



Transcript from January 28, 2011 to January 28, 2011

All times are Pacific Time

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- 12:02 am **debmc3:** RT @Frazzlld: New on Irish Gifted Education Blog: Gifted Learners and Lev Vygotsky's ZPD <http://t.co/uXAVPZ4> #gtie #gifted #gtchat
- 12:21 am **Frazzlld:** RT @geniustypes: New blog post: Is your talent holding you back? <http://bit.ly/ek2E8x> #gtie #gtchat
- 12:47 am **DeborahMersino:** Big Choices: Accelerate/School Change/Homeschool? will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow, 01.28. Join us! #gifted
- 1:12 am **Dazzlld:** Irish Gifted Education Blog: Gifted Learners and Lev Vygotsky's ZPD <http://t.co/owd8D7K> #gtchat #gtie #gifted
- 2:03 am **padgets:** RT @DeborahMersino: The Differentiated Classroom: Pros, Cons & Realities will be our 7pm/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow, 01.28. Join us! #ntchat
- 2:51 am **KateArmsRoberts:** RT @DeborahMersino: Big Choices: Accelerate/School Change/Homeschool? will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow, 01.28. Join us! #gifted
- 4:20 am **GaryBrannigan:** Differentiated Instruction: What Is It? Why Is It Important to Your Child? <http://j.mp/awzTHI> via @AddToAny #gtchat #ptchat
- 4:40 am **mindfulbeauty:** RT @DeborahMersino: Big Choices: Accelerate/School Change/Homeschool? will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow, 01.28. Join us! #gifted
- 5:28 am **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: Big Choices: Accelerate/School Change/Homeschool? will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow, 01.28. Join us! #gifted
- 7:14 am **lynnkavanagh:** RT @Frazzlld: New on Irish Gifted Education Blog: Gifted Learners and Lev Vygotsky's ZPD <http://t.co/uXAVPZ4> #gtie #gifted #gtchat
- 7:18 am **_A_SH_L_EY:** (14/60) #grtededu CLICK HERE: <http://goo.gl/EHAXH> #gt #gtaa CLICK HERE: <http://goo.gl/EHAXH> #gtadmin #gtchat #health CLICK HERE:
- 8:03 am **jofrei:** RT @Dazzlld: Irish Gifted Education Blog: Gifted Learners and Lev Vygotsky's ZPD <http://t.co/owd8D7K> #gtchat #gtie #gifted
- 9:38 am **Frazzlld:** RT @deborahmersino: Big Choices: Accelerate/School Change/Homeschool? will be our noon/EST (5pm GMT) #gtchat topic today Join us! #gifted
- 9:40 am **Frazzlld:** RT @deborahmersino: The Differentiated Classroom: Pros, Cons & Realities will be our 7pm/EST (12am GMT) #gtchat topic today. Join us! #gtie
- 9:56 am **Frazzlld:** RT @giftedphoenix: A really clear exposition of Vygotsky's Zone of Proximal Development - <http://bit.ly/hoOBrk> #gifted #gtie #gtchat
- 10:03 am **Frazzlld:** RT @byrdseedgifted: What We Have Learned About Gifted Children <http://bit.ly/fcdQpA> #gifted #gtie #gtchat
- 10:04 am **Frazzlld:** RT @byrdseedgifted: Just posted: Filling In Students? Gaps <http://bit.ly/i0EBi8> #gtie #gifted #gtchat
- 10:07 am **LesLinks:** RT @Frazzlld: RT @byrdseedgifted: Just posted: Filling In Students? Gaps <http://bit.ly/i0EBi8> #gtie #gifted #gtchat
- 10:07 am **LesLinks:** RT @Frazzlld: RT @byrdseedgifted: What We Have Learned About Gifted Children <http://bit.ly/fcdQpA> #gifted #gtie #gtchat
- 10:08 am **aposseadesse66:** RT @Dazzlld: Irish Gifted Education Blog: Gifted Learners and Lev Vygotsky's ZPD <http://t.co/owd8D7K> #gtchat #gtie #gifted

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10:10 am

Begabungs: RT @frazzlld: RT @byrseedgifted: What we Have Learned About Gifted Children <http://bit.ly/fcdQpA> #gifted #gtie #gtchat

12:26 pm

tperran: RT @DeborahMersino: The Differentiated Classroom: Pros, Cons & Realities will be our 7pm/EST #gtchat topic today, 01.28. Join us! #spedchat

1:24 pm

cybraryman1: RT @DeborahMersino: in 3 1/2 hrs (noon EST) Big Choices: Accelerate/School Change/Homeschool? #gtchat

3:11 pm

awcareer_news: My Top Ten Reasons for Homeschooling: I'm excited to see that Deborah Mersino's Twitter #gtchat for noon (EST) t... <http://bit.ly/fXalbG>

3:16 pm

Lisa_Rivero: <http://bit.ly/e8Cb25> I'm reading: Gifted and Talented Students in Chicago / Free educational institute, March 6 #gifted #gtchat

3:31 pm

AudreyFG: RT @DeborahMersino: Big Choices: Accelerate/School Change/Homeschool? will be our noon/EST #gtchat topic tomorrow, 01.28. Join us! #gifted

3:51 pm

PiecesOLearning: RT @lisa_rivero <http://bit.ly/e8Cb25> Gifted and Talented Students in Chicago / Free educational institute, March 6 #gifted #gtchat

4:15 pm

Begabungs: RT @Giftedkidsie: New Parents & Teachers Blog "Fidget Jones Diary" launched by Giftedkids.ie #gifted #gtchat #gtie #edchat <http://ow.ly/3M0YH>

4:15 pm

eshwaranv: Join us in 45 minutes (noon EST) at #gtchat. Topic: Big Choices: Accelerate/School Change/Homeschool?

4:17 pm

DeborahMersino: #gtchat starts in less than 45 minutes. Join us at noon/EST today for "Big Choices: Accelerate/School Change/Homeschool?" #gifted

4:21 pm

DeborahMersino: RT @belinblank Susan Assouline on Iowa Public Radio about the Talent Search: <http://bit.ly/hzR8Yq> #gtchat

4:22 pm

DeborahMersino: @justwonderinY @R4RLA - Thank you 4 the RTs about our #gtchat on differentiation. Hope you can join us at 7pm/EST!

4:25 pm

Begabungs: RT @DeborahMersino: #gtchat starts in less than 45 minutes. Join us at noon/EST today for "Big Choices: Accelerate/School Change/Homeschool?" #gifted

4:28 pm

Begabungs: (Gifted Warriors...)—> #gtchat #gifted #voice #children #warriors #parenting #eltern

4:28 pm

DeborahMersino: RT @Frazzlld RT @byrdseedgifted: Just posted: Filling In Students? Gaps <http://bit.ly/i0EBi8> #gtie #gifted #gtchat<=EXCELLENT POST!!

4:31 pm

carynrey: RT @DeborahMersino: #gtchat starts in less than 45 minutes. Join us at noon/EST today for "Big Choices: Accelerate/School Change/Homeschool?" #gifted

4:44 pm

ahaLearners: the deadline for submitting NAGC proposals for convention in November is Monday, January 31.www.nagc.org #gifted #ahaLearners #gtchat...

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gima_jones: the deadline for submitting NAGC proposals for convention in November is Monday, January 31.www.nagc.org #gifted #ahaLearners #gtchat...

4:45 pm

jofrei: RT @Giftedkidsie: New Parents & Teachers Blog "Fidget Jones Diary" launched by Giftedkids.ie #gifted #gtchat <http://ow.ly/3M0YH> #gtchat

4:48 pm

DeborahMersino: RT @philshapiro "Twitter is a triumph of humanity, not technology." <http://tinyurl.com/4u78esl> (YouTube)<=YES! #gtchat #edchat

4:49 pm

teachagiftedkid: Quick: Did anyone go to the NAGC convention last year? I'm looking for the registration fee. #gtchat #gifted

4:51 pm

DeborahMersino: @teachagiftedkid - Can't recall. Several hundred. Will look to see if I can find receipt. #gtchat starts in 10! #gtchat

4:52 pm

DeborahMersino: @gima_jones @teachagiftedkid is looking for NAGC convention registration fee. Could you let her know? TY! #gtchat

4:52 pm

DeborahMersino: RT @gima_jones: the deadline for submitting NAGC proposals for convention in November is Monday, January 31.www.nagc.org #gifted #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: My tweets 4 next hour will be devoted to #gtchat Pardon heav stream: feel

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7:55 pm

DeborahMersino: my tweets + next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. I am on heavy stream, feel free 2 unfollow/unlink. Topic: Big Choices re #Gifted #gtchat

4:54 pm

jofrei: RT @DeborahMersino: "Twitter is a triumph of humanity, not technology." <http://tinyurl.com/4u78esl> (YouTube) <=YES! #gtchat

4:55 pm

halleyrebecca: Goodness my twitter is slow today. Heading out on errands but I'll be back for the second half of #gtchat. Halley from @SeaburySchool

4:56 pm

GiftedHF: RT @republicofmath Interesting Irish #math #education conference, Dublin, June 26-29: <http://bit.ly/dVdeSe> #gtchat #stem #edu #gifted

4:57 pm

DeborahMersino: @halleyrebecca @SeaburySchool Hope to see you! #gtchat

4:58 pm

DeborahMersino: RT @Lisa_Rivero My Top Ten Reasons for #Homeschooling <http://t.co/4q0wUqj> #gifted #homeschool <=TY Lisa! #gtchat

4:59 pm

eshwaranv: I'm here for #gtchat :-)

5:00 pm

DeborahMersino: Welcome to #gtchat! Our topic: "Big Decisions: Accelerate/School Change/Homeschool?" Join us now! #gifted #gtchat

5:00 pm

eshwaranv: RT @DeborahMersino: RT @Lisa_Rivero My Top Ten Reasons for #Homeschooling <http://t.co/4q0wUqj> #gifted #homeschool <=TY Lisa! #gtchat

5:00 pm

DeborahMersino: Please take a moment to introduce yourselves, your role (educator, parent, advocate, blogger, counselor) & share where you reside! #gtchat

5:01 pm

eshwaranv: Hi all... This is Vytheeshwaran, Science facilitator and instructional designer from Chennai, India #gtchat

5:01 pm

laughingatchaos: I'm Jen in CO, soon to be IL. Topic hits home today, as I've been searching for a new school for my GT boys, 1 is 2e. #gtchat

5:02 pm

jofrei: Hi Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources Melbourne Australia at 4.00am Saturday here - did homeschool 2 of our children #gtchat

5:02 pm

DeborahMersino: I'm Deborah Mersino, moderator of #gtchat, wife/mom to 2 girls, social media/marketing consultant for gifted orgs. Living in CO. #gtchat

5:02 pm

laughingatchaos: Oh, and I'm an advocate, blogger, writer (!), and all around packing goddess. Can't wait for this move to be behind us! LOL #gtchat

5:02 pm

DeborahMersino: Hello India, Colorado (soon to be IL) and Australia. Always good to see you! #gtchat

5:02 pm

eshwaranv: Too bad I'll be missing the 7pm EST edition of #gtchat. Got to make the most out of this one.

