



## Transcript from June 25, 2010 to June 25, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

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- 12:20 am **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Lightening Up: Why & How Humor = Sanity for #Gifted" will be our noon/EST topic for #gtchat tomorrow/06.25. Join us!
- 12:20 am **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Making a Tough Choice: Schooling Options Unplugged" will be our 7pm/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow/06.24. Join us! #gifted
- 12:26 am **jofrei:** And for pre and post #gtchat sessions visit #gtstooxies in the lobby for virtual good food and good fellowship
- 2:16 am **ljconrad:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Lightening Up: Why & How Humor = Sanity for #Gifted" will be our noon/EST topic for #gtchat tomorrow/06.25. Join us!
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- 7:31 am **LesLinks:** RT @DeborahMersino: "Lightening Up: Why & How Humor = Sanity for #Gifted" will be our noon/EST topic for #gtchat tomorrow/06.25. Join us!
- 7:35 am **LesLinks:** RT @jofrei: And for pre and post #gtchat sessions visit #gtstooxies in the lobby for virtual good food and good fellowship
- 9:10 am **Giftedkidsie:** Big thanks to all #gtchat #nagchat & #gifted who helped make Dr. Sarah McElwee's pres. slideshare's "hot on twitter" pg <http://ow.ly/236mw>
- 11:45 am **ljconrad:** RT @Giftedkidsie: Big thanks to all #gtchat #nagchat & #gifted who helped make Dr. Sarah McElwee's pres. slideshare's "hot on twitter" pg <http://ow.ly/236mw>
- 11:53 am **ljconrad:** @soundsuccess #gtchat #gtstooxies Pls consider joining us for chat. We miss your smiling face & sage comments! ;)
- 12:17 pm **ljconrad:** @jofrei Fantastic blog post! Highly recommend to all #gtstooxies & #gtchat participants prior to Noon (EDT) chat!!!
- 12:23 pm **LesLinks:** RT @ljconrad: @jofrei Fantastic blog post! Highly recommend to all #gtstooxies & #gtchat participants prior to Noon (EDT) chat!!!
- 2:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @NAGCGIFTED Javits Program Targeted for Elimination <http://bit.ly/aL306p> #nagc #gifted #gtchat
- 2:58 pm **LesLinks:** RT @DeborahMersino: RT @NAGCGIFTED Javits Program Targeted for Elimination <http://bit.ly/aL306p> #nagc #gifted #gtchat
- 3:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** Just one hour until #gtchat! Our topic: "Lightening Up: Why & How Humor = Sanity for #Gifted." Join us at noon/EST.
- 3:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** Trying to find humor in the fact that I was prepping for school choice instead of humor chat for our #gtchat at noon! lol #gtstooxies
- 3:39 pm **FrazzIld:** 20 mins to 5pm GMT #gtchat! Our topic: "Lightening Up: Why & How Humor = Sanity for #Gifted."
- 3:41 pm **ljconrad:** Gifted Children and Humor - How Bright Kids Benefit from Comedy <http://bit.ly/BOxPA> #gtstooxies #gtchat preview for chat

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Transcript for #gtchat - What the Hasht...

- 3:53 pm **GaryBrannigan:** I'm searching for GTchat live on TweetGrid Search - [#GTchat](http://tweetgrid.com/search?q=GTchat)
- 4:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome to #gtchat! Our topic: "Lightening Up: Why & How Humor = Sanity for #Gifted." Join us!
- 4:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself, your role (parent to humorist, educator, advocate, comedian) & where you reside! #gtchat
- 4:02 pm **laughingatchaos:** I'm Jen in CO, mom to 2 GT boys, blogger and advocate for them. Still searching for sanity within the humor. ;) #gtchat
- 4:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, parent to two girls (youngest's giggle could be used for laugh-tracks). Reside in sunny Colorado.
- 4:02 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Clinical & School Psychologist from upstate New York #GTchat
- 4:02 pm **jofrei:** Hi Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources Melbourne Australia mum of 4 'comedians' joining #gtchat
- 4:02 pm **ljconrad:** Hi!@I'm a gifted advocate & mother of 2 gifted kids. #gtchat
- 4:02 pm **cybraryman1:** Humor helps us to think out of the box. The avg child laughs 400 times per day the avg adult laughs only 15 times per day.. #gtchat
- 4:03 pm **teacherman79:** @DeborahMersino I am jeff agamenoni...i am from great falls montana...I am a teacher/parent...I am in Denver for ISTE conference...#gtchat
- 4:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @cybraryman1: Humor helps us to think out of the box. The avg child laughs 400 times per day the avg adult laughs only 15 times per day.. #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Erik tweeting from Las Vegas. I am an advocate and resource for gifted kids and their families through our Young Scholars Program #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome everyone! @teacherman79 - Happy to have you in Colorado! #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Tips for Parents: Teaching the use of humor to cope with stress: [http://www.dauidsongifted.org/db/Articles\\_id\\_10475.aspx](http://www.dauidsongifted.org/db/Articles_id_10475.aspx) #gtchat
- 4:04 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: Legend of the Pink Monkey via @HoagiesGifted <http://bit.ly/9t62fH> re tribes/being different.||Fascinating! #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **teacherman79:** @DeborahMersino good to be here...are you going to the iste conference #gtchat humor with my students is extremely important...
- 4:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** Question 1: How many of you consider yourself 2 have a healthy sense of humor? Scale of 1-10 (1 - nonexistent - 10 being hilarious). #gtchat
- 4:05 pm **ljconrad:** @GiftedPhoenix add 'h' to your hashtag! #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **FrazzIId:** Hello all from Wicklow, Ireland. I am a mother to 2 teens and advocate for the gifted. #gtchat
- 4:06 pm **MaryCalhounBrow:** I'm Mary Calhoun Brown, mother of the famous William... gifted 15 yo at Harvard this summer. Woot Woot #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** We know that advanced humor is a typical characteristic of #gifted children/teens. How we communicate/tap that is critical! #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino What number is absurdist? #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **teacherman79:** #gtchat i am in my first yr as a gt spec and many of my students took things far too seriously...overly concerned with grades...
- 4:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** @MaryCalhounBrow - Happy to have you with us! Welcome! #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **MaryCalhounBrow:** I'm not funny, but I love to laugh. My sense of humor would be a 9 unless discussing weight. then it's zero. #gtchat
- 4:07 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Not so humorous now, but in sch it was my strong point...way above my academics! #GTchat
- 4:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laughingatchaos - I beg to differ - 10 in my book. #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **laughingatchaos:** @MaryCalhounBrow Everyone's humor is at a 0 when discussing weight. That

