



Transcript from January 29, 2011 to January 29, 2011

All times are Pacific Time

January 29, 2011

- KTVee:** chatting for the next hour about "The Differentiated Classroom" #gtchat Come join us! :)
- DeborahMersino:** Welcome to #gtchat! Our topic now: The Differentiated Classroom: Pros, Cons & Realities. Join us as we learn/share/grow! #gtchat
- DeborahMersino:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself, your role (educator, parent, counselor, advocate) & share where you reside! TY. #gtchat
- jofrei:** RT @KTVee: chatting for the next hour about "The Differentiated Classroom" #gtchat Come join us! :) #gtchat
- 12:01 am **jofrei:** Hi Jo Freitag from Gifted Resources in Melbourne Australia #gtchat
- 12:01 am **cybraryman1:** Hi! Multitasker: Listening to panel on Innovation from #educon in Philadelphia while chatting about differentiated classroom on #gtchat
- 12:01 am **deepwaterscoach:** @DeborahMersino We need a dd update. All well in the Mersino household? #gtchat
- 12:01 am **KTVee:** Krissy, g/t teacher from Missouri, 3-6 grades, obsessed with differentiation! #gtchat
- 12:01 am **teachgiftedkid:** #gtchat Hello from Houston. I'm an elementary GT Specialist who has raised two gifted children. Very interested in tonight's topic!
- 12:01 am **DeborahMersino:** I'm DeborahMersino, moderator of #gtchat, wife/mom to 2 girls, grad school student after 20 years (!), GT marketing consultant in CO #gtchat
- 12:02 am **laughingatchaos:** I'm Jen in CO, soon to be IL. Mom to 2 GT boys, 1 is 2e. Advocate, blogger, writer, and sick to death of packing... #gtchat
- 12:02 am **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - Cool! #gtchat
- 12:02 am **ljconrad:** Hi from cold & snowy Pittsburgh! Suffering empty nest syndrome tonight. Gifted blogger/researcher/parent! #gtchat
- 12:02 am **deepwaterscoach:** Lisa Lauffer here. Chief Sanity Officer to Gifted Grownups & Parents of GT Kids. Parent to 2 GT kids, 1 2e. In sunny CO! #gtchat
- 12:02 am **MaryStGeorge:** I'm a teacher of gifted children in New Zealand and online. #gtchat
- 12:02 am **EduGirlSDB:** Stephanie, substitute teacher renewing my license to rejoin FT workforce in VA. Wife/mom to 1 feisty 11 yo. Rockin' GS leader. #gtchat
- 12:02 am **DeborahMersino:** @deepwaterscoach - She's doing much better...I'm hoping to feel same in a few days! ;-) Thank you for asking. #gtchat
- 12:02 am **jofrei:** @deepwaterscoach @DeborahMersino We need a dd update. All well in the Mersino household? Yes indeedy! #gtchat
- 12:03 am **DeborahMersino:** Hello New Zealand, Australia, Colorado, Virginia, Pittsburgh, Texas, Missouri, Philadelphia! Glad you're all here. #gtchat
- 12:04 am **atxteacher:** Never gotten to do an evening chat. At a district meeting, I can at least lurk! #Gtchat
- 12:05 am **deepwaterscoach:** @atxteacher Yay for lurking!!! (@ljconrad, that is your cue...) #gtchat
- 12:05 am **cybraryman1:** @DeborahMersino Sending you and DD some get well wishes: <http://bit.ly/8q3erh> #gtchat