5:03 pm

eshwaranv: RT @DeborahMersino: Hello India, Colorado (soon to be IL) and Australia. Always good to see you! #gtchat

5:03 pm

mygiftedgirl: Hi ALL Audrey here mom of 2 and looking at homeschooling for my oldest for next year! #gtchat

5:03 pm

LisaDSB: Hi everyone. I'm Lisa in Ontario Canada. Homeschooling mom to two exceptionally gifted boys. #gtchat

5:03 pm

laughingatchaos: @DeborahMersino ALWAYS good to be here. :) #gtchat

5:03 pm

DeborahMersino: Hi Florida and Ontario!! #gtchat

5:03 pm

cybraryman1: Hi from Florida USA. I am a Twitterbrarian who is reinventing himself as a nation builder <http://yfrog.com/gyqncodj> #gtchat

5:03 pm

laughingatchaos: @mygiftedgirl REALLY? HSing? Good for you! #gtchat

5:04 pm

GaryBrannigan: Child Psychologist from upstate NY. Hi everyone! #gtchat

5:04 pm

brianhousand: #gtchat Brian Hosuand professor at ECU lurking in today's discussion topic - interested in researching this phenomena

5:04 pm

DeborahMersino: @cybraryman1 - Grateful you're here! #gtchat

5:04 pm

laughingatchaos: @cybraryman1 And the man who is cataloging the internet. :) #gtchat

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- 5:04 pm **jofrei:** RT @laughingatchaos: @DeborahMersino ALWAYS good to be here. :) <= I second that! #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **laughingatchaos:** @cybraryman1 And I love the picture! :) #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **Nunavut_Teacher:** RT @cybraryman1: Hi from Florida USA. I am a Twitterbrarian who is reinventing himself as a nation builder <http://yfrog.com/gynqcodj> #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GaryBrannigan @BrianHousand - Great to see you both as well! #gtchat
- 5:04 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @laughingatchaos yes... I'm over it and the gifted program is on the weakening trend as it is. Just not working for us #gtchat
- 5:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q1: How do you "know" when it's time for an educational change? What are some of the signs you've seen/circumstances? #gtchat
- 5:05 pm **laughingatchaos:** @mygiftedgirl I've thought about it for next yr, but going to give IL's schools a chance. Fingers crossed. #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **halleyrebecca:** We tend to recommend against acceleration IF a child is able to be part of a break-out gifted classroom/school/program. #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **LisaDSB:** @mygiftedgirl Welcome to the homeschooling world! #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q1 (cont.): By change, I mean, looking into acceleration, a school change, homeschooling, other? #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **laughingatchaos:** @mygiftedgirl We'll need to keep touching base about this? Still not sure I can do it, but want to keep it possible. #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **eshwaranv:** RT @DeborahMersino: Q1: How do you "know" when it's time for an educational change? What are some of the signs you've seen/circumstances? #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **halleyrebecca:** We do not accelerate @SeaburySchool because we are a #gifted school and small enough to individualize within classrooms. #gtchat
- 5:06 pm **cybraryman1:** Q1 The key, I feel, is knowing your child and his/her abilities and comfort zone #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **laughingatchaos:** Q1:When kid hates school/learning/has anxiety attacks. Discipline prob. #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @laughingatchaos: Q1:When kid hates school/learning/has anxiety attacks. Discipline prob. #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **DeborahMersino:** @NAGCGIFTED 's position paper on Acceleration <http://bit.ly/heYZsZ> #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @LisaDSB Thanks! I've been afterschooling long enough now. Sick of school aftermath and impact on my daughter's love of learning. #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **eshwaranv:** Q1) When the learner gets "bored" with the proceedings in class... When things get too easy. #gtchat
- 5:07 pm **barefootglenda:** RT @cybraryman1: Q1 The key, I feel, is knowing your child and his/her abilities and comfort zone #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **LisaDSB:** Q1 My kids started at Montessori. Time 4 a change when promised enrichment never happened & learning only took place after school. #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **jofrei:** Q1 We had to change schools after we moved and could see new schools were not able to cope as old one had done #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Educational decisions should consider all facets of child's development #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **laughingatchaos:** @mygiftedgirl @LisaDSB EXACTLY why I'd HS. Afterschooling is more fun, but hardly any time. Love of learning CAN'T be lost! #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **DazzlId:** Hi everyone, Karen in Dublin. I'm an advocate, blogger and parent to 3 gifted children #gtchat
- 5:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q1: Spark gone, underachievement, mood changes, social-emotional issues. #gtchat
- 5:09 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @GaryBrannigan: Educational decisions should consider all facets of childs

- 5:09 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: Q1: Spark gone, underachievement, mood changes, social-emotional issues. #gtchat
- 5:09 pm **DeborahMersino:** @DazzlId - So glad you could join us Karen! Q1: How do you know/what are some signs that an educational change might be needed? #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **eshwaranv:** Q1) When they get too lazy & cozy. They should be outside their comfort zone and be challenged for effective learning to happen. #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **jofrei:** Q1 I felt I would be considered unreasonable asking for what was needed - it was much easier to homeschool! #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** TIP: Don't make important decisions in a vacuum. Collaboration is critical to ensuring support for student. #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **GiftedHF:** Ohhh, able to join #gtchat for a change! Hope I haven't missed too much!
- 5:10 pm **DazzlId:** Q1 When you start to notice underachievement you know you have to act #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @jofrei: Q1 I felt I would be considered unreasonable asking for what was needed - it was much easier to homeschool! #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedHF Glad you're here! Great topic for you! #gtchat
- 5:10 pm **eshwaranv:** Q1) Or when they get an overdose of my earlier tweet . #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: TIP: Dont make important decisions in a vacuum. Collaboration is critical to ensuring support for student. #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @DazzlId: Q1 When you start to notice underachievement you know you have to act #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **eshwaranv:** RT @DeborahMersino: TIP: Don't make important decisions in a vacuum. Collaboration is critical to ensuring support for student. #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedHF - No, we're just getting started! Glad you're with us. We're talking about when/how you know it's time for diff setting. #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **tbbwn:** I'm Toby, a phd student in Oklahoma researching GT's and GT teachers' use of educational technology...howdy! #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: Q1: Spark gone, social-emotional issues - yes and almost to school refusal point #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GaryBrannigan @DazzlId Yes, but how? UA is diff. to "fix." #gtchat
- 5:11 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q2: Why do you think it's important to collaborate? Enlist support/input from teachers/administrators/experts? #gtchat
- 5:12 pm **GiftedHF:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat Mika & I have a list of red flags that really need to be posted somewhere.
- 5:12 pm **laughingatchaos:** @tbbwn Welcome! Ed tech is AWESOME for GT kids! #gtchat
- 5:12 pm **peter_lydon:** #gtchat.mostly lurking tonight...in and out..have to go to a staff function later. : (
- 5:12 pm **DeborahMersino:** @tbbwn Love seeing new faces! Happy to have u w/ us. We're talking about how to make tough decisions re educ. setting for #gifted. #gtchat
- 5:12 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Parents and teachers should be partners in children's education #gtchat
- 5:12 pm **eshwaranv:** Q2) Collaboration = Learning in a more congenial and supportive environment > Critical #gtchat
- 5:12 pm **DazzlId:** BTW, internet connection is down in Wicklow...talk about Frazzled! She sends her apologies and will try to join us at some stage. #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **laughingatchaos:** Q2:ALL viewpoints are important. Don't burn bridges. Everyone has a POV and expertise to use. #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **LisaDSB:** Q2 - Do mean collaborate b4 making change? Exhausting all options first? #gtchat