- 4:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** @MayCalhounBrow - Re weight - you and I both! lol ;-) #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino You're awesome! :) Thanks. #gtchat
- 4:08 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat What made me laugh today was discovering there's an International Journal of Humor Research! <http://ow.ly/23hBD>
- 4:09 pm **DavidsonGifted:** I would give myself an 8 (although not sure if others would agree)...gotta find humor in many things when working with these kids! #gtchat
- 4:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @cybraryman1: Humor helps take the edge off and can ease tension in difficult situations. My students enjoyed my goofy sense of humor #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - That's amazing! lol...look forward to exploring link. #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **laughingatchaos:** @cybraryman1 A good teacher with a great sense of humor is a rarity. We need more of those. #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DavidsonGifted Absolutely. If you can't, ahem, laugh at the chaos, everyone is doomed. ;) #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **MaryCalhounBrow:** RT @laughingatchaos: @cybraryman1 A good teacher with a great sense of humor is a rarity. We need more of those. #gtchat
- 4:10 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedPhoenix But is it a funny read? ; ) #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Good afternoon from a warm and sunny England. GP calling. Ex government policy wonk now commentator on and consultant in gifted ed
- 4:11 pm **lilnerdette:** Happy Friday, everyone! I'm Deb, a gifted adult, and I assist in research with children in child welfare. #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @laughingatchaos: @cybraryman1 A good teacher with a great sense of humor is a rarity. We need more of those. #gtchat #GTchat
- 4:11 pm **MaryCalhounBrow:** having a gifted child who is also #aspergers FORCES you to have a sense of humor. #gtchat
- 4:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laughingatchaos @cybraryman1 - Particularly in test-centric schooling environments, it's becoming a lost art. #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino But you recognize good humor, and that's valuable! #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **teacherman79:** #gtchat @DeborahMersino Humor also helps teachers develop better relationships with students ...i have stories I tell them...
- 4:12 pm **laughingatchaos:** @MaryCalhounBrow Laugh to keep from screaming? ;) #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Amen to that!!!! HATE testing; kills the learning desire and any humor around. Humor vacuum, that. #gtchat
- 4:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** Question: What do you most appreciate about others who have a wicked/fabulous sense of humor? #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @teacherman79: #gtchat @DeborahMersino Humor also helps teachers develop better relationships with students ...i have stories I tell them...
- 4:13 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Their willingness to share it. :) #gtchat
- 4:13 pm **teacherman79:** #gtchat my first wife was a pirate...she died in a bunjee jumping accident...that's right my first wife was a bungee jumping pirate...
- 4:13 pm **KimMoldofsky:** @teacherman79 Gt kids are serious by nature. In 1st grade my son worried about getting driver's license & paying rent on his apartment #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **creativetallis:** RT @DeborahMersino: We know that advanced humor is a typical characteristic of #gifted children/teens. How we communicate/tap that is critical! #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **chrstinef:** Hi all...thought I'd stop by briefly for a little #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **laughingatchaos:** @teacherman79 Bungee jumping pirate? Interesting career choice. ;) #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teacherman79 - wow. #gtchat

- 4:14 pm **lilnerdette:** @DeborahMersino I love wicked humor that is clever and can take a rather upsetting situation and turn into something hilarious. :-) #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **MaryCalhounBrow:** I think one's humor gives others a glimpse into how their brain processes information. I love to be with someone who is quick witted #gtchat
- 4:14 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat I quite fancy a doctorate in humour. This Australian academic paper even has jokes built in! <http://ow.ly/23hNs>
- 4:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** @KimMoldofsky - hear you. so true. their advanced cognitive has them fretting about big world realities/humor so vital to balancing. #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **jofrei:** Laughter has very beneficial health effects - I feel great with friends who have a great sense of humour! #gtchat
- 4:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @GiftedPhoenix: #gtchat I quite fancy a doctorate in humour. This Australian academic paper even has jokes built in! <http://ow.ly/23hNs>
- 4:15 pm **teacherman79:** #gtchat yeah...the bungee slipped right off of her peg...she should have tied it to the foot side...she'd still be alive...
- 4:15 pm **laughingatchaos:** @MaryCalhounBrow YES! And being around several quick wits is a delight; like a safe hurricane of humor. #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **KimMoldofsky:** RT @DeborahMersino: @KimMoldofsky - hear you. so true. their advanced cognitive has them fretting about big world realities/humor so vital to balancing. #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino I think the ability to diffuse tense situations with appropriate humor is a wonderful skill to have when advocating #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **chrstinef:** RT @jofrei: Laughter has very beneficial health effects - I feel great with friends who have a great sense of humour! #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **laughingatchaos:** @teacherman79 Ooh, shoulda seen that coming... #gtchat
- 4:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** @lilnerdette So agree/My brother, semiconductor genius, is visiting; I'm always in stitches when he's around. so fast, so hilarious! #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DavidsonGifted Being able to "feel out" who'd appreciate it as well is a necessary skill. Trying to teach that to the boys. #gtchat
- 4:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @laughingatchaos: @MaryCalhounBrow YES! And being around several quick wits is a delight; like a safe hurricane of humor. #gtchat
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- 4:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teacherman79 - truly? my goodness...tragic. #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @FrazzIld: Gifted kids and humour: [http://giftededucation.suite101.com/article.cfm/gifted\\_children\\_and\\_humor](http://giftededucation.suite101.com/article.cfm/gifted_children_and_humor) #gtchat #GTchat
- 4:18 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino @DavidsonGifted It's a necessary skill for living! (humor) #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **teacherman79:** #gtchat @laughingatchaos kids get the biggest kick out of pirate wife stories...and current wife ones too...but I won't get into that:)
- 4:18 pm **ljconrad:** Ds's first grade teacher didn't appreciate his humor. Said she couldn't talk to adults around him. He always 'got' it. #gtchat
- 4:18 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @chrstinef: @DeborahMersino @DavidsonGifted It's a necessary skill for living! (humor) #gtchat #GTchat
- 4:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted So agree. Often in our INTENSE gifted households/schools, we serve when we're able to stand above fray & just laugh. #gtchat

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- 4:19 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat I've switched back to Iweetdeck as Hootsuite seemed to be having problems handling the load
- 4:19 pm **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino YES!!! Laughter is so important for that! #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **MaryCalhounBrow:** One of my sons is very "punny." Another is very gullible. We'll tell him some story about a pirate wife, and he'll say "Really?" #gtchat
- 4:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** Question: Anyone have a story of when things got intense/messy and you CHOSE to laugh instead of cry/get angry? #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino But GT parents tend to be intense as well and humor in the fray is often forgotten. Ask me how I know this. ; ) #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **laughingatchaos:** @Frazzlld OOH! Love that idea! I'll have to try it w/the boys! :) #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **DavidsonGifted:** It is great for teachers to have a sense of humor, however we need to be cautious because of gifted sensitivity to certain issues. #gtchat
- 4:20 pm **Frazzlld:** I think very "punny" is common. RT @MaryCalhounBrow: One of my sons is very "punny." #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Oh, like last wk when the boys went door 2 door offering to wash cars with squirt bottles for \$10? Had to laugh #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** @MaryCalhounBrow - I'm the gullible one...always have been!! Must have come from growing up w/wickedly funny brother. #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **jofrei:** @Frazzlld Our family loves word associations puns etc too and has many comic characters #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **laughingatchaos:** @Frazzlld Oldest's fave pun is passing a field of hay and yelling "HEY MOM!" Been doing it since he was 4 #gtchat
- 4:21 pm **chrstinef:** @laughingatchaos @DeborahMersino Are you kidding...This is daily in my house. #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **laughingatchaos:** @chrstinef Just most recent ex. of many. ;) #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **cybraryman1:** Riddle me this: You answer me, although I never ask you questions. What am I? Riddles are a fun teaching approach #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** @MaryCalhounBrow - My favorite story yet!! love it - good for you! #gtchat
- 4:22 pm **MaryCalhounBrow:** #gtchat We were quite the spectacle until my son decided to stop and just watch me. (I was MUCH better at it.)
- 4:22 pm **chrstinef:** Gifted teen+finals+her freaking out, throwing things around her room. Me = laughing, then helping her see humor. Works! #gtchat
- 4:23 pm **laughingatchaos:** @MaryCalhounBrow I may still do that. One is 9, the other almost 6. I could prob get away w/it, too. Mwahahahahaha... #gtchat
- 4:23 pm **Frazzlld:** Ascribing personalites, nationalities and secret lives to pets is another source of fun here. My cat is a Russian spy! #gtchat
- 4:23 pm **Ijconrad:** #gtchat humor as defense against being ridiculed for being smart.
- 4:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** When I find myself ready to blow my top, I try to go get the video camera/camera instead & document the scene...allows me to giggle #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **ColinTGraham:** @cybraryman1 A phone, maybe? #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Yup. Did that when they had a Costco-sized box of granola fight in baby's crib. Youngest was 18 mo. #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - You bring up an excellent point about the sensitivities. It's a fine line, isn't it? #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @chrstinef: Gifted teen+finals+her freaking out, throwing things around her room. Me = laughing, then helping her see humor. Works! #gtchat
- 4:24 pm **jofrei:** Comedy has long been used to address social issues eg political cartoons and Gilbert & Sullivan #gtchat