- 12:05 am **KTvee:** @atxteacher lurking is better than not coming at all! :) #gtchat
- 12:05 am **DeborahMersino:** Disclaimer: I'm by no means an expert on differentiated instruction. My goal = help us all better understand philosophies/leaders #gtchat
- 12:05 am **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat @atxteacher Hello! Glad to have you lurking! [Like it? <http://bit.ly/ecFVfv>]
- 12:05 am **DazzlId:** Karen here in Dublin, parent, support-group leader, blogger, advocate. Hi to all! #gtchat
- 12:05 am **deepwaterscoach:** @DeborahMersino I hope you do too! #gtchat
- 12:05 am **atxteacher:** Lynette, director of advanced studies in Houston. Texas, mom of 2 boys, pres-elect for Texas Assoc for the Gifted & Talented #Gtchat
- 12:06 am **DeborahMersino:** Hi @atxteacher. Glad you're here! @DazzlId - Welcome Ireland! #gtchat
- 12:06 am **mygiftedgirl:** I'm back again for a bit! #gtchat
- 12:06 am **godsgifts:** mom in central PA #gtchat
- 12:06 am **tbrwn:** I'm Toby, phd student in Oklahoma studying technology use by GTs and teachers of GTs #gtchat
- 12:06 am **ljconrad:** @deepwaterscoach Lurker, lurker pants on fire! Never disappoint you! :) #gtchat
- 12:06 am **GiftedHF:** #gtchat I'm here and will lurk, but doubt I have much to add on this topic!
- 12:07 am **deepwaterscoach:** @tbrwn Cool! Welcome! #gtchat
- 12:07 am **DeborahMersino:** Before I begin sharing some ideas (Tomlinson, Renzulli, others), I'll pose some questions. Sound good? #gtchat
- 12:07 am **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedHF Baloney! HSers differentiate education, dont' they? ;) #gtchat
- 12:07 am **atxteacher:** @teachagiftedkid @atxteacher can't check bit.ly tonight but will follow up later (district blocks) #Gtchat
- 12:07 am **MaryStGeorge:** @tbrwn sounds interesting, welcome #gtchat
- 12:07 am **deepwaterscoach:** @ljconrad You never do! And I'm giggling over here! Again! #gtchat
- 12:08 am **DazzlId:** Fire away @DeborahMersino! #gtchat
- 12:08 am **DeborahMersino:** Q1: What is YOUR current understanding of a Differentiated Classroom (not a test!)? What does it look like?What principles guide it? #gtchat
- 12:08 am **ljconrad:** @godsgifts Got your email. Will respond this weekend with some encouragement! :) #gtchat
- 12:08 am **ColinTGraham:** Hanging around in #gtchat for the next hour or so
- 12:08 am **atxteacher:** @tbrwn awesome topic. Would love to read it when done #Gtchat
- 12:08 am **DeborahMersino:** HOT Topics: Differentiated Instruction from NAGC (US) <http://bit.ly/hwOVUq> #gtchat (includes articles)
- 12:09 am **GiftedHF:** @laughingatchaos: HSers differentiate education, dont' they? ;) #gtchat Perhaps, but I don't buy into theory much. Too opinionated.
- 12:09 am **ljconrad:** @atxteacher Woo hoo! Congratulations! #gtchat
- 12:09 am **laughingatchaos:** Q1:Kids placed for best ed fit. Able to move fluidly thru groupings. Sons' school does this. We're lucky. #gtchat
- 12:09 am **DeborahMersino:** Highly recommend The Differentiated Classroom by Tomlinson <http://amzn.to/ekw3TU> (Amazon link) #gtchat
- 12:09 am **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat A differentiated classroom has a constant level of buzzing going on because children are sharing & working. Teacher is the coach.
- 12:09 am **laughingatchaos:** @GiftedHF LOL! #gtchat
- 12:09 am **MaryStGeorge:** Work reflects the know abilities of individuals - different for different learners