- 5:13 pm **eshwaranv:** RT @laughingatchaos: Q2:ALL viewpoints are important. Don't burn bridges. Everyone has a POV and expertise to use. #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedHF Can you send me the link? I'll shorten? #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **B_A_Bookworm:** RT @GaryBrannigan: Parents and teachers should be partners in children's education #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **eshwaranv:** Great point > RT @GaryBrannigan: Parents and teachers should be partners in children's education #gtchat
- 5:13 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LisaDSB - Ideally yes. I realize in some instances, homeschooling comes of out feeling that collaboration is not happening. #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @DeborahMersino: Can you send me the link? I'll shorten? #gtchat It's still on a .ppt and in a .doc, but no link yet. Working on it!
- 5:14 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Q2. The teachers can learn from us, we learn from them. Our own continuous learning. Happened with dd7's tchr this a.m. #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **laughingatchaos:** @LisaDSB I would think so. #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @laughingatchaos: Q2: ALL viewpoints are important. Dont burn bridges. Everyone has a POV and expertise to use. <=YES #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **cybraryman1:** Q2 I feel parents need all the expertise they can obtain to make wise decisions for their children #gtchat
- 5:14 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @GaryBrannigan: Parents and teachers should be partners in children's education #gtchat// Actually, entire community can contribute!
- 5:15 pm **DazzlId:** @laughingatchaos I think you can address UA at extra-curricular level first, to get the learning spark back and go from there? #gtchat
- 5:15 pm **jofrei:** Q2 It is the ideal situation when parents teachers psychologists and advocates are working together for child's good! #gtchat
- 5:15 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedHF @GaryBrannigan Esp. if entire community helps educate. #gtchat
- 5:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q2: Because teachers, testers, gifted counselors, administrators can all offer perspective we may not have (even if we think we do!) #gtchat
- 5:15 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @cybraryman1: Q2 parents need all expertise can obtain to make wise decisions for children #gtchat // sometimes parents ARE the experts
- 5:16 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DazzlId True. But tough when UA req. extra help/little time or interest for extracurriculars. :(#gtchat
- 5:16 pm **cybraryman1:** @GiftedHF Parents do know their children best #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **mygiftedgirl:** We have too many public school teachers who are heads down just trying to make it throughday, even tchrs of gifted. collab. is hard. #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedHF @cybraryman1 And sometimes that freaks me the heck out! #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **LisaDSB:** RT @GiftedHF sometimes parents ARE the experts <== exactly. Hard to collaborate with folks who don't get the issues. #gtchat
- 5:16 pm **GiftedHF:** #gtchat I've been happy to have 'help' with my kids from the most unexpected places
- 5:17 pm **laughingatchaos:** @mygiftedgirl Yup. Too many teachers are just barely hanging in there. #gtchat
- 5:17 pm **carynrey:** Q1 caryn in IN here. We just made a change for our 2 this year based on a few yrs of trying to collaborate but not getting very far #gtchat
- 5:17 pm **DazzlId:** @laughingatchaos Yes, it's a tough one to address, like turning a ship around, it's a slow process! #gtchat
- 5:17 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @GiftedHF: #gtchat I've been happy to have help with my kids from the most unexpected places<-I'll take help anywhere I can get it #gtchat
- 5:17 pm **jofrei:** RT @LisaDSB: sometimes parents ARE the experts <== exactly. Hard to collaborate with folks who don't get the issues. #gtchat

- 5:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** @mygiftedgirl @LisaDSB @GiftedHF - Makes complete sense. #gtchat
- 5:17 pm **laughingatchaos:** @carynrey What kind of change? #gtchat
- 5:17 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DazzlId Slow and frustrating. UA is a PITA. #gtchat
- 5:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** Some parents might be surprised, tho, when they haven't thought of acceleration, different support in current classroom, etc. #gtchat
- 5:18 pm **patriciasmeyers:** @@cybraryman1 #gtchat #edchat Thank you for listing me on your educational blogs page. <http://bit.ly/8mcqcC> Should we teach 4 the test?
- 5:18 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @laughingatchaos: #gtchat I'll take help anywhere I can get it <- all you have to do is let it happen. the stories I could tell you...:-)
- 5:18 pm **brixandclay:** #gtchat i agree with @mygiftedgirl #gifted kids are passionate to learn- let's get teachers just as passionate about teaching
- 5:18 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DazzlId Then again, UA is really only a problem in schools, not so much in homeschooling... #gtchat
- 5:18 pm **DeborahMersino:** @carynrey - Glad you're with us. What change did you make? Say more! #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **jofrei:** Worth working through Iowa Acceleration Scale
<http://www.accelerationinstitute.org/Resources/IAS.aspx> #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **tracyweinberg:** A latecomer; Tracy from Texas. G/T parent and associate director of TAGT. #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedHF I bet! We're hoping the move to IL will help w/that help. More and diff resources there. #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **LisaDSB:** RT @laughingatchaos: Then again, UA is really only a problem in schools, not so much in homeschooling// it can happen there too! #gtchat
- 5:19 pm **DeborahMersino:** Looks like we've got a strong contingency of homeschoolers today. Q3 will be all yours! #gtchat
- 5:20 pm **carynrey:** @laughingatchaos we switched to the neighboring school system in next county #gtchat
- 5:20 pm **laughingatchaos:** @LisaDSB Really? How? #gtchat
- 5:20 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q3: Why did you make the decision to homeschool? And what impact has it had on you/your learner? #gtchat
- 5:20 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @laughingatchaos: More and diff resources there. #gtchat // can happen anywhere. even here in the sticks!
- 5:20 pm **laughingatchaos:** @LisaDSB If they learn at their own pace? #gtchat
- 5:20 pm **jofrei:** Being 2E by itself is not held as a reason to not accelerate on Iowa Scales #gtchat
- 5:20 pm **LisaDSB:** @laughingatchaos Depends on parents' approach -- some try to replicate school at home and wonder why kids are bored. #gtchat
- 5:20 pm **eshwaranv:** @DeborahMersino Aha... I also read the disclaimer at the end of the blogpost which you had shared earlier. :-) #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @laughingatchaos: @LisaDSB If they learn at their own pace? #gtchat // Because you don't homeschool in a vacuum.
- 5:21 pm **eshwaranv:** RT @DeborahMersino: Q3: Why did you make the decision to homeschool? And what impact has it had on you/your learner? #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Homeschooling is increasing, and so are resources for parents #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **mygiftedgirl:** RT @jofrei: Being 2E by itself is not held as a reason to not accelerate on Iowa Scales #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **DeborahMersino:** @tracyweinberg - Glad you made it! Happy to have TAGT/you here! #gtchat

- 5:21 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @LisaDSB: Depends on parents' approach -some try to replicate school at home and wonder why kids are bored. #gtchat //exactly!
- 5:21 pm **laughingatchaos:** @LisaDSB Yeah, I'd be tempted to recreate school when I KNOW unschooling or some form would be best for them. #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **eshwaranv:** Q1) Such a decision should not be taken out of haste. The situation must be analyzed carefully before doing so. #gtchat
- 5:21 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @GaryBrannigan: Homeschooling is increasing, and so are resources for parents #gtchat // Over 2 million in US at least!
- 5:22 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedHF @LisaDSB True, but who is then telling a kid s/he is UA? #gtchat
- 5:22 pm **jofrei:** Q3 My home education page on personal website <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/homeschooling.htm> #gtchat
- 5:22 pm **carynrey:** @DeborahMersino felt as though school was easy for our kids that they had no idea that learning can involve challenge #gtchat
- 5:22 pm **DeborahMersino:** @eshwaranv I agree re decision-making. R own intensities can blind us! When at all possible, good to have input from experts/others. #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **eshwaranv:** Q3) I just about managed to discourage my nieces from going the homeschooling way coz I knew that they weren't that type. #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **LisaDSB:** It can take awhile for HSing parents to shake off the shackles of their own educational background and really understand their kids. #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **GaryBrannigan:** It's not always easy to teach your own children! #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** UA = Underachieving for those who don't know. #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @jofrei: Q3 My home education page on personal website <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/homeschooling.htm> #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @laughingatchaos: Good! :) Hoping my fam can help w/some of this. #gtchat // Also join GHF list for ideas!! <http://tinyurl.com/36h5bc4>
- 5:23 pm **tracyweinberg:** One great resource is Llsa Rivero; she publishes online and for Great Potential Press; she gets homeschooling and gifted education #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **laughingatchaos:** @LisaDSB Yeah, esp since I'm a teacher by trade. :/ #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **jofrei:** Q3 Some homeschooling presentations I gave with Susan Wight here <http://www.giftedresources.org/gr/articles.htm> #gtchat
- 5:23 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @GaryBrannigan: Its not always easy to teach your own children!<-OY! Aint't that the truth! #gtchat
- 5:24 pm **GiftedHF:** #gtchat The thing about #homeschool is it's not about teaching your kids. it's about guiding their learning
- 5:24 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedHF Will prob join that list simply to research & see if it's possible for us #gtchat
- 5:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** @tracyweinberg - YES RT @Lisa_Rivero My Top Ten Reasons for #Homeschooling <http://t.co/4q0wUqj> #gifted #homeschool #gtchat
- 5:24 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @GiftedHF: #gtchat The thing about #homeschool is its not about teaching your kids. its about guiding their learning<=Powerful #gtchat
- 5:24 pm **jofrei:** Q3 Some more homeschooling links from Gifted Resources website <http://www.giftedresources.org/gr/webhomed.htm> #gtchat
- 5:24 pm **eshwaranv:** Hmm... That depends on the individual. Not always true > RT @GaryBrannigan: It's not always easy to teach your own children! #gtchat
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- 5:24 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @GiftedHF: #gtchat The thing about #homeschool is its not about teaching your kids. its about guiding their learning<-YES!!! #gtchat