- 4:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @ljconrad: #gtchat humor as defense against being ridiculed for being smart.
- 4:24 pm **laughingatchaos:** Calvin & Hobbes has done more for humor in our house the last 6mo than ANYTHING else. #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Agree re the puns. The intellectual humour of the double entendre with a little naughtiness added appeals to many #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **ljconrad:** RT @laughingatchaos: @DeborahMersino Oh, like last wk when the boys went door 2 door offering to wash cars with squirt bottles for \$10? Had to laugh #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **laughingatchaos:** C&H was funny before, now I'm living it. Every strip, in one way or another. Not kidding. Oldest even looks like Calvin. #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Also fine line between humour and sarsasm sometimes #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **chrstinef:** @DavidsonGifted so darn true! Must build a relationship with kid first! #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** @laughingatchaos - Your blog posts make me ROFL...self-deprecating authenticity + humor = hilarity. #gtchat
- 4:25 pm **teacherman79:** #gtchat intensity...that is a great word for many of my students...important to teach them to identify their intensity...& laugh about it...
- 4:26 pm **Frazzlld:** A very very fine line! RT @jofrei: @DeborahMersino Also fine line between humour and sarsasm sometimes #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat But do colleagues find that many gifted young people have a quirky and offbeat sense of humour?
- 4:26 pm **teacherman79:** #gtchat can be difficult in 140 words or less...
- 4:26 pm **MaryCalhounBrow:** @laughingatchaos Glad to be a role model. #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** @jofrei - True also! #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **cybraryman1:** @jofrei Political Cartoons page: <http://bit.ly/cIBwBH> #gtchat
- 4:26 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino You are so kind and I adore you. :) Thanks. #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedPhoenix They notice the humor, they just don't always appreciate it. #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino Yes.Sometimes what I think is funny, they dont. Also, dry or sarcastic humor is sometimes lost-just get an odd look #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **laughingatchaos:** @MaryCalhounBrow Role models don't always have to be...perfect. More of a teacher, however they teach. :) #gtchat
- 4:27 pm **teacherman79:** #gtchat and take them on rollercoasters and waterslides when ever you get the chance... elitch gardens in about 10 minutes:)
- 4:28 pm **Frazzlld:** This is one of ds's favourites: <http://xkcd.net/archive/> #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **MaryCalhounBrow:** lots of folks don't "get" my son's humor. That's how we can tell smart people from everyone else. They "get" it. #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @GiftedPhoenix Yes! I often dont understand jokes that require an understanding of chemistry, math, physics. Not typical "kid" jokes.#gtchat
- 4:28 pm **LesLinks:** @GiftedPhoenix Ya very quirky humour indeed #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **jofrei:** We used to smooth over sensitive over reactions by saying " Having an attack of the Dabrowskis?" #gtchat
- 4:28 pm **laughingatchaos:** @LesLinks Welcome Les! #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** Question: Wouldn't it be wonderful if more adults/role models shared their embarrassing moments/modeled self-deprecating humor? #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat My personal experience has also been that gifted children understand 'adult humour' asynchronously

- 4:29 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks - Glad you're here! #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **LesLinks:** The lighter you can make things the less negative intensity is felt #gtchat
- 4:29 pm **laughingatchaos:** @MaryCalhounBrow I LOVE finding other kids with wacky humor. Makes my day. Gives me hope for the future. :) #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @FrazzIld: This is one of dss favourites: <http://xkcd.net/archive/> #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **malcolmbellamy:** it is the laughter that we always remember fondly throughout our lives #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** It would certainly aide in helping combat perfectionism tendencies. Ability to laugh at mistakes, share them more often w/kids. #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino models shared their embarrassing moments/modeled self-deprecating humor? #gtchat Excellent point #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **jofrei:** @DavidsonGifted Yes that was how some of the children's friends were found - they understood their jokes! #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **MaryCalhounBrow:** One of my boys is afraid to make mistakes. I try to help him out by making as many as possible. #gtchat #parenting
- 4:30 pm **laughingatchaos:** @jofrei OOh! I like! Have to teach boys Dabrowski...LOL #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @LesLinks: The lighter you can make things the less negative intensity is felt #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @LesLinks: The lighter you can make things the less negative intensity is felt #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @malcolmbellamy: it is the laughter that we always remember fondly throughout our lives #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **LesLinks:** @laughingatchaos Hya stoogikins #gtchat
- 4:30 pm **DavidsonGifted:** @DeborahMersino There it is again. "Modeling" The most effective tool in our repertoire as parents and teachers. #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @laughingatchaos: RT @malcolmbellamy: it is the laughter that we always remember fondly throughout our lives #gtchat
- 4:31 pm **StepfamilyTalk:** RT @DeborahMersino: It would certainly aide in helping combat perfectionism tendencies. Ability to laugh at mistakes, share them more often w/kids. #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **FrazzIld:** The ability to see the less obvious connections makes for a quirky, off beat sense of humour, not appreciated by all. #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DavidsonGifted: @DeborahMersino There it is again. "Modeling" The most effective tool in our repertoire as parents and teachers #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **LesLinks:** I find that fear, and sometimes terror even of items they are thinking too seriously about often need defused by humour.. #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat @jofrei We used to have fun in my old team with 'zone of proximal development' as a double entendre.
- 4:32 pm **DeborahMersino:** Never finished the book, though! lol - or not! #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Finish the book. ;) #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **LesLinks:** Not that things are not sometimes really serious, but can take over sometimes... #gtchat
- 4:33 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @laughingatchaos: @DeborahMersino Finish the book. ;) #gtchat #GTchat
- 4:33 pm **MaryCalhounBrow:** Lunchtime here in beautiful West Virginia. See y'all. #gtchat.
- 4:34 pm **jofrei:** @laughingatchaos Re Finish the book - I second that! #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** Question: Anyone have "funny" and/or lol books and/or shows they recommend for gifted students/teens/adults? #gtchat
- 4:34 pm **laughingatchaos:** @LesLinks They multiply and grow and get out of hand. Humor brings them

- 4:34 pm **Frazzlld:** Can the need to self-deprecate in order to disguise smartness, lead to being class clown and underachievement? #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Advanced readers who aren't easily offended: anything by Christopher Moore. I laugh til I cry. LOVE satire. #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **jofrei:** We love The Big Bang theory TV show #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **LesLinks:** @laughingatchaos ;-) We are on the same page sister.. #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Calvin and Hobbes for funny/mindless relaxation. #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **laughingatchaos:** @Frazzlld Yes it can. It's a fine fine line. #gtchat
- 4:35 pm **chrstinef:** Okay, no more procrastinating for me. Need to get a couple of chapters out of my head today...#gtchat #amwriting
- 4:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Frazzlld - Great question. Think it depends. How we/they are being self-deprecating and/or whether we're/they're overdoing it. #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **Frazzlld:** We like The Big Bang Theory on TV #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **laughingatchaos:** @chrstinef Write write write! : ) GO! #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **Frazzlld:** @GiftedPhoenix Oh yes, love Monty Python. And Blackadder #gtchat
- 4:36 pm **jofrei:** Ours loved Asterix when very young #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **DavidsonGifted:** The Verbivore: <http://www.verbivore.com/> has written many books which include humor through clever use of language #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino For adults, of gifted kids I highly recommend my friend Karen Isaccsons books Raisin' brains, Intelligent life in th #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** @chrstinef @MaryCalhounBrow - So glad you stopped by! May your day be filled with delight and laughter! #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **ljconrad:** RT @laughingatchaos: @DeborahMersino Finish the book. ;) #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: The Verbivore: <http://www.verbivore.com/> has written many books which include humor through clever use of language #gtchat
- 4:37 pm **marynabadenhors:** My daughter has always found Bill Cosby funny. #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **laughingatchaos:** Hard to find comedians/humor bks appropriate for a 9 yr old #gtchat
- 4:38 pm **jofrei:** @laughingatchaos Sprite likes Big Bang Theory too <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=496> #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **marynabadenhors:** @jofrei Yes, we all love Asterix! #gtchat
- 4:39 pm **ljconrad:** @DeborahMersino Never say you didn't finish something on #gtchat We'll never let you rest now
- 4:39 pm **laughingatchaos:** @marynabadenhors What's Asterix? #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **laughingatchaos:** @LesLinks What book? #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **marynabadenhors:** @laughingatchaos Asterix is a very funny cartoon character of a Gaul fighting against the Romans #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks - Do you know the title? #gtchat
- 4:40 pm **DavidsonGifted:** So many of our kids love to play the game "Apples to Apples" <http://letsplayapples.com/> this can be a very fun/funny game for GTKids.#gtchat
- 4:40 pm **laughingatchaos:** @marynabadenhors Never heard of it. Could I find it at the library? #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: So many of our kids love to play the game "Apples to Apples" <http://letsplayapples.com/> this can be a very fun/funny game for GTKids.#gtchat
- 4:41 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DavidsonGifted AHA! We have that, forgot we had it, and now it's this

