survival Guide (both of them) are great books to help kids navigate the rough waters of childhood/teen years. #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** Holding the boundary isn't easy route but the discussion around the "why" of it = critical in the end. Helps w/Self-direction. #gtchat

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**Ijconrad:** @GaryBrannigan That's why I headed north @18! Sad, but true. #gtchat

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**jofrei:** @DeborahMersino ... so they were depositing truth so they could call upon a reputation for truth later #gtchat

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**Frazzlld:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Gifted Kids Survival Guide are great books to help kids navigate the rough waters of childhood/teen years. #gtchat

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**deepwaterscoach:** @DeborahMersino @Dazzlld -I find that the more drama, the more they're really asking for boundaries (but think they don't want them) #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Gifted Kids Survival Guide (both of them) are great books to help kids navigate the rough waters of childhood/teen years. #gtchat

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**Dazzlld:** @DavidsonGifted Teen version is like a bible in our house, we go back to it over and over #gtchat

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**asynschlrnsfnd:** @DavidsonGifted Gifted Kids Survival Guide <-- Yes, we like these too. #gtchat

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**Jeff\_shoemaker:** @DeepWatersCoach @DavidsonGifted #gifted #gtchat I would agree with that. They have a great ability in seeing many sides

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**LesLinks:** @deepwaterscoach 15 dd is more mature than 17 ds here ... causes difficulties too.. #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** @jeff\_shoemaker It's great that you note it/so often we/others are in the dark about it & don't see it/correct it &/or check it out. #gtchat

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**DeborahMersino:** RT @LesLinks: @DeborahMersino They may really dislike us for those boundries at the time.. but.. necessary for survival #gtchat

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**Ijconrad:** <-- Texting ds to see where he is right now!!! #gtchat

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**Jeff\_shoemaker:** Sorry, I jumped in late tonight on the #gtchat. I tried but just too much weather excitement here. I love the topic!

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**deepwaterscoach:** @Jeff\_shoemaker Hi there! So good to see you on the chat! #gtchat

- 11:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks - We have that issue (younger though...8 and 9)...big discrepancies in some areas of maturity. Reversal at times. #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @ljconrad: <--- Texting ds to see where he is right now!!!!/LOL! Were you inspired by our chat??? #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** @ljconrad <--- Texting ds to see where he is right now!!! #gtchat <= good for you. Those years seem intimidating at this point!
- 11:54 pm **Jeff\_shoemaker:** @DeepWatersCoach #gtchat I tried to make it sooner but her had a tornado! Crazy!
- 11:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jeff\_shoemaker - Agree with @DeepWatersCoach - Glad you're here! #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **LesLinks:** @ljconrad You too?? mine is on an island in the sea... literally.. and it's nighttime... Gah!! #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** All right everyone...great input/reflections/thoughts tonight. Final thoughts, suggestions, learns, ideas? #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @Jeff\_shoemaker Yikes! Safety first for sure! Glad you're OK... #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **jofrei:** @Frazzlld Gifted Kids Survival Guide - one local school gifted program has a class set! #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **ljconrad:** @DeepWatersCoach Absolutely! #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @jofrei @Frazzlld Gifted Kids Survival Guide - one local school gifted program has a class set! #gtchat {cool!}
- 11:56 pm **Jeff\_shoemaker:** @DeborahMersino @LesLinks #gtchat we have 3 gt kids in the house and all are so different!
- 11:56 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Parenting these kids is a challenge--we have to tap into skills of parenting toddler to adult at any time in their development! #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Smart Talk: What kids say about growing up gifted: <http://bit.ly/a8p3rO> a good book for kids to read so they don't feel "weird" #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** Believing in their inherent goodness comes to mind. Helping them dialogue/internalize their positions/values/etc. #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **ljconrad:** Once again - #gtchat raises our awareness that we are not alone! I, for one, am so happy to be apart of this group!
- 11:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Smart Talk: What kids say about growing up gifted: <http://bit.ly/a8p3rO> a good book for kids to read so they don't feel "weird" #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **deepwaterscoach:** It's a good thing we're all #gifted too--up to the challenge of parenting these #gifted whipper-snappers! #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **LesLinks:** Amongst all that seriousness and growing up fast, try 2 keep an element of lightness in their lives, humour and joy in simple things #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **LesLinks:** RT @DeborahMersino:Believing in their inherent goodness comes to mind. Helping them dialogue/internalize their positions/values/etc. #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **Dazzlld:** Set the boundaries, discuss peer pressure, keep listening, keep talking, and don't forget some flexibility #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @DeborahMersino Final thoughts?<--Cultivate idealism/imagination; teach kids to question; discuss resources & solutions to worries. #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - TY! Delisle & Galbraith's "When Gifted Kids Don't Have All the Answers" is another good read. #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @LesLinks: Amongst all that seriousness and growing up fast, try 2 keep an element of lightness in their lives, humour and joy in simple things #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **asynschlrshnd:** @DavidsonGifted Smart Talk <-- We also really enjoyed that one. #gtchat
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- 11:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @ljconrad Once again - #gtchat raises our awareness that we are not alone! I, for one, am so happy to be apart of this group! <= Hooray!
- 11:58 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @asynchschrfsnd: @DeborahMersino Cultivate idealism/imagination; teach kids 2 question; discuss resources & solutions 2 worries. #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @DeborahMersino Learn to appreciate the little things and they won't seem so little anymore! #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **jofrei:** Final thoughts - agree with@LesLinks #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **Jeff\_shoemaker:** A great #gtchat tonight. I will have to read the transcript. You are doing a great job @DeborahMersino
- 11:59 pm **DazzlId:** Thank you Deborah for another great meeting of minds! #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** I, for one, find myself privileged week in and week out to have this resting place and revel in the collaboration taking place. TY! #gtchat

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