- 5:25 pm **tbbwrn:** Q2: My experience-open communication was key. Ts/Ps/Ss disagreed on the paths but agreed on desired outcomes. Respectful comm a must #gtchat
- 5:25 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @laughingatchaos: @GiftedHF Will prob join that list simply to research & see if it's possible for us #gtchat // Please do!
- 5:25 pm **LisaDSB:** I've blogged about my journey from beginning to now at keenkidsathome.wordpress.com. Not always smooth, but I'm happy where we're at. #gtchat
- 5:25 pm **tracyweinberg:** Personality of child and relationship w/ parents is critical. Must be able to shake off critical comments by child. #gtchat
- 5:25 pm **cybraryman1:** Q3 My Homeschooling for Gifted Children links: <http://bit.ly/fGv8N> #gtchat
- 5:25 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @GiftedHF: #gtchat Perhaps UA is another topic for discussion. Its about setting goals without the childs buy-in<-Good point #gtchat
- 5:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @tbbwrn: Q2: Ts/Ps/Ss disagreed on the paths but agreed on desired outcomes. Respectful comm a must<=yes #gtchat
- 5:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @tracyweinberg: Personality of child and relationship w/ parents is critical. Must b able 2 shake off critical comments by child. #gtchat
- 5:26 pm **GiftedHF:** #gtchat So if you all are looking for resources for #gifted #homeschool, come see us: <http://giftedhomeschoolers.org> (We are international)
- 5:26 pm **jofrei:** Q3 We loved the freedom it gave us to go as fast or slow as necessary, to have fun learning and build on interest areas #gtchat
- 5:27 pm **theblondeview:** RT @GaryBrannigan: It's not always easy to teach your own children! #gtchat
- 5:27 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q4: As a parent and/or educator, what has been the biggest challenge for you in terms of making/trusting/evaluating your decision? #gtchat
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- 5:27 pm **LisaDSB:** My kids set most of their own goals for learning & I'm more mentor than teacher. I have an overall plan, but they feel in control. #gtchat
- 5:27 pm **kbphotos:** Late coming in, but I need this chat particularly. #gtchat (Karen, parent, public school)
- 5:27 pm **LesLinks:** Hi just dropping in for a minute. Leslie in Ireland Hiiiiiiiiii ;-D homeschooling <http://innreach.wordpress.com/gt-homeschooling/> #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **eshwaranv:** @GiftedHF The lazy ones... #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @tbbwrn: Q3: Was geography a contrib. factor in anyones decision to homeschool? Rural/innercity?<=Great follow-up ?! #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @jofrei: Q3 We loved the freedom it gave us to go as fast or slow as necessary, to have fun learning and build on interest areas #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **DeborahMersino:** @LesLinks - Hello! So glad you dropped in! #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @laughingatchaos: But who is then telling a kid s/he is UA? #gtchat // psychs, teacher of classes, etc
- 5:28 pm **LesLinks:** Back for later chat.... sorry Deborah... taxi service this evening.. ;-(#gtchat
- 5:28 pm **GaryBrannigan:** @jofrei Good point. I think one of the keys to learning is time: how much child has and needs, as well as how well he/she uses time #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **laughingatchaos:** @tbbwrn w/tech, location isn't really a prob anymore? #gtchat
- 5:28 pm **GiftedHF:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat I have lost track of the Q4... please repost?

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- giteunnr:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat I have lost track of the Qs - please repost!
- DazzlId:** @GiftedHF Over 2 million? Wow, that's a lot! In Ireland the HS network is still pretty small and it is still regarded as unusual #gtchat
- laughingatchaos:** @LesLinks HI! #gtchat
- hey0mxtwo:** @DeborahMersino Knowing what is actually age appropriate behavior for my child who acts older than he is much of the time #gtchat
- laughingatchaos:** @GiftedHF Well...ttttthhhppppp on them then. ;) #gtchat
- cybraryman1:** @LesLinks Thanks. I added it to my Homeschool for Gifted sites: <http://bit.ly/fGvf8N> #gtchat
- DeborahMersino:** @kbphotos Delighted to have you with us? We're disc. Q4: What's been the most difficult aspect of making decisions re schooling? #gtchat
- CTLEvents:** Happy Friday all! Cool synchronous tools for learning: <http://bit.ly/KitchenSynch> #gtchat #educon #edchat #technology
- cybraryman1:** @jofrei Thanks I added it to my collection of homeschooling links: <http://bit.ly/fGvf8N> #gtchat
- GiftedHF:** RT @tbbwn: Q3: Was geography a factor in decision to homeschool? #gtchat// We started in San Jose & now live in rural OR. Diff resources.
- demom2gifted:** hi, a little late but looking forward to the chat #gtchat
- LesLinks:** @laughingatchaos @LesLinks Hi Jen.. I'm late already.. grr I don't wanna go.. but Mom taxi duty calls.... arggg #gtchat
- GiftedHF:** @DazzlId I have an article from the (2009?) NAGC UK mag about #gifted #homeschool in the US #gtchat
- DeborahMersino:** @GiftedHF - Q4: most difficult aspect of making/trusting decision regarding schooling? #gtchat
- laughingatchaos:** Q4:Second guessing myself. Wanting it to be PERFECT. Going thru this now, driving myself crazy #gtchat
- sunriseiz:** running late, but very interested! (parent/homeschooler) #gtchat
- GiftedHF:** RT @eshwaranv: The lazy ones... #gtchat // You don't know what a different situation would do for them. Hard to judge others!
- DeborahMersino:** @demom2gifted - Welcome! Q4: What's been the most diff. aspect of making educational decisions/trusting them? #gtchat
- laughingatchaos:** @LesLinks Talk tonight! :) #gtchat
- jofrei:** @GaryBrannigan @jofrei Yes re time - we had one gifted perfectionistic procrastinator and idealist dreamer hsing took pressure off #gtchat
- eshwaranv:** Q4) My past mistakes tend to flash before me and try to haunt me when I'm about to take decisions. #gtchat
- mygiftedgirl:** Q4 impact on school auditions, programs for middle, buy in from family, <-- unnecessary but very helpful! #gtchat
- DeborahMersino:** RT @laughingatchaos: Q4:Second guessing myself. Wanting it to be PERFECT. Going thru this now, driving myself crazy #gtchat
- LesLinks:** Susanewith3 has such wisdom and resources for homeschooling... sorry she is missing this.... #gtchat
- cybraryman1:** Q4 You are really never sure that the decisions you make are the right ones for your children. #gtchat
- GiftedHF:** MT @hey0mxtwo: Knowing what is age appropriate behavior for my asynchronous child #gtchat // Having a community is HUGE, even online
- eshwaranv:** @GiftedHF They stayed with me for a couple of months and I had a good amount of time to judge them. #gtchat

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- 5:33 pm **tbbwrn:** @laughingatchaos True! But SES factors and tech availability/reliability could impact the decision...#gtchat
- 5:33 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @cybraryman1: Q4 You are really never sure that the decisions you make are the right ones for your children.<-THAT'S IT!!! #gtchat
- 5:33 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q4: Yes, re trusting myself. Looking at acceleration. Why I'm leaning heavily on expert input (Dr. Silverman, GT coordinator, etc.). #gtchat
- 5:33 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedHF @heym0mxtwo I'll take my community anywhere I can find it! ;) #gtchat
- 5:33 pm **jofrei:** Q4 Most difficult part for us was seeing other make school situation work well and wondering if we were doing the best possible #gtchat
- 5:33 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** Sorry 2 B joining so late... Marlow from Asynchronous Scholars' Fund here, in California, parent, advocate, educator #gtchat
- 5:33 pm **demom2gifted:** Q4: Most difficult aspect has been not trusting my gut and instead going with the ed. professionals #gtchat
- 5:33 pm **heym0mxtwo:** @giftedhf Here there aren't any. And the teachers...they just aren't trained. #gtchat
- 5:33 pm **laughingatchaos:** @tbbwrn True. Spoiled here w/great tech availability #gtchat
- 5:33 pm **GaryBrannigan:** RT @cybraryman1: Q4 You are really never sure that the decisions you make are the right ones for your children. #gtchat
- 5:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q4: Filtering what dds says about school versus realities. "We're just not allowed to be creative in science. I don't understand." #gtchat
- 5:34 pm **sunriseiz:** @GiftedHF i really appreciate this site/forum! #gtchat
- 5:34 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @demom2gifted: Q4: Most difficult aspect has been not trusting my gut and instead going with the ed. professionals<-Yes, hard #gtchat
- 5:34 pm **kbphotos:** Alternatives to public schools are few and far between in area. Feel have no options #gtchat
- 5:34 pm **tracyweinberg:** @GaryBrannigan @cybraryman1 True enough; you can only know sometimes years down the road #gtchat
- 5:34 pm **jofrei:** RT @GaryBrannigan: RT @cybraryman1: Q4 You are never sure that the decisions you make are the right ones for your children Agree #gtchat
- 5:34 pm **DeborahMersino:** @asynschlrnsfnd - Welcome! We're talking about Q4: Toughest aspects of making/trusting/evaluating decisions re schooling. #gtchat
- 5:34 pm **GiftedHF:** MT @heym0mxtwo: Here there aren't any. #gtchat // I meant online. GHF has members on 6 continents!
- 5:35 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @sunriseiz: @GiftedHF i really appreciate this site/forum! #gtchat // Glad! :-)
- 5:35 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** Q4 Not having a crystal ball is a challenge. :P But seeing my kids and students thrive makes up for it #gtchat
- 5:35 pm **LisaDSB:** Q4 - normal to 2nd guess, but if kids still love learning (they do) then I think they are in the right place. #gtchat
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- 5:35 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @cybraryman1: Q4 You are really never sure that the decisions you make are the right ones for your children. #gtchat // Exactly!!
- 5:36 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Current state climate on #gifted ed is making homeschooling more attractive. #gtchat
- 5:36 pm **LisaDSB:** Being part of community like GiftedHF lets you see how others have made out further down the road. Very comforting. #gtchat
- 5:36 pm **tracyweinberg:** @kbphotos Yes, even in Texas, there are no more than 6-8 non-public schools for gifted of which I am aware statewide #gtchat