- 4:41 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat Not sure if you know him in the States, but Spike Milligan was a wonderfully surreal comedian, great poet.
- 4:41 pm **Frazzlld:** @DeborahMersino Life in the Fast Brain? #gtchat
- 4:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DavidsonGifted - We've packed Apples to Apples for our trip to Breckenridge! :-)#gtchat
- 4:41 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Sorry about the double tweets...not sure why this is happening today. #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **marynabadenhors:** @laughingatchaos Probably and there is also two movies about Asterix. His best friend is Obelix. Just Google those names. #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Frazzlld - LOVE that title! #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **Frazzlld:** @laughingatchaos <http://www.asterix.com/> #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **laughingatchaos:** @marynabadenhors Great, thanks! 9 yr old needs more humor around #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **laughingatchaos:** @Frazzlld Awesome, thanks for the link! #gtchat
- 4:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** @marynabadenhors - Thanks for the tip - will look into Asterix and Obelix! #gtchat
- 4:43 pm **Frazzlld:** <http://www.amazon.com/LIFE-FAST-BRAIN-Keeping-Gifted/dp/0910707820> #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **jofrei:** Virtual School for the Gifted (now closed) had unit on humour which may still be available from <http://www.eumyeducation.com/> #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** Question/Isn't it amazing 2 watch what happens when gifted kid finally meets their match (humor wise). They LIGHT up/rapid fire fun! #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Frazzlld: <http://www.amazon.com/LIFE-FAST-BRAIN-Keeping-Gifted/dp/0910707820> #gtchat
- 4:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Frazzlld - thanks for link! #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** Tempering intensity is an astute reason to embrace humor! So easy to forget in heat of moment, but so very vital. #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **marynabadenhors:** Asterix official website <http://www.asterix.com/> #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **LesLinks:** @laughingatchaos is 231 other ways to use a sanitary knapkin <http://www.kisaacson.com/main.html?src=%2F> @DeborahMersino #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino It is GREAT to see gifted matching wits in humour ! #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino I think oldest has repressed his humor. Sad. I think he's hiding many of his lights under buckets, too. Gotta change #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: Tempering intensity is an astute reason to embrace humor! So easy to forget in heat of moment, but so very vital #gtchat
- 4:45 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** #gtchat back to Hootsuite as Tweetdeck is now frozen!
- 4:45 pm **Ijconrad:** #gtchat @Epcot Family not amused I'm tweeting! Tty! Will read transcript!
- 4:46 pm **laughingatchaos:** @LesLinks LOL! Think we'll pass on this for a summer activity! LOL #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @Ijconrad nooooooooo...i just got here!!!! #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **laughingatchaos:** @Ijconrad You're on vacation!? LOL GO! #gtchat
- 4:46 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedPhoenix - So sorry you're having challenges...hate when that happens! Glad you're here tho! #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Hi, everyone! Sorry I'm late--what's happening? #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DeepWatersCoach - Welcome to one of my favorite light-hearted ladies! #gtchat
- 4:47 pm **LesLinks:** @laughingatchaos HAHA.. as I said it is not on gifted, but it is very hilarious just the same and light good summer rd 4 u #gtchat

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just the same.. and right..... good summer to #gtchat

- 4:47 pm **laughingatchaos:** @deepwaterscoach Laughing, telling jokes, solving the world's problems. Not much. ;) #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DeepWatersCoach - We're sharing some of our favorite books/links/comedians/examples of using humor to temper intensity. #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **LesLinks:** @deepwaterscoach Talkin about humour stoogiekins #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **laughingatchaos:** @LesLinks :) Thanks! I need light and funny in the summer. #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Phew! So glad this happens in my absence! RT @laughingatchaos: Laughing, telling jokes, solving the worlds problems. Not much. ;) #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **jofrei:** @deepwaterscoach Hi! Sharing favourite comics books TV shows etc #gtchat
- 4:48 pm **FrazzIld:** Not all my tweets showing up. Link to Life in the Fast Lane:  
<http://www.amazon.com/LIFE-FAST-BRAIN-Keeping-Gifted/dp/0910707820>  
#gtchat
- 4:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @FrazzIld: Not all my tweets showing up. Link to Life in the Fast Lane:  
<http://www.amazon.com/LIFE-FAST-BRAIN-Keeping-Gifted/dp/0910707820>  
#gtchat
- 4:49 pm **laughingatchaos:** @deepwaterscoach Yeah, you're a lotta help. ;) We chose you for litter box duty. ;) #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **LesLinks:** I'll be lucky to get more time here..... glowering dd wants computer... ;-) #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **cybraryman1:** @ljconrad Enjoy Epcot! Make sure you see the fountains & fireworks show at night! <http://bit.ly/9RhLPJ> #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **GiftedPhoenix:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat Rather staccato chirping with pregnant pauses I'm afraid....
- 4:49 pm **laughingatchaos:** @LesLinks Oh, 10 minutes. ;) #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** We've got 10 minutes left, my funny friends. Anyone want to share more examples of how humor can diffuse a tough situation? #gtchat
- 4:49 pm **deepwaterscoach:** We play Improv games--totally funny and fun! <http://www.eightimprov.biz/Kids-ImprovGames.html> #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **cybraryman1:** Helping 6 yr old grandson constructing a car so I am slightly distracted. His needs have precedence. #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **MrsThorne:** Late to party, I was off fetching my new car, v exciting! TV shows about gifted? Did someone already say Big Bang Theory? My fave! #gtchat
- 4:50 pm **LesLinks:** DeborahMersino <http://www.kisaacson.com/main.html?src=%2F> her website, with a 'bling' sound!! Karen is great.. #gtchat
- 4:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - love it. #gtchat #gograndpa
- 4:51 pm **laughingatchaos:** If \*\* remember humor 1st, it's my hope the boys will learn that too #gtchat
- 4:51 pm **deepwaterscoach:** My DH has this fun "game" he calls Art of Deliberate Misinterpretation. Most times this provides humor (not in serious convos) #gtchat
- 4:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** @MrsThorne - Hello! Haven't watched Big Bang Theory - will give it a whirl. #gtchat
- 4:51 pm **laughingatchaos:** @deepwaterscoach Ooh, how's it played? ;) #gtchat
- 4:51 pm **marynabadenhors:** Sorry if off topic but here is a great list of characteristics of gifted kids <http://austega.com/gifted/characteristics.htm> #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @LesLinks: DeborahMersino <http://www.kisaacson.com/main.html?src=%2F> her website, with a 'bling' sound!! Karen is great.. #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **deepwaterscoach:** We have a basic, mostly unspoken, rule in our house--if u can find the humor in something express it. It brings joy & delight 2 all. #gtchat