#gtchat

- 12:10 am **KTVee:** differentiation means every kids gets what they need; it's about levels of complexity and choice in product #gtchat
- 12:10 am **DeborahMersino:** Yes, a hearty congratulations to Lynette (@atxteacher) for being named President-Elect of TAGT! #gtchat
- 12:10 am **EduGirlSDB:** Q1: My untrained self sees it as meeting children where they are and teaching each child from where they are to where they can be. #gtchat
- 12:10 am **cybraryman1:** RT @DeborahMersino: Yes, a hearty congratulations to Lynette (@atxteacher) for being named President-Elect of TAGT! #gtchat
- 12:10 am **ColinTGraham:** The first #mathchat was on Differentiation <http://bit.ly/d2uPad> this is the archive... ;-) #gtchat
- 12:10 am **jofrei:** Dive into Differentiation powerpoint I made for intro to a staff PD <http://www.giftedresources.org/gr/files/dive02.ppt> #gtchat
- 12:10 am **KTVee:** @teachagiftedkid great point; when I feel less like a teacher and more like a facilitator, it seems right! #gtchat
- 12:10 am **DazzIld:** Q1 Students challenged at a level pitched to where they need to stretch to achieve...ideally that is! #gtchat
- 12:10 am **DeborahMersino:** @ColinTGraham - So glad you could make it! #gtchat
- 12:11 am **MaryStGeorge:** oops known abilities - from pretests, close observation, collabarative reflection, etc #gtchat
- 12:11 am **godsgifts:** godsgifts@ljconrad much appreciated !!!! #gtchat
- 12:11 am **atxteacher:** Q1 every kid gets what they need: content, pace, style, product, affective #Gtchat
- 12:11 am **jofrei:** RT @ColinTGraham: The first #mathchat was on Differentiation <http://bit.ly/d2uPad> this is the archive... ;-) #gtchat
- 12:11 am **eductweet:** RT @teachagiftedkid: #gtchat A differentiated classroom has a constant level of buzzing going on because children are sharing & working. Teacher is the coach.
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- 12:11 am **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: Yes, a hearty congratulations to Lynette (@atxteacher) for being named President-Elect of TAGT!//woot! #gtchat
- 12:11 am **laughingatchaos:** RT @MaryStGeorge: Work reflects the know abilities of individuals - different for different learners #gtchat
- 12:11 am **cybraryman1:** Q1 "If children cannot learn the way we teach, we must teach the way children learn." alas differentiate instruction & assessment #gtchat
- 12:11 am **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat Teacher provides the resources and foundation. Provides students with choice and very little limit on products to show knowledge
- 12:11 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat Greetings fellow chatters!
- 12:11 am **laughingatchaos:** RT @KTVee: differentiation means every kids gets what they need; its about levels of complexity and choice in product #gtchat
- 12:11 am **ColinTGraham:** Q1: Differentiation means taking into account: content, process and product. Too much focus on the product end of things #gtchat
- 12:12 am **KTVee:** differentiation is do this because it's what you need, not do this because I said everybody should do the same thing #gtchat
- 12:12 am **DeborahMersino:** @EduGirlSDB: Right on! #gtchat
- 12:12 am **laughingatchaos:** RT @DazzIld: Q1 Students challenged at a level pitched to where they need to stretch to achieve...ideally that is! #gtchat
- 12:12 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat differentiation=personalisation