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- 5:36 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT@LisaDSB:Q4-normal to 2nd guess,but if kids still love learning (they do) then I think they are in the right place.<-must remember #gtchat
- 5:36 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q5: Homeschooling parents: How much time do you spend in "school" at home? Can you talk about pros/challenges. #gtchat
- 5:36 pm **hey0mxtwo:** First school did nothing for my gifted child. Second school expects FAR too much. #gtchat
- 5:36 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @mygiftedgirl: Current state climate on #gifted ed is making homeschooling more attractive.<-Yeah, IL is pretty poor. CO isn't :(#gtchat
- 5:36 pm **demom2gifted:** RT @mygiftedgirl: Current state climate on #gifted ed is making homeschooling more attractive. <-so true #gtchat
- 5:36 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @LisaDSB: Being part of community like GiftedHF lets you see how others have made out further down the road. Very comforting. #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **sunriseiz:** @LisaDSB I agree! We don't have anyone local to 'talk' with, so this helps tremendously! #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **mygiftedgirl:** RT @hey0mxtwo: First school did nothing for my gifted child. Second school expects FAR too much. #gtchat //YES
- 5:37 pm **cybraryman1:** @LisaDSB Yes, parents need support and help making decisions. Being part of a community is wonderful #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **DeborahMersino:** For those who may be unfamiliar, Gifted Homeschoolers Forum offers excellent resources: <http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/>. #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **laughingatchaos:** @hey0mxtwo Gifted doesn't mean high-achieving. Wish schools would remember that! #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **rretzler:** #gtchat School conference coming up - son says homework "boring". How to convince teachers he needs something more challenging?
- 5:37 pm **kbphotos:** Younger son getting more frustrated/bored in school. Same w/ older son. #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **hey0mxtwo:** Q5 too much. Made a deal with my son. Do what they want you too in school. You can do more here at home. #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **GaryBrannigan:** Each child is an experiment, and we may not know which parenting variables make the difference! #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **GiftedHF:** @DeborahMersino We spend very little time doing "schoolwork" at home. My kids learn best in other ways. #gtchat
- 5:37 pm **sunriseiz:** @DeborahMersino varies from day to day. some days 30 min, some days 6 hrs #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **mygiftedgirl:** Listen to what is going on in your state regarding education as a whole and gifted ed. You'll want to run to homeschooling. #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **sunriseiz:** @DeborahMersino also depends what you call 'school' ;-) #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **dayswmd:** Quickly chiming in. A1: Depressed child, love of learning dissipating, hatred for teachers and school, plummeting confidence. #gtchat (1/2)
- 5:38 pm **laughingatchaos:** @sunriseiz Specific curriculum? Or follow their lead? #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **kbphotos:** @rretzler I talked w/ teacher - doing best she can but has to teach many #gtchat
- 5:38 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @sunriseiz: @DeborahMersino also depends what you call 'school' ;-) #gtchat // Exactly :-)
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- 5:39 pm **hey0mxtwo:** @rretzler In my experience, "bored" doesn't necessarily mean what I think it does. When Damian says bored he means irrelevant. #gtchat
- 5:39 pm **PiecesOLearning:** How a Nevada public school is challenging highly-gifted learners <http://sbne.ws/r/6CVp> #gifted #gtchat
- 5:39 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @kbphotos: homeschooling is pulling me more and more; don't know how with both of us working #gtchat / I'm a single mom. It can be done.
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- 5:39 pm **rretzler:** @kbphotos #gtchat I have the same problem as you - 2 very bored sons. The little one engages in a lot of "fun" behavior - doesn't pay atten
- 5:40 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @cybraryman1: I always told my children & students that learning takes place anywhere and all the time. Be lifetime learners! #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedHF @mygiftedgirl LOL! I meant state GT plans/funding #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **demom2gifted:** @asynschlrfsnd sounds terrific! :) #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **MoovingVan:** Q3 We've relocated 8 times in 5.5yrs, all 4 kids born in diff states! Felt it was best for them; ds7y gifted & having prob w/sch #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **kbphotos:** @laughingatchaos - same here; afraid of first step #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **DeborahMersino:** @rretzler "Boring Homework" can be code for many different scenarios. Important to collbr., ask teacher ?s be4 making assumption. #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **hey0mxtwo:** I have had to teach him that he may have to do the stuff he loathes, because eventually it leads to more interesting stuff. #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **jofrei:** RT @cybraryman1: I always told my children & students that learning takes place anywhere and all the time. Be lifetime learners!YES #gtchat
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- 5:40 pm **LisaDSB:** Q5 We try not to call it school here, lol. I do a couple of lessons a day, but mostly they follow their educational interests. #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **laughingatchaos:** @sunriseiz Sounds great! #gtchat
- 5:40 pm **kbphotos:** @GiftedHF think we may need to chat then ;) #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @cybraryman1 Lifetime learning is becoming difficult in a system that kills love of learning. #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **laughingatchaos:** @kbphotos Big first step! Huge leap of faith. :/ #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** Q5: Most challenging part is keeping up, finding high-enough level materials presented visually enough. #gtchat
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- 5:41 pm **laughingatchaos:** @heym0mxtwo Not always! May not be interesting until college! #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **DeborahMersino:** Homeschoolers: Sorry about calling it "school"...!;-) #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **rretzler:** @heym0mxtwo #gtchat Mine means irrelevant AND that it is a waste of his time because he already knows it - he gets excited with challenges
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- 5:41 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @AsynchSchlrsFnd: Q5: Most challenging part is convincing others to allow my kids to participate in activities aimed for older. #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **laughingatchaos:** @asynschlrsfnd VSL are difficult to teach, HS or reg school, eh? ;) #gtchat
- 5:41 pm **LisaDSB:** Q5. Right now, without my telling them, DS10 is researching ancient Greek soldier called Hoplites. Not learning that from me! #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** We both work, too -- it can work. RT @kbphotos: homeschooling is pulling me more and more; don't know how with both of us working #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **cybraryman1:** @laughingatchaos Lifetime learning should be fostered by parents #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @AsynchSchlrsFnd: It is SO much easier than when DS was in school! #gtchat // I find it easier to #homeschool than to fight bureaucracy.
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- 5:42 pm **dayswmd:** What she said RT @laughingatchaos: Q4:Second guessing myself. Wanting it to be PERFECT. Going thru this now, driving myself crazy #gtchat
- 5:42 pm **heym0mxtwo:** @rretzler I think it is important for gifted children especially to realize that irrelevant doesn't mean he doesn't need to know it. #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **LisaDSB:** DS8 is cataloguing bird feather collection and sketching each bird to go along with it. That's what "school" looks like here a lot. #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **laughingatchaos:** @cybraryman1 Agree. But parents are also exhausted just trying to get these

- 5:43 pm **sunriseiz:** @laughingatchaos I guess we technically unschool, but not totally comfy w/ that label. We do use some curr, but learning is always #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **GiftedHF:** @kbphotos Feel free to DM me, or join the GHF list for lots more support! #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **hey0mxtwo:** So I take time to research some interesting stuff that will teach him the material. #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **rretzler:** #gtchat So - how do you homeschool with both spouses working AND have the kids get the right amount of socialization that they get in school
- 5:43 pm **reasoningmind:** RT @asynschlrnsfnd: Q5: Most challenging part is keeping up, finding high-enough level materials presented visually enough. #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT@hey0mxtwo:I think it is important for gifted children especially 2 realize that irrelevant doesnt mean he doesnt need to know it #gtchat
- 5:43 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @laughingatchaos: But parents are exhausted just trying to get these kids thru the day! #gtchat // We have days I ignore my kids. :-)
- 5:43 pm **cybraryman1:** @LisaDSB That's great. My Birds page: <http://bit.ly/j8dGI> #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** Nobody's doctrinaire here: We question everything, but expedience is good! RT @DeborahMersino: Sorry about calling it "school" #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **DeborahMersino:** Q6: How do you think education/learning/digital options will evolve over the next 10 years relative to gifted? #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **hey0mxtwo:** I homeschool but my child is in public school. Does that even count? #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **sunriseiz:** @rretzler both spouses working would be hard, but i wouldn't worry abt social aspects #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **kmhmartin:** RT @cybraryman1: I always told my children & students that learning takes place anywhere and all the time. Be lifetime learners! #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedHF LOL! Mine will.not.be.ignored! LOL May need to work on that! I like my "alone" time! #gtchat
- 5:44 pm **GiftedHF:** @rretzler Maybe you should reconsider what kind of socialization they get in school. #gtchat Many families make it work. #homeschool
- 5:44 pm **jofrei:** RT @cybraryman1: @LisaDSB Thats great. My Birds page: <http://bit.ly/j8dGI> - Great Thank you! #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** Yes, but I discovered that I'm very VSL... who knew? LOL RT @laughingatchaos: VSL are difficult to teach, HS or reg school, eh? ;) #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **Aspieadvocate:** RT @GaryBrannigan: RT @cybraryman1: Q4 You are really never sure that the decisions you make are the right ones for your children. #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **brixandclay:** @GiftedHF @asynschlrnsfnd I agree- I've been that kid trying to participate. No one believes us when we say we can do it! #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **hey0mxtwo:** Q6: I have trouble seeing hope but I know things are changing. I seriously have come to think that the best thing I can do..... #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **asynschlrnsfnd:** Modeled, too! --> RT @cybraryman1: @laughingatchaos Lifetime learning should be fostered by parents #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **brixandclay:** @GiftedHF @cybraryman1 #gtchat that's the truth! It's great to always learn! That's what makes life fun. :)
- 5:45 pm **hey0mxtwo:** Q6: is keep supplementing at home and advocating. #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **sram_socrates:** RT @GaryBrannigan: Each child is an experiment, and we may not know which parenting variables make the difference! #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **DeborahMersino:** How to Partially Homeschool by @DeborahRuf <http://bit.ly/hW8bKx> #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **laughingatchaos:** @asynschlrnsfnd LOL! I'm not...I think. ;) #gtchat
- 5:45 pm **GiftedHF:** @laughingatchaos Don't worry there will be times when they ignore you too