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- 4:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** @MrsThorne - And congrats on the new car! #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @laughingatchaos: If \*!\* remember humor 1st, it's my hope the boys will learn that too #gtchat
- 4:52 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @laughingatchaos Basically, take any unclarified preposition and term and misinterpret it to change the meaning of the sentence. #gtchat
- 4:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @marynabadenhors: Sorry if off topic but here is a great list of characteristics of gifted kids <http://austega.com/gifted/characteristics.htm> #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** My kids also revel when I retell sticky family situations from the past and see the humor in it...#gtchat
- 4:54 pm **LesLinks:** Oppositional behaviour, as little ones... if reluctant to go upstairs (example) I would sing a funny song ab/climbing stairs, thyd go #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **marynabadenhors:** Gr8est moment of Big Bang Theory is the Rock Paper Scissors Lizard Spock game, on video on YouTube #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **Frazzlld:** @deepwaterscoach Not so much when the fun you find is at the expense of other family members! #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **MrsThorne:** @DeborahMersino Thanks! I was waiting 10 weeks for delivery. Worth it! Did a lot of stuff at work today about extending vocab #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **jofrei:** Youngest leaves me notes with tiny cartoon drawings of his Teddy Dragons eg "Huge spider in bath room" or "Ring Cousin Janet" #gtchat
- 4:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** Have to be careful/monitor TV shows tweens watch/as much of humor is NOT funny - more at expense of others. #gtchat #reminder
- 4:55 pm **deepwaterscoach:** Yes, It's REALLY imp't not to do this! RT @Frazzlld: Not so much when the fun you find is at the expense of other family members! #gtchat
- 4:55 pm **MrsThorne:** It sounds like @deepwaterscoach preposition game would help with that #gtchat
- 4:55 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Phineas and Ferb is the BEST show on TV. Humor for all ages. #gtchat
- 4:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** marynabadenhors - Will check it out - TY! #gtchat
- 4:55 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @Frazzlld We don't make fun of each other. There are way too many sensitivities here. But there's a lot of humor OUT THERE!!! #gtchat
- 4:55 pm **LesLinks:** A good book for teachers The Laughing Classroom #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Yes I hate the Funniest Home Videos - too many situations which would cause real injury and embarassment #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** Hot Pockets | Jim Gaffigan <http://bit.ly/c4AY8G> #gtchat
- 4:56 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @Frazzlld In fact, I'm not a fan of humor @ anyone's expense--2 cruel. But situational humor abounds! gifted kids see it naturally. #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **marynabadenhors:** Rock Paper Scissors Lizard Spock <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iapckVn7DdY> Such a funny video, and complex game! #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **Frazzlld:** @marynabadenhors You mean this Big Bang scene: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2Dwxv-EMTM&feature=related> #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: Hot Pockets | Jim Gaffigan <http://bit.ly/c4AY8G> #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **deepwaterscoach:** @Frazzlld And sometimes what makes someone laugh one moment won't the next--our brains move so fast & so do our emotions. #gtchat
- 4:57 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @marynabadenhors: Rock Paper Scissors Lizard Spock <http://bit.ly/EM9nB> Such a funny video, and complex game #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** Few minutes left, my fun tweeps. Looking forward to checking out resources/links/clips. Final thoughts? #gtchat
- 4:58 pm **LesLinks:** laugh at myself if I do something silly hoping kids won't take themselves so



- 5:05 pm **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Final Thought: Humor is a necessity, w/o which life is miserable. Teachers & parents must nurture this. #gtchat
- 5:05 pm **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino Thanks Deborah.. and give your puppy a pat from me!! #gtchat
- 5:05 pm **jofrei:** @laughingatchaos There are virtual tacos and hot chocolate in the lobby -but I don't suppose that would fix the real hunger! #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **LesLinks:** @deepwaterscoach thats why we need #gtstogies in the world... #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **marynabadenhors:** @DeborahMersino Thanks Deborah #gtchat I enjoy sharing some #gifted thoughts... :) It is 3 am here in Australia, though, time 2 go to sleep?
- 5:06 pm **DavidsonGifted:** Thanks Deborah! Email us info@davidsongifted.org if we can help! Also check out our free online library www.davidsongifted.org/db #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **laughingatchaos:** @jofrei LOL No, not for the kid climbing on me, claiming starvation. LOL #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @deepwaterscoach: RT @DavidsonGifted: Final Thought: Humor is a necessity, w/o which life is miserable. Teachers & parents must nurture this. #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **FrazzIId:** @DeborahMersino Thanks Deborah. Now off to feed the troops.... #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **LesLinks:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Final Thought: Humor is a necessity, w/o which life is miserable. Teachers & parents must nurture this. #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Final Thought: Humor is a necessity, w/o which life is miserable. Teachers & parents must nurture this. #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Thank you that was a great gtchat! #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Thanks Deborah! Email us info@davidsongifted.org if we can help! Also check out our free online library www.davidsongifted.org/db #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Thanks for the chat today m'dear! #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **ilinerdette:** Sorry I was quiet, but thanks for the chat, @DeborahMersino Maybe I'll be more alive later on today. :- ) #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** Transcript from noon/EST 06/25 #gtchat | Lightening Up: Why & How Humor = Sanity for #Gifted" | <http://bit.ly/aGnhxm>
- 5:10 pm **deepwaterscoach:** So, have you all heard the one about... #gtchat
- 5:25 pm **jofrei:** Good night all - I'll endeavour to return for 9.00am #gtchat
- 5:31 pm **jofrei:** @cybraryman1 Thanks for telling me about your Political Cartoons page: <http://bit.ly/cIBwBH> #gtchat I'll check it out.
- 5:42 pm **teachagiftedkid:** #gtstogies. Grrr, I keep missing the fun & conversation. #gtchat. My husband has every other Fri off. today we were caught in World Cup.
- 7:03 pm **HelpYouWell:** I had to look up #gtchat Good idea: <http://www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat>
- 8:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @HelpYouWell I had to look up #gtchat Good idea: <http://www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat> <== TY!
- 8:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** Will be on vacation in Breckenridge beginning tomorrow for a week! My brother is getting married. Can't wait to see everyone! #gtchat
- 8:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** Erik from the Davidson Institute (@DavidsonGifted) will be moderating next week's noon/EST #gtchat. I'm grateful to him!
- 8:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'll keep you posted about the 7pm/EST #gtchat next week. I apologize in advance if I'm not able to respond right away to DMs!
- 8:33 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm looking forward to our discussion at 7pm/EST tonight on schooling options for #gifted. #gtchat Hope you'll consider joining us!
- 8:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @micheleborba Why research says perseverance matters more than a

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**DeborahMersino:** RT @michigeduba why research says persistence matters more than a Harvard Degree <http://bit.ly/bBrYVQ> #parenting #gtchat #gifted <=TY!

9:19 pm

**ljconrad:** @cybraryman1 btw, it is very hot in FL !!! We love Epcot! Enjoyed German buffet @ World Showcase for lunch. :) #gtchat

9:22 pm

**ljconrad:** @DeborahMersino Enjoy! Breckenridge is beautiful in summer! Congrats to your brother! #gtchat

10:06 pm

**DeborahMersino:** Less than an hour to #gtchat! Making a Tough Choice: Schooling Options Unplugged will be our 7pm/EST topic. Join us! #gifted

10:18 pm

**DeborahMersino:** @ljconrad - Thanks! Breckenridge is gorgeous and I'm thrilled for my brother. I appreciate the good wishes. Hope to #gtchat w/you @ 7pm/EST!

10:27 pm

**asynschlrfsnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: Less than an hour to #gtchat! Making a Tough Choice: Schooling Options Unplugged will be our 7pm/EST topic. Join us! #gifted

10:40 pm

**soundsuccess:** RT @DeborahMersino: Less than an hour to #gtchat! Making a Tough Choice: Schooling Options Unplugged will be our 7pm/EST topic. Join us! #gifted

10:40 pm

**soundsuccess:** RT @DavidsonGifted: Final Thought: Humor is a necessity, without which life is miserable. Teachers & parents must nurture this as we do other traits. #gtchat

10:54 pm

**jofrei:** Sprite and canine friends prepared Mexican treats for before and after #gtchat at #gtstooxies <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=628>

10:54 pm

**GaryBrannigan:** I'm searching for GTchat live on TweetGrid Search - <http://tweetgrid.com/search?q=GTchat> #gtchat

10:57 pm

**DeborahMersino:** My tweets for the next hour will be devoted to #gtchat! Pardon the heavy stream. Feel free to unfollow. Topic: School Choice & #gifted.