- 12:12 am **LesLinks:** Ya... different needs to different learners.. not classrooms that are so inclusive they exclude folk.. ;-D #gtchat
- 12:12 am **deepwaterscoach:** @peter_lydon Welcome! #gtchat
- 12:12 am **DeborahMersino:** @peter_lydon Welcome Peter! Glad you're with us. #gtchat
- 12:12 am **mygiftedgirl:** RT @peter_lydon: #gtchat differentiation=personalisation
- 12:12 am **ljconrad:** Q1: Research and reality are two separate things. Teachers MUST buy-in or it's not worth the paper it's written on. #gtchat
- 12:12 am **laughingatchaos:** RT @KTVEe: differentiation is do this because its what you need, not do this because I said everybody should do the same thing #gtchat
- 12:13 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat @DeborahMersino Hi Deborah many thanks
- 12:13 am **laughingatchaos:** RT @peter_lydon: #gtchat differentiation=personalisation #gtchat
- 12:13 am **atxteacher:** Thanks for the congrats! It's an honor to serve. #Gtchat
- 12:13 am **LesLinks:** oops.. Leslie here in Ireland (how rude... did not introduce...) #gtchat
- 12:13 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat@ljconrad yeah..theory can fail miserably in the real world.
- 12:13 am **DeborahMersino:** @worthyourwhile - so grateful to see you here. We're discussing Q1: What does "differentiation" look like/mean to you? #gtchat
- 12:13 am **teachgiftedkid:** The teacher is in tune with what their student needs to stretch or reinforce their learning. #gtchat [Like it? <http://bit.ly/eNSTND>]
- 12:13 am **jofrei:** Q1 I see it as personalised approach to level and pace #gtchat
- 12:13 am **coachaddamy:** #gtchat Amy (ADHD & T&G coach in Seattle) Late joining & lurking greeting extended! (wrong account via tweetdeck)
- 12:13 am **MaryStGeorge:** @ColinTGraham focus on product only in some curricula. We have a process curriculum #gtchat
- 12:13 am **deepwaterscoach:** @LesLinks Hallooooo!!!! #gtchat
- 12:13 am **LesLinks:** @atxteacher ;-D good on you! #gtchat
- 12:14 am **KTVEe:** differentiation is the door to student growth; too many educators have that door closed #gtchat
- 12:14 am **ColinTGraham:** Q1 Successful differentiated class has Ss proceeding at different paces on, possibly, different tasks. Admin nightmare for teacher! #gtchat
- 12:14 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat differentiation=an 'aha!' moment for every child
- 12:14 am **LesLinks:** @deepwaterscoach @LesLinks Hi friend.... #gtchat
- 12:14 am **DeborahMersino:** Many of you mentioned many of the pros/positives. Excellent responses by the way! #gtchat
- 12:14 am **cybraryman1:** RT @ColinTGraham: Q1 Successful differentiated class has Ss proceeding at different paces on, possibly, different tasks... #gtchat
- 12:14 am **laughingatchaos:** RT @teachgiftedkid: The teacher is in tune with what their student needs to stretch or reinforce their learning. #gtchat
- 12:15 am **deepwaterscoach:** Differentiation—Learning: every child every day. #gtchat
- 12:15 am **jofrei:** RT @peter_lydon: #gtchat differentiation=an aha! moment for every child - I like that! #gtchat
- 12:15 am **GiftedHF:** RT @peter_lydon: #gtchat differentiation=personalisation // This would be ideal, but is it possible in a classroom setting? To what extent?
- 12:15 am **laughingatchaos:** RT @KTVEe: differentiation is the door to student growth; too many educators have that door closed #gtchat
- 12:15 am **teachgiftedkid:** #gtchat Differentiation respects the strength & weakness of the student. Some

like to work in groups, some don't., etc..