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laughingatchaos: Don't worry, there will be times when they ignore you, too. With #homeschool, they will get more attention overall #gtchat

5:45 pm **eshwaranv**: Q6) I believe E learning is going to make learning more interesting, fun and challenging for the #gifted #gtchat

5:46 pm **jofrei**: Q5 We were very flexible with time - spent as much little as needed on each subject - great for story writing! #gtchat

5:46 pm **asynschlrfsnd**: Earlier conflicts evaporated when we started HSing RT @laughingatchaos: We don't always get along, afraid to have them here all day! #gtchat

5:46 pm **mygiftedgirl**: 6:I think they (system) wants us out Our kids and we are difficult, they don't know what to do with us, but they need our scores! #gtchat

5:46 pm **demom2gifted**: @LisaDSB my DS10 would get along with your DS8. Very into birds. Is there a youth birding club in your area? #gtchat

5:46 pm **jofrei**: RT @DeborahMersino: How to Partially Homeschool by @DeborahRuf <http://bit.ly/hW8bKx> #gtchat

5:46 pm **asynschlrfsnd**: Anytime! It can be done... working from homereally makes it possible. RT @kbphotos: @AsynchSchlrFnd appreciate the encouragement #gtchat

5:46 pm **laughingatchaos**: Q6:I think opportunities will open up 2 more GT kids thru tech. Mentoring, interests supported, etc. Gonna be great #gtchat

5:46 pm **rretzler**: @GiftedHF #gtchat - HOW do they make it work? Our days are already taken up with sooo much - work, school, soccer. Love to see others sched

5:46 pm **DeborahMersino**: Q6: I think more and more learning will happen digitally, more gifted schools will be available online/allow for peer interaction #gtchat

5:46 pm **mygiftedgirl**: 6cont: will push out to elearning, and charters #gtchat

5:46 pm **GiftedHF**: #gtchat We try to cull the best relevant articles about "where #gifted and #homeschool intersect" <http://tinyurl.com/2afvqh>

5:46 pm **laughingatchaos**: @GiftedHF Good to remember. Gotta join your forum! #gtchat

5:47 pm **laughingatchaos**: @asynschlrfsnd I've heard that from MANY people! Still... #gtchat

5:47 pm **hey0mxtwo**: @eshwaranv my gifted child has NO motivation. He used to but then he has been totally neglected by the school system. He hates schoo #gtchat

5:47 pm **DeborahMersino**: @laughingatchaos - Agree. Thinking about UConn's Mentor Connection. Just think if these programs were available to all...growth op! #gtchat

5:47 pm **GiftedHF**: @rretzler That's the beauty of a support community: Wisdom from many others who have BTDT or are doing it now! #gtchat

5:47 pm **laughingatchaos**: @DeborahMersino Esp. as things like Skype & FaceTime get better. As broadband gets stronger. Gonna be great. #gtchat

5:48 pm **laughingatchaos**: @DeborahMersino OOh! Don't know that Mentor Connection! Details? #gtchat

5:48 pm **laughingatchaos**: RT @GiftedHF: @rretzler Thats the beauty of a support community: Wisdom from many others who have BTDT or are doing it now! #gtchat

5:48 pm **GiftedHF**: MT @hey0mxtwo: @eshwaranv my gifted child has NO motivation. He used to ... #gtchat // You'll need to deschool first, probably.

5:48 pm **LisaDSB**: RT @cybraryman1: @LisaDSB Thats great. My Birds page: <http://bit.ly/j8dGI> // Thanks! I'll share it with him. #gtchat

5:48 pm **DeborahMersino**: Q7: Since we appear to have lots of HS represented, can you offer TIPS to those who may be considering? #gtchat

5:48 pm **jofrei**: Q6 I think E learning will be wonderful for gifted kids - will be the ideal school youngest wished for 10 years ago #gtchat

5:48 pm **hey0mxtwo**: deschool? #gtchat

5:49 pm **eshwaranv**: @hey0mxtwo That's bad. Have you looked at other places beyond the classroom? I'm sure there are lots of it out there. #gtchat

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- 5:49 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** Content can B looked up; learning methods = the important part RT @[hey0mxtwo](#): irrelevant doesn't mean he doesn't need to know it. #gtchat
- 5:49 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @[DeborahMersino](#): Q7: Since we appear to have lots of HS represented, can you offer TIPS to those who may be considering?<-PLEASE? #gtchat
- 5:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** UConn's Mentor Connection (Summer Program) <http://bit.ly/ax28KN> #gtchat
- 5:49 pm **cybraryman1:** @[GiftedHF](#) Thanks I added your articles to my homeschooling section: <http://bit.ly/fGv8N> #gtchat
- 5:49 pm **GiftedHF:** @[hey0mxtwo](#) Deschooling is a way to detox frm unhelpful paradigms, etc. Rule of thumb: one month per yr of school, but depends. #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **sunriseiz:** @[DeborahMersino](#) we are only in year 2, but advice would be start slowly, follow the child, don't try 2 imitate PS #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** Here kids ask Q, learn where to find A on own. RT @[LisaDSB](#): DS8 is cataloguing collection That's what "school" looks like here. #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @[DeborahMersino](#): UConn's Mentor Connection (Summer Program) <http://bit.ly/ax28KN><-Thanks! #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **hey0mxtwo:** Oh yes. The boy is totally failing nearly everything. And the school isn't even attempting to help. #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **eshwaranv:** @[hey0mxtwo](#) Are you familiar with discovery learning? Try it. You will be amazed by how supercharged your child becomes. #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @[sunriseiz](#): @[DeborahMersino](#) we are only in year 2, but advice would be start slowly, follow the child, dont try 2 imitate PS #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @[sunriseiz](#): @[DeborahMersino](#) we are only in year 2, but advice would be start slowly, follow the child, dont try 2 imitate PS #gtchat
- 5:50 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @[AsynchSchlrsFnd](#): Content can B looked up; learning methods = the important part #gtchat // Absolutely!!!
- 5:51 pm **laughingatchaos:** @[eshwaranv](#) @[hey0mxtwo](#) What's discovery learning? #gtchat
- 5:51 pm **hey0mxtwo:** Ooo I'll have to check that out! #gtchat
- 5:51 pm **tbrwn:** Q6: I think (hope!) tech continues to improve to give all students a vector to express themselves/communicate their needs/interests. #gtchat
- 5:51 pm **eshwaranv:** @[hey0mxtwo](#) That could be because he is constantly being told what to do... Let him find it out for himself. #gtchat
- 5:51 pm **GiftedHF:** Q7: Tip: remember your goal is a happy, independent adult, not a successful X grader. Think about life skills, not childhood skills. #gtchat
- 5:51 pm **DeborahMersino:** I'm grateful to be in Master's Program studying Gifted Ed...will be invaluable if I decide to HS down the line. #gtchat
- 5:51 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @[cybraryman1](#): @[GiftedHF](#) Thanks I added your articles to my homeschooling section: <http://bit.ly/fGv8N> #gtchat //Thank you!
- 5:51 pm **jofrei:** Q7 My tip would be -Talk it over in detail with someone who has done it - a lovely lady did that for me - so helpful #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **laughingatchaos:** @[GiftedHF](#) Great point! That leads to lifelong learning! #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **asynschlrsfnd:** RT @[laughingatchaos](#): RT @[sunriseiz](#): we are only in year 2, but advice would be start slowly, follow the child, dont try 2 imitate PS #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **GiftedHF:** Why? RT @[DeborahMersino](#): grateful to be in Master's Program studying Gifted Ed.will be invaluable if I decide to HS down the line. #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **sunriseiz:** RT @[GiftedHF](#): Q7: Think about life skills, not childhood skills.// Yes! #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **rretzler:** @[AsynchSchlrsFnd](#) @[hey0mxtwo](#) #gtchat I totally agree, its all about the learning method - something public schls don't teach sufficiently
- 5:52 pm **cybraryman1:** Q6 I see Blended Learning: <http://bit.ly/altQDI> becoming more prevalent in the future. #gtchat