10:58 pm

**jofrei:** @GaryBrannigan You used TweetGrid last time too? Did it work well? #gtchat

10:58 pm

**cybraryman1:** Riddles (page - fun way to learn) <http://bit.ly/cjBAZD> #gtchat

10:59 pm

**bfwritergt:** woohoo! I made it. #gtchat

11:00 pm

**GaryBrannigan:** @jofrei So far, tweetgrid has worked better than tweetchat for me. #gtchat

11:01 pm

**cybraryman1:** I've been "schooled" all day long by a 6 yr old today so time to be schooled by y'all <http://yfrog.com/5i36ibj> #gtchat

11:01 pm

**DeborahMersino:** Welcome to #gtchat! Our topic: "Making a Tough Choice: Schooling Options Unplugged." Have or teach a #gifted child/teen? Join us!

11:01 pm

**DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself, your role (parent, educator, advocate, student) and where you reside! #gtchat

11:02 pm

**DeborahMersino:** I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, mom to 2 girls (& obsessive about school choice) residing in scorching Colorado (104!). #gtchat

11:02 pm

**jofrei:** Hi Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources Melbourne Australia joining in #gtchat

11:02 pm

**asynschlrfsnd:** Greetings, #gtchat - I'm Marlow Schmauder, ED of Asynchronous Scholars' Fund and hs'ing parent of 2.

11:02 pm

**GaryBrannigan:** #gtchat

11:03 pm

**DeborahMersino:** While you're all introducing yourselves, I'm going to put up a few resource links for later viewing. Glad you're here! #gtchat

11:03 pm

**GaryBrannigan:** Clinical & School Psychologist from upstate New York #gtchat

11:04 pm

**educguess:** Hello parent/counselor in Colorado gathering info for struggles of gifted #gtchat

11:04 pm

**DeborahMersino:** Where Shall I Send My #Gifted Child to School? by Barbara Gilman <http://bit.ly/aicMkk> #gtchat

11:05 pm

**LisaDSB:** Hi, I'm Lisa from Ontario, Canada. I home school two GT boys, ages 10 & 8. #gtchat #gtchat

11:05 pm

**DeborahMersino:** The Least-Worst Educational Option by Carolyn K of @HoagiesGifted <http://bit.ly/97JYAG> #gtchat {poignant}

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- 11:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** @educguess - Glad to see another Coloradoan here. Welcome! #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **bfwritergt:** @bfwriter in Vancouver, BC. grown-up gifted kid, psych student, and wannabe counsellor. :) #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** Schools for the #Gifted via Hoagies <http://bit.ly/aDK3md> #gtchat
- 11:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** Homeschooling for #Gifted | Resources/Articles via @HoagiesGifted <http://bit.ly/9GqFtQ> #gtchat
- 11:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** For those who homeschool (@LisaDSB) or are considering | Gifted Homeschoolers Forum | <http://bit.ly/c3FS8L> {excellent} #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** More GHF resources re to homeschooling | <http://bit.ly/auB6r9> #gtchat
- 11:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** Choosing the Right School for Your #Gifted Child via @DukeTIP <http://bit.ly/dlbfz> #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** Welcome everyone! Let's start by discussing what you each think is most important when considering schooling options. #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino For those who homeschool or are considering, Gifted Homeschoolers Forum <http://bit.ly/c3FS8L> {excellent}<--Agree! #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **rliberni:** RT @cybraryman1: I've been "schooled" all day long by a 6 yr old today so time to be schooled by y'all <http://yfrog.com/5i36ibj> #gtchat
- 11:09 pm **bfwritergt:** and an alumna of <http://bit.ly/daVkJzB> . for high school, at least, I was one of the lucky ones. #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **educguess:** What part does the teen/child play in the decision? #gtchat
- 11:10 pm **LisaDSB:** GHF has yahoo group (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GiftedHF/>) that's a lifesaver for parents who homeschool GT. #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** "Schools committed to #gifted students won't shy away from answering questions." - via @DukeTIP (important to keep in mind) #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @LisaDSB: GHF has yahoo group (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GiftedHF/>) that's a lifesaver for parents who homeschool GT. #gtchat
- 11:11 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @educguess: What part does the teen/child play in the decision? #gtchat
- 11:12 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Homeschooling info and links from Gifted Resources at <http://www.giftedresources.org/gr/webhomed.htm> #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **cybraryman1:** You should take into consideration the feelings of your child. We did this with our son. #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** Meeting both cognitive and socio-emotional needs = vital. #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino More Homeschooling info and links from Gifted Resources at <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/homeschooling.htm> #gtchat
- 11:13 pm **LisaDSB:** Main consideration for us was making sure kids don't lose their love of learning. Homeschooling has been good for that. #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** Credit goes to @DukeTIP article - I'll post some of the key questions they recommend asking when making tough decisions. #gtchat
- 11:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** @bfwritergt - ;-) #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q #1 - Does school raise learning goals when a child is ready. How? #gtchat
- 11:15 pm **jofrei:** Newly formed Ed consultancy ConnectEd here in Victoria helps parents work through decision re which school to choose #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q #2: Does school monitor individual student progress during the year? Seek: assessment of students ever4y six weeks/minimum #gtchat
- 11:16 pm **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat Hi, I'm a GT Specialist for a public school in TX and a parent of 2 gifted grown children. Happy to be here!
- 11:16 pm **LisaDSB:** <http://amzn.to/cFJlcr> - Great book for parents considering homeschooling gifted "Creative Homeschooling" by Lisa Rivero #gtchat

- 11:16 pm **educguess:** Child's feelings, focus, perspective - esp teens so it is their choice with guidance #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q #3: What does school do to teach critical thinking? Seek: significant time spent on research, creative/critical writing, projects #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **jofrei:** @LisaDSB Yes keeping love of learning is vital! #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @jofrei: Newly formed Ed consultancy ConnectEd here in Victoria helps parents work through decision re which school to choose #gtchat
- 11:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teachgiftedkid - Hooray! You're here!! So happy to have a teacher present who is also a parent. #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** Last Q: What percentage of students is gifted? Highly gifted? How are students identified? Seek: large # of gifted. #gtchat
- 11:18 pm **jofrei:** Great article Choosing a school and dealing with schools <http://www.nswagtc.org.au/info/schools/DealingWithSchool.html> #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @jofrei: Great article Choosing a school and dealing with schools <http://www.nswagtc.org.au/info/schools/DealingWithSchool.html> #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **teachgiftedkid:** I've taught in both public & a private school for gifted children. Highly gifted not really present in public schools. #gtchat
- 11:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LisaDSB I applaud/respect/admire your ability to homeschool/Have considered, but don't feel cut out for the job. See many benefits #gtchat
- 11:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** NEXT question: How have each of you made decisions re school choice? #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teachgiftedkid - Therefore, would you recommend private for highly gifted? #gtchat
- 11:21 pm **LisaDSB:** @DeborahMersino -- didn't think I was cut out for it as tough former trial lawyer, but it's been a great growth experience me. #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **teachgiftedkid:** Parents need to look at all issues not just academics. Teachers/admin must understand the issues that HG deal with #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **soundsuccess:** chiming in from Sydney, sorry I'm late #gtchat
- 11:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** @SweetieBerry - So glad you're with us. Don't know why you're not showing up in #gtchat feed. I see you're including hashtag?...hmmm.
- 11:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LisaDSB - How much time do you devote each day to it (prep/overseeing)? #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino We muddled along with best/only available option at the time - used state schools dist.ed church school homeschool #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **educguess:** Did public with both boys with active involvement #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **jofrei:** @soundsuccess Hi!!! #gtchat
- 11:23 pm **mpullen:** @teachgiftedkid that's a pretty drastic blanket statement about public schools... my experience has been much different #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teachgiftedkid Agreed! When administrators/GT educators at public/prv get it, they truly "get it." Vital to cognitive/S-E. #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **teachgiftedkid:** The needs of the HG gifted child are so different academically & socially. #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **bfwritertg:** keep in mind there are a few public and charter schools scattered around that focus on #gifted. my high school was one of them. #gtchat
- 11:24 pm **educguess:** next challenge was the beyond HS decision schools or...#gtchat
- 11:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** @bfwritertg - You're right. And lucky you! What did you like best about your HS? #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **GayBrannigan:** RT @cybraryman1: In choosing a sch it is also important to see what support