- 12:15 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat @jofrei shucks...thanks!
- 12:15 am **ColinTGraham:** @MaryStGeorge The key point is finding an appropriate balance between content, process and product in any curriculum #gtchat
- 12:15 am **laughingatchaos:** RT @deepwaterscoach: Differentiation--Learning: every child every day. #gtchat
- 12:15 am **DeborahMersino:** Q2: Given all of the upsides, do YOU think most classroom teachers are able to differentiate regularly? Why or why not? #gtchat
- 12:15 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @ColinTGraham: @MaryStGeorge The key point is finding appropriate balance between content, process and product in any curriculum #gtchat
- 12:15 am **LesLinks:** @ColinTGraham Ya very difficult in practice especially with wide range of students and numbers... Ireland sometimes 34+ in class #gtchat
- 12:16 am **KTVee:** RT @peter_lydon #gtchat differentiation=an 'aha' moment for every child
- 12:16 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat@DeborahMersino evidence in Ireland is questionable.
- 12:16 am **padgets:** #gtchat hi everybody sorry I am late, Sharon hs science teacher from Iowa
- 12:16 am **MaryStGeorge:** @ColinTGraham agreed #gtchat
- 12:16 am **deepwaterscoach:** Q2: Not sure how well teachers can differentiate when working alone. If they team up, it's possible, imo. #gtchat
- 12:16 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat teachers claim they differentiate but really they're not.
- 12:16 am **DeborahMersino:** Differentiated Curricula by Sandra Berger <http://bit.ly/eBOJJs> #gtchat (article)
- 12:16 am **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino No I don't, not here anyways.. least ways not for the upper end #gtchat
- 12:16 am **deepwaterscoach:** @padgets Phew! You're here! #gtchat
- 12:16 am **KTVee:** #gtchat No; lack of understanding of how, when, and why; misunderstandings lead to neg. opinions #gtchat
- 12:16 am **cybraryman1:** Q2 I feel most teachers are too overwhelmed to provide differentiation on a regular basis #gtchat
- 12:16 am **DeborahMersino:** @Padgets - Hi Sharon. Glad you're with us tonight! #gtchat
- 12:17 am **padgets:** @DeepWatersCoach #gtchat hey girlfriend!
- 12:17 am **jofrei:** Q2 Some teachers seem to do it very naturally - some consider it too hard basket! #gtchat
- 12:17 am **GiftedHF:** #gtchat Q2 Maybe in a smaller setting, with sufficient resources and understanding. But in an average setting? Lots of constraints.
- 12:17 am **tbrwn:** Q1: meeting each student where they are and helping them with advice & resources to reach our shared learning goals #gtchat
- 12:17 am **LesLinks:** @peter_lydon @DeborahMersino Peter is right.. in Ireland is questionable.. ya #gtchat
- 12:17 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @peter_lydon: #gtchat teachers claim they differentiate but really theyre not.<=Agree. It takes extraordinary talent/work. #gtchat
- 12:17 am **ColinTGraham:** Q2 Probably not many... needs training in what to differentiate, managing class/group needs vs individual needs, support/structure #gtchat
- 12:17 am **atxteacher:** Q2 I think most tchr want to do the best for kids. But it's hard and takes lots of time and effort #Gtchat
- 12:17 am **MaryStGeorge:** Differentiation is difficult and has lower effect sizes in classrooms with wide ability range #gtchat
- 12:17 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat teachers will claim they differentiate because the word sounds like something they should be doing.
- 12:17 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @KTVee: #gtchat No; lack of understanding of how, when, and why;

- misunderstandings lead to neg. opinions<=sadly, yes. #gtchat
- 12:17 am **padgets:** #gtchat YEA!! differentiation right up my alley!! love doing tech makes it easy :0)
- 12:17 am **KTVee:** following lesson in textbook is easier; good diff. takes grt deal of thought, planning, and organization, and can feel like chaos #gtchat
- 12:18 am **cybraryman1:** Q2 I agree with @ColinTGraham that training is needed #gtchat
- 12:18 am **GiftedHF:** LOL! Sad, but true .RT @peter_lydon: #gtchat teachers will claim they differentiate because word sounds like something they should be doing.
- 12:18 am **peter_lydon:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat true, the full blown diff is tough...but there is a continuum of differentiation
- 12:18 am **LesLinks:** @cybraryman1 reality I agree ... overwhelmed is easy to happen #gtchat
- 12:18 am **EduGirlSDB:** Q2 - Subbing in K-5 I see some are more successful than others. Some don't try very hard. #gtchat (oops)
- 12:18 am **atxteacher:** Agree RT @cybraryman1: Q2 I feel most tchrs are too overwhelmed to provide differentiation on a regular basis #Gtchat
- 12:18 am **ljconrad:** Q2 As long as the culture of testing remains, few teachers really have time to differentiate all that much. #gtchat
- 12:18 am **DeborahMersino:** @MaryStGeorge - so true. even when clustering, differentiation is still needed. #gtchat
- 12:18 am **DazzlId:** Q2 I think some differentiation happens in Irish classroom, but the parameters may be too narrow for gifted students #gtchat
- 12:18 am **KTVee:** It is so important to start small with differentiation; it doesn't happen overnight #gtchat
- 12:18 am **ColinTGraham:** Of course, if you're teaching Calculus, differentiation is a major part of that!... but that's a different type of differentiation #gtchat
- 12:18 am **peter_lydon:** @atxteacher #gtchat especially when every one is working to the same curriculum standard.
- 12:18 am **ADDhousewife:** @DeepWatersCoach is there a set time for #gtchat I always miss it!
- 12:18 am **deepwaterscoach:** RT @ljconrad: Q2 As long as the culture of testing remains, few teachers really have time to differentiate all that much. #gtchat
- 12:18 am **mygiftedgirl:** RT @peter_lydon: #gtchat teachers will claim they differentiate because the word sounds like something they should be doing.//What he said..
- 12:19 am **padgets:** #gtchat yes you need to plan but it can be done! I have 29 different ways to do a lesson thanks to my PLN ;0)
- 12:19 am **EduGirlSDB:** RT @ljconrad: As long as the culture of testing remains, few teachers really have time to differentiate all that much. #gtchat
- 12:19 am **KTVee:** For a school to have an excellent program; the g/t teacher should be available as a 'differentiation specialist' to help #gtchat
- 12:19 am **deepwaterscoach:** @ADDhousewife noon and 7 p.m. Eastern Time on Fridays. Would love to have you! #gtchat
- 12:19 am **DahID:** I try to differentiate by using learning contracts in class. #gtchat
- 12:19 am **DeborahMersino:** I'm going to share some Tomlinson basics (some of you may know already/my apologies). All credit goes to Tomlinson. #gtchat
- 12:19 am **MaryStGeorge:** @DeborahMersino Ideally, clustering and differentiation should be used together. #gtchat
- 12:20 am **GiftedHF:** RT @DahID: I try to differentiate by using learning contracts in class. #gtchat // How would that work?
- 12:20 am **MaryStGeorge:** @ColinTGraham LOL @ calculus! #gtchat
- 12:20 am **iofrei:** @ColinTGraham I O I Differential calculus! #gtchat