- 5:52 pm **eshwaranv**: @laughingatchaos Discovery learning is where the teacher acts as a scaffold and not the as the foundation of learning. #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **LisaDSB**: Q7 - don't expect a magical curriculum -- get lots of advice before buying. Probably won't use too much curric. in long run. #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **DeborahMersino**: @tbbwn - Yes. Even NaNoWriMo gave my dd10 a chance to communicate globally about her novel. So cool! #gtchat
- 5:52 pm **kbphotos**: Still trying to figure out what I'm afraid of... why not just do it? #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **eshwaranv**: Oh yes! RT @cybraryman1: Q6 I see Blended Learning: <http://bit.ly/altQDI> becoming more prevalent in the future. #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **laughingatchaos**: RT @cybraryman1: Q6 I see Blended Learning: <http://bit.ly/altQDI> becoming more prevalent in the future. #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **hey0mxtwo**: @eshwaranv I'm trying but this school is putting too much pressure on him. Says gifted learners should be ahead of the others. #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **laughingatchaos**: @eshwaranv I could see that being so good for my boys. #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **DeborahMersino**: @GiftedHF - Seeing the very best research/creative approaches already detailed on how to serve learning styles, cognitive/emotional. #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **GiftedHF**: #gtchat Tip: Find support from others who get it. Impt defense against criticism from others (right, @mygiftedgirl ? ; -)
- 5:53 pm **laughingatchaos**: @kbphotos Yeah, me too. #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **sunriseiz**: RT @DeborahMersino: @tbbwn - NaNoWriMo- My 7yo had a blast! #gtchat
- 5:53 pm **asynschlrnsfnd**: Q6 I think education & digital options are already evolving in ways that help gifted/can only help all. Individualization=truly key. #gtchat
- 5:54 pm **DeborahMersino**: @kbphotos - keep us posted! #gtchat
- 5:54 pm **laughingatchaos**: @hey0mxtwo Bwahahahahahahaha!!!! I WISH that was always the case! GT is wiring, not achievement! #gtchat
- 5:54 pm **eshwaranv**: @hey0mxtwo Gross judgmental error... Time for a chat with the teacher and if that fails, it's time to change. #gtchat
- 5:54 pm **LisaDSB**: Q7 - Tip: Listen to children's interests and facilitate. Let them take ownership of their learning. #gtchat
- 5:54 pm **DeborahMersino**: I do know this. I have IMMENSE respect for those who homeschool gifted!! #gtchat
- 5:54 pm **hey0mxtwo**: Damian thrives when left to learn on his own. Without being drilled. The drills in school are just dragging him down #gtchat
- 5:54 pm **GiftedHF**: @DeborahMersino Not sure I agree. Can be helpful, but remember to look to yr child's needs first, THEN apply methods. Too many don't #gtchat
- 5:55 pm **asynschlrnsfnd**: Nice option. We had 2 "afterschool" for a while 2 RT @DeborahMersino: How 2 Partially Homeschool by @DeborahRuf <http://bit.ly/hW8bKx> #gtchat
- 5:55 pm **DeborahMersino**: @LisaDSB - You're depicting Autonomous Learning! Yes. #gtchat
- 5:55 pm **laughingatchaos**: RT @LisaDSB: Q7 - Tip: Listen to children's interests and facilitate. Let them take ownership of their learning. #gtchat
- 5:55 pm **DazzlId**: RT @DeborahMersino: I do know this. I have IMMENSE respect for those who homeschool gifted!! X2 #gtchat
- 5:55 pm **hey0mxtwo**: @eshwaranv I know. Change is coming. Putting him back in his old school #gtchat
- 5:55 pm **asynschlrnsfnd**: RT @DeborahMersino: How to Partially Homeschool by @DeborahRuf <http://bit.ly/hW8bKx> #gtchat #fb
- 5:55 pm **cybraryman1**: Q6 I wrote a blog post proposing more skype type sessions for students

- 5:55 pm **mygiftedgirl:** @GiftedHF You said it! Do what's best for your child! ;) #gtchat
- 5:55 pm **heym0mxtwo:** There is something to be said for taking the "boring" and dealing with it at home. I tell him to just do what they want in school. #gtchat
- 5:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** @GiftedHF - Absolutely fine to disagree. I was speaking for myself. Know that I personally have "seen" child through new eyes. #gtchat
- 5:56 pm **GiftedHF:** MT @heym0mxtwo: I'm trying but this school ...Says gifted learners should be ahead of the others. #gtchat //Wrong. Gifted =asynchronous.
- 5:56 pm **laughingatchaos:** @cybraryman1 Awesome! Skype learning is the future! #gtchat
- 5:56 pm **eshwaranv:** @laughingatchaos @heym0mxtwo Here's one incident of discovery education from my experience at a camp: <http://bit.ly/d0xGQo> #gtchat
- 5:56 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @asynchschrfsnd: RT @DeborahMersino: How to Partially Homeschool by @DeborahRuf <http://bit.ly/hW8bKx> #gtchat #fb #gtchat
- 5:56 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** GHF is an excellent resource even for "afterschoolers" RT @laughingatchaos: @GiftedHF Good to remember. Gotta join your forum! #gtchat #fb
- 5:56 pm **GiftedHF:** @DeborahMersino Then that's what matters :-) #gtchat
- 5:56 pm **DeborahMersino:** Five minutes left all. Lots of passion present today. Loaded topic. Final thoughts? Questions? Takeaways? #gtchat
- 5:56 pm **tbbwrn:** Q6. concur with Deborah--would love to see tech connect more gifted classes/stus to build a stronger GT community. Teachers, too! #gtchat
- 5:57 pm **cybraryman1:** @DeborahMersino Wow! This was a fast moving chat chock full of great input from everyone. Thank you for great moderation. #gtchat
- 5:57 pm **heym0mxtwo:** @laughingatchaos Thanks #gtchat
- 5:57 pm **eshwaranv:** @heym0mxtwo Change is good. But hope that isn't hasty. "Listen" to your son before you go ahead with it. #gtchat
- 5:57 pm **laughingatchaos:** @asynchschrfsnd I'm in then. Afterschooling is where we're currently at...more or less. #gtchat
- 5:57 pm **GiftedHF:** Yup! RT @cybraryman1: Wow! This was a fast moving chat chock full of great input from everyone. Thank you for great moderation. #gtchat
- 5:57 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** "Deschooling" is a period of not using any curriculum, anything school-like after a child starts HSing. RT @heym0mxtwo: deschool? #gtchat
- 5:57 pm **DeborahMersino:** @tbbwrn - You're helping make it happen as we speak. It's just the beginning... #gtchat
- 5:57 pm **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Wait, it's over? :(#gtchat
- 5:57 pm **heym0mxtwo:** My gifted learner is NOT the schools guinea pig. Why do they insist on treating him as such? #gtchat
- 5:58 pm **laughingatchaos:** @heym0mxtwo Sometimes schools make me nuts. They're not always the experts. #gtchat
- 5:58 pm **cybraryman1:** My Tech Integration for Gifted page: <http://bit.ly/aE1BI6> #gtchat
- 5:58 pm **eshwaranv:** @heym0mxtwo In that case, he is the right candidate for discovery learning. Try it on him. #gtchat
- 5:58 pm **asynchschrfsnd:** Excellent! RT @GiftedHF: Q7: Remember your goal is a happy, independent adult, not a successful X grader. Think about life skills. #gtchat
- 5:58 pm **laughingatchaos:** @heym0mxtwo Because they just.don't.know.better. :(#gtchat
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- 5:58 pm **eshwaranv:** RT @asynschlrfsnd: Excellent! RT @GiftedHF: Q7: Remember your goal is a happy, independent adult, not a successful X grader. Think about life skills. #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **GiftedHF:** #gtchat My last thought on this: Do what works for your child and your family. You're not raising anyone else's kids, just your own.
- 5:59 pm **LisaDSB:** RT @DeborahMersino: @LisaDSB - You're depicting Autonomous Learning! Yes.// It works great for passionate learners! #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **hey0mxtwo:** Hmm, seems to me schools aren't making the effort. But they do it for autism and ADHD. That makes me sad. #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** Q7 Best advice I have for those considering is that HS teaches kids how 2 learn independently, not how to regurgitate. #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **DeborahMersino:** Final thought: In the end, we all do our best to make healthy choices for our students. It's about lifelong learning! #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @GiftedHF: #gtchat Do what works for your child and your family. You're not raising anyone else's kids, just your own.<-LOVE THIS! #gtchat
- 5:59 pm **GiftedHF:** Me too.RT @hey0mxtwo: Hmm, seems to me schools aren't making the effort. But they do it for autism and ADHD. That makes me sad. #gtchat #2e
- 6:00 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** What she said! RT @laughingatchaos: @DeborahMersino Wait, it's over? :(#gtchat
- 6:00 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @GiftedHF: #gtchat Do what works for your child & your family. You're not raising anyone else's kids, just your own. #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **eshwaranv:** Q7) Final thought: "Listen" to your child and don't be hasty in judging the situation. Real ed is qualitative and not quantitative. #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT@asynschlrfsnd:Best advice I have for those considering is that HS teaches kids how 2 learn independently,not how 2 regurgitate. #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** Yet another excellent page from @cybraryman1: RT @cybraryman1: My Tech Integration for Gifted page: <http://bit.ly/aE1Bl6> #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **GiftedHF:** RT@asynschlrfsnd:Best advice I have for those considering is that HS teaches kids how 2 learn independently,not how 2 regurgitate. #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **hey0mxtwo:** Oh wait! #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **DeborahMersino:** Believe a wealth of exploratory options/information/research/creative tools/etc. are now available digitally. Gr8 opportunity 4 all! #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **jofrei:** RT @GiftedHF:My last thought : Do what works for yourchild and your family. You're not raising anyoneelse's kids, just your own Agree #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **demom2gifted:** Q7: Think topic should be revisited. :) #gtchat
- 6:00 pm **DazzlId:** That was very interesting. School options are fairly limited in Ireland, all mixed-ability and no gifted programmes. #gtchat
- 6:01 pm **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino Thank you so much for another great chat! #gtchat
- 6:01 pm **hey0mxtwo:** Before you assume you have a lazy student....step inside a classroom in a public school. The final diagnosis may be different #gtchat
- 6:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** Thank you all for an interesting chat! I hope you give yourself credit for engaging in tough decision making, trusting yourself! #gtchat
- 6:01 pm **eshwaranv:** Thanks to @DeborahMersino and all #gtchat tweeps for a great convo! It has been a great hour of learning.
- 6:02 pm **DazzlId:** RT @eshwaranv. Thanks to @DeborahMersino and all #gtchat tweeps for a great convo! It has been a great hour of learning. #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** @demom2gifted - likely will be! Glad you were with us. #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **LisaDSB:** Thanks Deborah! That was fun! #gtchat