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**GaryBramigan:**

[@cybraryman1](#) in choosing a school it is also important to see what support services are available for GT students & parents [#gtchat](#)

11:26 pm

**DeborahMersino:**

[@cybraryman1](#) Great point. Some public/many private that "get it" will guide parents to enrichment, support, help, award ops., schol. [#gtchat](#)

11:26 pm

**teachagiftedkid:**

[@mpullen](#) Remember, it is just my experience. I lived in 2 states & involved in GT since 1988. It is wildly different everywhere [#gtchat](#)

11:26 pm

**soundsuccess:**

we left DS 2 long B4 moving him. He had breakdown and ended up with PTSD. still recovering 4 yrs later [#gtchat](#)

11:26 pm

**jofrei:**

[@cybraryman1](#) I agree you need check what support will be given for students and parents [#gtchat](#)

11:26 pm

**LisaDSB:**

[@DeborahMersino](#) - it's a 24/7 job, but gets easier with time. I'm much more relaxed now than when we started. [#gtchat](#)

11:26 pm

**DeborahMersino:**

[@educguess](#) - Has the post-HS decision been made in your house? How did you go about it? Just curious. [#gtchat](#)

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**educguess:**

2 boys public with strong involvement, dev beyond school sources [#gtchat](#)

11:27 pm

**jofrei:**

Some schools have a parent support group for parents of g&t students [#gtchat](#)

11:27 pm

**asynschlrshnd:**

RT [@teachagiftedkid](#) Highly gifted not really present in public schools.<--they rarely can meet their needs! [#gtchat](#)

11:27 pm

**DeborahMersino:**

[@soundsuccess](#) - so very sorry to hear that...did you move him home, to private? How did you decide? [#gtchat](#)

11:28 pm

**bfwritergt:**

[@DeborahMersino](#) the teachers were often as quirky as we were, lol. former students created a Facebook fan page for one. [#gtchat](#)

11:28 pm

**teachagiftedkid:**

I would love to start parent support group at my school. It's a balancing act: needs of administration & needs of GT. [#gtchat](#)

11:28 pm

**educguess:**

[@DeborahMersino](#) 2 grad from college recently, road trips, taught decision making [#gtchat](#)

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**DeborahMersino:**

Advocating is crucial! W/ budget cuts, parents in our district had to go to bat to "save" GT (best part of their public education). [#gtchat](#)

11:29 pm

**DeborahMersino:**

[@educguess](#) - congrats to you! [#gtchat](#)

11:29 pm

**soundsuccess:**

Paediatrician told us to get him out. homeschooled for 2 yrs, now in Catholic school [#gtchat](#) very diff decision

11:30 pm

**LisaDSB:**

I had child at 4 who read encycl. & did multiplication but neither Montessori nor PS would consider a skip to grade 1. Why so hard? [#gtchat](#)

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**DeborahMersino:**

Moving from top-notch pub school in IL to less known pub school in CO, I've been so grateful for excellent GT programming here [#gtchat](#)

11:30 pm

**asynschlrshnd:**

[@DeborahMersino](#): Re: How have each of you made decisions re school choice? We had no choice- schools wld not work for our kids [#gtchat](#)

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**bfwritergt:**

[@DeborahMersino](#) my physics teacher invented experiments on the fly for us to do. it was true scientific inquiry. [#gtchat](#)

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**DeborahMersino:**

[@LisaDSB](#) I hear you. Sometimes it's a ridiculous battle that can't be won. Sounds like you truly supported them/made healthy choice. [#gtchat](#)

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**teachagiftedkid:**

I wish I understood the grade skipping issue better. How open are administrators to this? [#gtchat](#)

11:31 pm

**DeborahMersino:**

[@AsynchSchlrshnd](#) Makes sense. Do you homeschool as well? [#gtchat](#)

11:32 pm

**soundsuccess:**

we started sup group for local area. Someone else doing job now & I spend most my time helping people find the right school love it! [#gtchat](#)

11:32 pm

**DeborahMersino:**

[@teachagiftedkid](#) - It completely depends on admin& is so dependent upon individ. child's needs. Iowa Acceleration Scale - important. [#gtchat](#)

11:33 pm

**educauess:**

Grade skipping has pros and cons - skipped one and not other [#gtchat](#)

- 11:33 pm **DeborahMersino:** One more school choice/consulting resource via Dr. Deborah Ruf.  
<http://www.educationaloptions.com/> #gtchat
- 11:33 pm **soundsuccess:** @teachagiftedkid Grade skipping becoming more common in our area- has taken a lot of work to get it accepted. #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **TheNextMartha:** @teachagiftedkid It doesn't happen in our district. They claim that our district is already accelerated so no skipping needed. #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **jofrei:** @teachagiftedkid Re grade skipping very varied degrees of acceptance of idea here - I love the Iowa Acceleration Scales #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** @educguess - Agree re pros and cons. I wish more public & private schools allowed for ability grouping across grades. #gtchat
- 11:34 pm **teachagiftedkid:** @DeborahMersino The key is getting the info to administration on the pros & cons. Don't think there is acceleration scale in TX #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **DeborahMersino:** @TheNextMartha That's sad. For gifted & esp profoundly gifted (who absorb/learn material at rates so much faster), it's wrong. #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **TheNextMartha:** @DeborahMersino @teachagiftedkid Also is it better to skip an earlier grade for example K/1 b/c other grades are harder? #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **soundsuccess:** grade skipping great if process and recommendations followed correctly- 2 often it isn't #gtchat
- 11:35 pm **teachagiftedkid:** @TheNextMartha I really do hate that 'attitude' when it comes to districts. Should be open to researched based methods. #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **bfwritergt:** something interesting that just came in on my feed: RT @GOOD: Are small schools of choice the future? <http://su.pr/2mtaRJ> #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino yes,we homeschool #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teachagiftedkid - Most administrators who understand "gifted" will use Iowa Acceleration Scale in any state. Nationally accepted. #gtchat
- 11:36 pm **TheNextMartha:** @DeborahMersino I have a secret feeling it's so they can keep test scores high in this affluent/ well educated area. #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **jofrei:** Recently Dr Gail Byrne spoke on 'You have the assessment What happens next?' Was excellent for parents trying to advocate #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **soundsuccess:** Grade skipping is 2 often seen as the answer- when it is only part of the answer #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** @TheNextMartha - As @soundsuccess states, it really depends. Earlier may in fact be better - IF right process is followed. #gtchat
- 11:37 pm **n8ngrimm:** I made a education chat aggregator, check it out: <http://wbx.me/w/4cgh7e> #edchat #ntchat #ptchat #gtchat pls RT
- 11:38 pm **DeborahMersino:** @TheNextMartha - You are so likely right. #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **TheNextMartha:** @teachagiftedkid We were able to get somewhat of a "custom plan" for him for next year. (2nd) #gtchat
- 11:38 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @teachagiftedkid: Re: grade skipping, depends on the administrator. Many don't understand, & w/o compacting it is only a temp fix #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **educguess:** Grade skipping is a limited options, ability grouping is a greater support #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **DeborahMersino:** Wish @DeepWatersCoach was here! Kids attend a CO STEM charter school, where kids move across grade levels depending on subject. #gtchat
- 11:39 pm **soundsuccess:** @TheNextMartha That is so essential. #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** @educguess - Agree! #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **TheNextMartha:** @DeborahMersino our district claims that by high school (almost) every child has been prepared for AP courses. #gtchat