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Transcript for #gtchat - What the Hasht...

- 12:20 am **jofrei**: @ColinTGraham LOL! Differentiated class... #gtchat
- 12:20 am **peter_lydon**: #gtchat differentiation requires mental and creative power that is often missing in some teachers
- 12:20 am **ColinTGraham**: The closest I came to a teaching a differentiated class of more than 6 Ss was using SMILE in my teaching pract. Individual wkshts #gtchat
- 12:20 am **ADDhousewife**: @DeepWatersCoach I'll hurry home then #gtchat
- 12:20 am **ljconrad**: Not always, but newer teachers seem more willing to try to differentiate. #gtchat
- 12:20 am **DeborahMersino**: Q3: Do you think Differentiation will become more prevalent and why? How? #gtchat
- 12:20 am **mygiftedgirl**: A2: Many don't because they're given scripted and paced curriculum and don't want to miss covering a standard for that grade #gtchat
- 12:20 am **KTVee**: @DahID I love learning contracts, too. Great for keeping kids focused! #gtchat
- 12:20 am **laughingatchaos**: Q2:IMHO diff can't be done by 1 teacher, but school-wide works better. #gtchat
- 12:20 am **LesLinks**: I recommend trying to keep a spark of interest or engagement alive, by using a day through which interest is taught through all subj #gtchat
- 12:20 am **ljconrad**: RT @peter_lydon: #gtchat differentiation requires mental and creative power that is often missing in some teachers #gtchat
- 12:20 am **padgets**: #gtchat put the learning targets on the board and the kids tell me how they will show me they learn it, yes I still do summative assessments
- 12:20 am **deepwaterscoach**: @ADDhousewife Most excellent! See you soon! #gtchat
- 12:20 am **teachgiftedkid**: #gtchat Teachers are unclear on the definition of differentiation. It's broad and can encompass little & large classroom strategies.
- 12:21 am **mygiftedgirl**: A2: many times homework is just mass copied and mass delivered without thought. #gtchat
- 12:21 am **godsgifts**: Q2 differentiation has become to equal homeschooling #gtchat
- 12:21 am **atxteacher**: Agree with @jofrei comes naturally for some, but hard to learn with so many demands #Gtchat
- 12:21 am **laughingatchaos**: Q2: not impossible, but much more difficult. 2e son's teacher diffs for him within the schoolwide diff. #gtchat
- 12:21 am **deepwaterscoach**: RT @laughingatchaos: Q2:IMHO diff cant be done by 1 teacher, but school-wide works better. //our school does this. it works well. #gtchat
- 12:21 am **ColinTGraham**: Q3: rising use of technology means that Ss will start differentiating for themselves if it's not being done in class, maybe... #gtchat
- 12:21 am **DeborahMersino**: Complete aside - hamster currently loose in the house. #gtchat
- 12:21 am **laughingatchaos**: RT @godsgifts: Q2 differentiation has become to equal homeschooling<-True that! #gtchat
- 12:21 am **MaryStGeorge**: @ADDhousewife yes, set times at <http://www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat> #gtchat
- 12:21 am **KTVee**: Differentiation done right will answer many of our current educational issues #gtchat
- 12:21 am **peter_lydon**: #gtchat Differentiation will become THE NEW TEACHING...except it will not be teaching or even educaré...will be facilitation & mentoring
- 12:21 am **coachaddamy**: RT @ljconrad: RT @peter_lydon: #gtchat differentiation requires mental and creative power that is often missing in some teachers #gtchat
- 12:22 am **mygiftedgirl**: A2: IT takes tremendous time and planning to differentiate. Tchrs are at a loss for time. #gtchat
- 12:22 am **padgets**: #gtchat my sped and gifted teacher co-teachers and I work together, best last 5 yrs ever
- 12:22 am **laughingatchaos**: @DeborahMersino LOL! I'm sure it's mass chaos right now; Buttercup in on the