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- 6:02 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** |@DeborahMersino mportant thing is to find the right venue 4 each child, yes, whether homeschool or school or hybrid. #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @heym0mxtwo: Before u assume have a lazy student,step inside a classroom in apublic school. The final diagnosis may be different #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **laughingatchaos:** Sigh. Back to packing. :p Thanks everyone for another great chat! See you all tonight! #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **GiftedHF:** RT @AsynchSchlrFnd: Important thing is to find the right venue 4 each child, yes, whether #homeschool or school or hybrid. #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **heym0mxtwo:** Thanks for the chat. I was late but I learned a lot #gtchat
- 6:02 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** Yes, thanks for another great chat, sorry I joined so late! RT @jofrei: @DeborahMersino Thank you so much for another great chat! #gtchat
- 6:03 pm **KellySigler:** RT @cybraryman1: I always told my children & students that learning takes place anywhere and all the time. Be lifetime learners! #gtchat
- 6:03 pm **demom2gifted:** @DeborahMersino glad to hear it. Thanks. :) #gtchat
- 6:03 pm **tbrwn:** Nice chat, all. Thanks--have a great weekend! #gtchat
- 6:03 pm **eshwaranv:** It's 28 minutes to Saturday and I'm yawning here... Time to go now... Thanks again for the great convo! #gtchat
- 6:03 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** @DeborahMersino Important thing is to find the right venue 4 each individual child, whether homeschool or school or hybrid. #gtchat #fb
- 6:04 pm **DeborahMersino:** Join us again at 7pm/EST for "The Differentiated Classroom: Pros, Cons, Realities." #gtchat
- 6:05 pm **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: Join us again at 7pm/EST for "The Differentiated Classroom: Pros, Cons, Realities." #gtchat
- 6:05 pm **DeborahMersino:** @eshwaranv So glad you were with us! #gtchat
- 6:05 pm **LesLinks:** Hi again, and bye again! See folks on the next chat... thanks deborah, even if I could not chat to much on this one.. ;-D #gtchat
- 6:06 pm **jofrei:** @laughingatchaos Happy packing! Talk to you later #gtchat
- 6:07 pm **DazzlId:** RT @DeborahMersino: Join us again at 7pm/EST for "The Differentiated Classroom: Pros, Cons, Realities." #gtchat
- 6:08 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** If ppl understood that #gifted lmrns have special needs, they'd change RT @heym0mxtwo: schools make the effort for autism/ADHD. #gtchat #2e
- 6:08 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @philshapiro "Twitter is a triumph of humanity, not technology." <http://tinyurl.com/4u78esl> (YouTube)<=Worth watching #gtchat
- 6:08 pm **sunriseiz:** Nice to chat! Have a great day everyone! #gtchat
- 6:08 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** RT @DeborahMersino: Join us again at 7pm/EST for "The Differentiated Classroom: Pros, Cons, Realities." #gtchat
- 6:09 pm **posickj:** RT @cybraryman1: My Tech Integration for Gifted page: <http://bit.ly/aE1BI6> #gtchat
- 6:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** Gr8ful to our GT teacher, who just sent out "Gifted Kids' Bill of Rights" to all parents. #gtchat
- 6:11 pm **jofrei:** RT @cybraryman1 @jofrei Thanks I added it to my collection of homeschooling links: <http://bit.ly/fGvf8N> #gtchat Thank you!
- 6:17 pm **GiftedHF:** Let them be kids (*ahem* What makes you think they're not?) #gifted #homeschool #gtchat #2e <http://fb.me/BhCmwle7>
- 6:20 pm **asynschlrfsnd:** Worth a read if you didn't yet: How @DavidsonGifted is challenging highly #gifted learners @ their Reno school <http://bit.ly/eUjhWZ> #gtchat
- 6:20 pm **heym0mxtwo:** RT @GiftedHF: RT @heym0mxtwo: Before u assume have a lazy student,step inside a classroom in apublic school. The final diagnosis may be different #gtchat

- 6:27 pm **peter_lydon:** #gtie #gtchat #gifted #gtstogies http://giftedandtalented.ie/?page_id=172 Irish national Gifted Education Awareness Day 8th April 2011
- 6:29 pm **asynschlrsvnd:** Excellent! Link at <http://bit.ly/fi68WH> @DeborahMersino: GT teacher just sent out #Gifted Kids' Bill of Rights to all parents. #gtchat #fb
- 6:33 pm **stressfreekids:** @cybraryman1@GaryBrannigan Kids Skip School to Avoid Bullies! <http://bit.ly/ehB4Vw> #gtchat
- 6:40 pm **bfwriter:** RT @DeborahMersino: RT @philshapiro "Twitter is a triumph of humanity, not technology." <http://tinyurl.com/4u78esl> (YouTube) <=Worth watching #gtchat
- 7:03 pm **gigialert:** RT @GaryBrannigan: Parents and teachers should be partners in children's education #gtchat
- 7:57 pm **pdeducator:** RT @cybraryman1: My Tech Integration for Gifted page: <http://bit.ly/aE1BI6> #gtchat
- 7:58 pm **AmyInspires:** RT @cybraryman1: My Tech Integration for Gifted page: <http://bit.ly/aE1BI6> #gtchat
- 8:01 pm **DeborahMersino:** #FF @ljconrad for her tireless commitment to raising awareness about the needs of #gifted, talented & creative learners! #gtchat
- 8:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** #FF @giftedphoenix for being committed to raising tough issues about advocacy and looking at impact. #gifted #gtchat
- 8:02 pm **DeborahMersino:** #FF @jofrei for her incredible support of #gifted learners throughout Australia and the world! #gtchat
- 8:03 pm **DeborahMersino:** #FF @cybraryman1 for being one of the most knowledgeable, yet kind-hearted spirits on Twitter. You're a true gem to many! #gtchat
- 8:10 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @peter_lydon: #gtie #gtchat #gifted #gtstogies http://giftedandtalented.ie/?page_id=172 Irish national Gifted Education Awareness Day 8th April 2011
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- 8:15 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @GiftedHF Sir Ken Robinson on the choice to #Homeschool #askskr #gifted #edu #2e <http://fb.me/yGfkwINV> <=TY Corin! #gtchat
- 8:20 pm **humphreyjones:** RT @sccenglish: RT @Giftedkidsi New Parents & Teachers Blog "Fidget Jones Diary" launched by Giftedkids.ie #gifted #gtchat #gtie #edchat <http://ow.ly/3M0YH>
- 8:23 pm **DeborahMersino:** #FF @ByrdseedGifted 4 writing one of the best blogs on the planet re to educating #gifted & talented students. www.byrdseed.com. #gtchat
- 8:53 pm **lynnkavanagh:** RT @peter_lydon: #gtie #gtchat #gifted #gtstogies http://giftedandtalented.ie/?page_id=172 Irish national Gifted Education Awareness Day 8th April 2011
- 9:46 pm **ljconrad:** Wm & Mary Annual Gifted Curriculum National Conference #gtchat #gifted <http://fb.me/Pyj0CbDL>
- 9:56 pm **Begabung:** RT @ljconrad: Wm & Mary Annual Gifted Curriculum National Conference #gtchat #gifted <http://fb.me/Pyj0CbDL>
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- 10:26 pm **cybraryman1:** RT @DeborahMersino: In an hour and a half 7pm/EST #gtchat Topic: "The Differentiated Classroom: Pros, Cons, Realities."
- 11:08 pm **CollectiveAct:** Gifted Education Chat via Twitter - Global: <http://t.co/9b0p5o4> on TODAY Sat 11-mid day #Australia (AEST) #gtchat #ozteacher #nswdet #austl
- 11:17 pm **DeborahMersino:** Less than 45 min until #gtchat. Topic: The Differentiated Classroom: Pros, Cons, Realities." Join us - educators, parents, advocates!
- 11:19 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @deborahmersino: Less than 45 min until #gtchat. Topic: The Differentiated Classroom: Pros, Cons, Realities." Join us!

- 11:22 pm **KateArmsRoberts:** RT @DeborahMersino: #FF @ByrdseedGifted 4 writing one of the best blogs on the planet re to educating #gifted & talented students. www.byrdseed.com. #gtchat
- 11:25 pm **DeborahMersino:** @Begabungs - Excited for you and what you're creating on Second Life! Best wishes this weekend! #gtchat #gifted #leader #gtchat
- 11:26 pm **DeborahMersino:** RT @Begabungs: RT @ljconrad: Wm & Mary Annual Gifted Curriculum National Conference #gtchat #gifted <http://fb.me/Pyj0CbDL> <=TY! #gtchat
- 11:30 pm **LesLinks:** #gtie #gtchat #gifted #gstooxies #2E http://giftedandtalented.ie/?page_id=172 Irish national GiftedEducation Awareness Day 8/04/2011 #gtie
- 11:49 pm **DeborahMersino:** My tweets 4 next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. Topic: The Differentiated Classroom. Pardon the heavy stream; feel free 2 unfollow #gtchat
- 11:52 pm **DeborahMersino:** Getting excited already for the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented Annual Conference in Austin (Nov. 30 - Dec. 2) #TAGT #gtchat
- 11:54 pm **DeborahMersino:** ATTN: #edchat fans - We would love to have you join us for #gtchat in 5 minutes. We'll be discussing The Differentiated Classroom! #gtchat
- 11:55 pm **TBSTranscripts:** RT @DeborahMersino: ATTN: #edchat fans - We would love to have you join us for #gtchat in 5 minutes. We'll be discussing The Differentiated Classroom! #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **GiftedHF:** @LisaDSB Here ya go: <http://tinyurl.com/ylpnvar> Now I'm sure it's posted! #gifted #homeschool #gtchat
- 11:56 pm **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: My tweets 4 next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. Topic: The Differentiated Classroom. #gtchat
- 11:57 pm **EduGirlSDB:** RT @DeborahMersino: My tweets 4 next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. Topic: The Differentiated Classroom.
- 11:58 pm **teachagiftedkid:** Mine too! RT @DeborahMersino: My tweets 4 next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. Topic: The Differentiated Classroom. #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **deepwaterscoach:** My tweets 4 next hour will be devoted to #gtchat. Topic: The Differentiated Classroom. Pls pardon heavy stream. Better yet, jump in! #gtchat
- 11:59 pm **jofrei:** RT @GiftedHF: <http://tinyurl.com/ylpnvar> #gifted #homeschool <= Great collection of articles! #gtchat