- 11:40 pm **cybraryman1:** Not crazy about grade skipping. My brother graduated college at 19. I was 20. Too young! #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **LisaDSB:** Very HG+ kids need a lot of learning autonomy & individualization -- and even a grade skip won't provide that. #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** Self-contained gifted classroom is usually the best choice - Gilman (I concur) #gtchat
- 11:40 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @TheNextMartha kids who are #gifted are so from birth so the sooner their needs are addressed, the better. #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - Please share more! What made it difficult? #gtchat
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- 11:41 pm **soundsuccess:** @cybraryman1 Grade skipping doesn't have to mean early college/uni entry. There are so many pathways and options #gtchat
- 11:41 pm **teachagiftedkid:** I would think that grade skipping must be a clearly orchestrated process so parents don't see it as favoritism #gtchat
- 11:42 pm **DeborahMersino:** What about public vs. private vs. homeschool relative to costs? Has this played vital role in your decision making? #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teachagiftedkid - Well orchestrated & explained, b/c favoritism has nothing to do with it, but meeting educ/social-emot needs does. #gtchat
- 11:43 pm **LisaDSB:** @DeborahMersino -- I had decided to forego career b4 HS, so not a factor. Cheaper to HS than to pay private tuition by far! #gtchat
- 11:44 pm **teachagiftedkid:** I agree that self-contained GT classes are best. It's difficult to feel like I have impact in pull-out w/o support of reg teacher #gtchat
- 11:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** I've been so impressed w/many privates, but know cost can be inhibitor. What about income loss though when parents homeschool? #gtchat
- 11:44 pm **soundsuccess:** Financials have to come in2 it. We nearly lost our house when I gave up work to homeschool. But he was worth it! all good now #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **teachagiftedkid:** @DeborahMersino You would think so. But I've experienced this. Not a good thing at all. #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **soundsuccess:** RT @teachagiftedkid: I agree that self-contained GT classes are best. It's difficult to feel like I have impact in pull-out w/o support of reg teacher #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** Also, did any of you grade skip? I was able to (until I moved to new district that didn't believe in it - wasted several years). #gtchat
- 11:45 pm **soundsuccess:** @LisaDSB Agree. You can always find a way. #gtchat
- 11:46 pm **teachagiftedkid:** I was exploring teaching homeschoolers before this job. Some parents combine w/classes offered locally w/homeschool. #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **DeborahMersino:** @teachagiftedkid I hear u/sad, isn't it? & I completely agree about needing full support/classroom teacher. Otherwise, doesn't work! #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @soundsuccess @cybraryman1 re: many paths 2 college/alternatives, 1 freq path is community college classes young, then FT enrollmt #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **soundsuccess:** I teach a homeschool class once a fortnight- the kids love it! #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **cybraryman1:** @DeborahMersino Socially it was very hard. Missed out on a lot #gtchat
- 11:47 pm **bfwritergt:** I never grade-skipped, but I was accelerated in certain subjects and pulled out of others for individual work/instruction. #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **DeborahMersino:** Impressed with all of you homeschooling pros. Agree costs of privates = more than homeschooling. What other benefits do you see? #gtchat

- 11:48 pm **LisaDSB:** I do legal contract work from home around HS, so that helps a bit (not much, compared to FT practice, I'm afraid). #gtchat
- 11:48 pm **jofrei:** Monash Uni provides excellent science sessions for homeschoolers #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **teachagiftedkid:** In the ideal GT world: I wish for ability & social grouping to meet the needs of the child. Age would have nothing to do with it. #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @jofrei I'll say (costs), for most! But some PG kids need high-level tutors young or other expensive resources. #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** Love seeing spark that comes from gifted kids being among peers. The energy/crit. thinking/even challenges/competitiveness = healthy #gtchat
- 11:49 pm **LisaDSB:** Benefits to HS? Can pursue interests and passions and spend time working on emotional issues. Family is closer, less hectic. #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **teachagiftedkid:** @soundsuccess Kudos to you for understanding this about yourself and being willing to share your experiences to help others! #gtchat
- 11:50 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Benefits of home ed - can move as fast as needed, be at diff levels for each subject can use mentors etc #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @LisaDSB nicely said re: emotional needs—I agree! #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **soundsuccess:** @DeborahMersino Agree!!! No more chronological apartheid. #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **teachagiftedkid:** My creatively gifted husband talks about that 'spark' which he didn't experience until his Sr year in HS at a Math summer camp. #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** Has anyone here attending private/pub gifted besides @bfwritergt or sent their children to private gifted ? Just curious? #gtchat
- 11:51 pm **soundsuccess:** RT @jofrei: @DeborahMersino Benefits of home ed - can move as fast as needed, be at diff levels for each subject can use mentors etc #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - Get it. Seems like social aspects would, in fact, be most difficult aspects. #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **jofrei:** More benefits of home ed. allows time for deep thought and off the set path exploration #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @jofrei: @DeborahMersino Benefits of home ed - can move as fast as needed, be at diff levels for each subject can use mentors etc #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **teachagiftedkid:** I worked at a private gifted school in West Houston for a year. Parents loved that their child could be themselves at school. #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **soundsuccess:** @DeborahMersino Ours is not private gifted as such but may as well be. Programs so good they draw lareg numbers of gifted #gtchat
- 11:53 pm **DeborahMersino:** To me, the leader of a school sets tone. We're at public - leader just left...may follow. It's THAT important. #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @teachagiftedkid: I worked at a private gifted school in West Houston for a year. Parents loved that their child could be themselves at school. #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **LisaDSB:** DS10 does algebra at home. Couldn't do at PS, even in congregated gifted class where they stay on same curric. as reg. (just more) #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **teachagiftedkid:** Parents need to be reassured that their child was 'understood' and challenged in any schooling situation. #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **DeborahMersino:** There's also nothing like an excellent GT educator (whether at home/pub/private). Kids need to be "seen" - fully seen/be themselves. #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **soundsuccess:** @DeborahMersino Agree! Teach to test is a big prob in Aus. Other HUGE prob- no teacher training. #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino re: kids among true peers: critical to emotional & intellectual well-being. Programs like Davidson YS = essential #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **ancientcivteach:** @cybraryman1 My mom refused to let them skip me. She was like "if 3rd grade isn't important, why is it there? Teach my child." #gtchat

- 11:55 pm **jofrei:** WIGHT, Susan and FREITAG, Jo Home educating gifted children June 2007 See <http://www.giftedresources.org/gr/articles.htm> #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **soundsuccess:** RT @asynchschrfsnd: @DeborahMersino re: kids among true peers: critical to emotional & intellectual well-being. Programs like Davidson YS = essential #gtchat
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- 11:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** We've got just 5 minutes left. Any final thoughts, suggestions, ahas, to-dos based on this chat? #gtchat
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- 11:57 pm **TheNextMartha:** @soundsuccess Agreed, my child is already going to test well so taking all this time to "train" him for this test is so frustrating. #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** Challenge, passion-area interests, peer relations, humor, understanding of asynchrony, differentiated curriculum = KEY! #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **DeborahMersino:** @TheNextMartha - Couldn't agree more! #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **soundsuccess:** RT @DeborahMersino: Challenge, passion-area interests, peer relations, humor, understanding of asynchrony, differentiated curriculum = KEY! #gtchat
- 11:58 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: ancientcivteach - \*sigh\* So often, needs go unmet b/c of misunderstandings about needs of #gifted. Sorry. #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could bring the magic of learning to kids every day - whether at home, in public or private schools? #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **lilnerdette:** Re: asynchrony...is this something that is more about acceptance or something that can be worked on? #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **60secondparent:** RT @DeborahMersino: Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could bring the magic of learning to kids every day - whether at home, in public or private schools? #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **jofrei:** We need to find whichever ed setting will be best for particular student - solutions will be different #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **soundsuccess:** @DeborahMersino A dream come true! We must keep working towards it :) #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **echoIn:** RT @n8ngrimm: I made a education chat aggregator, check it out: <http://wbx.me/w/4cgh7e> #edchat #ntchat #ptchat #gtchat pls RT