- 12:22 am **tbbrown:** Q2: Many Ts don't differentiate. I think effective training (with & w/o tech) can help increase the #s and make the instrux better. #gtchat
- 12:22 am **DeborahMersino:** 1) Teacher focuses on the essentials (clarity) 2) Teacher attends to student differences 3) Assessment & instruction are inseparable #gtchat
- 12:22 am **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: Complete aside - hamster currently loose in the house.//LOL!!! How is that a metaphor for our topic??? #gtchat
- 12:22 am **LesLinks:** @teachagiftedkid So true #gtchat
- 12:22 am **laughingatchaos:** RT @KTvee: Differentiation done right will answer many of our current educational issues<-Absolutely! #gtchat
- 12:22 am **cybraryman1:** @padgets How about having students at end of lesson put what they have learned on the board? #gtchat
- 12:22 am **ljconrad:** Once again, good professional development needed. This is cut in tight budgets right after gt programs! #gtchat
- 12:22 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @laughingatchaos: RT @KTvee: Differentiation done right will answer many of our current educational issues<-Absolutely! #gtchat
- 12:22 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat imagine the how teaching would change if every kids had a tablet pc or similar
- 12:23 am **padgets:** @cybraryman1 #gtchat that is another reason I love my promethean board :0)
- 12:23 am **deepwaterscoach:** RT @laughingatchaos: @DeborahMersino Sure its mass chaos right now; Buttercup in on the action? ;)//if so, even better 4 metaphor! #gtchat
- 12:23 am **atxteacher:** Q3 it is becoming the mainstream expectation, so it will spread, it's just slow #Gtchat
- 12:23 am **ljconrad:** RT @DeborahMersino: Complete aside - hamster currently loose in the house. #gtchat
- 12:23 am **jofrei:** Q3 I'm not sure whether differentiation is a current buzz word that will be replaced by something else #gtchat
- 12:23 am **DahID:** @GiftedHF They get regular work with a contract for extended work when finished #gtchat Research a topic of their choice..
- 12:23 am **ColinTGraham:** @brittgow SMILE = Secondary Mathematics Individualised Learning Experiment, mostly in London area but other areas of Eng/Wales too #gtchat
- 12:23 am **MaryStGeorge:** q3 no, not unless we get savvy and combine it with narrower ability groups. Look at Gagne's work on grouping! #gtchat
- 12:23 am **cybraryman1:** @mygiftedgirl My Homework Debate page: <http://bit.ly/ep5We9> #gtchat
- 12:23 am **LesLinks:** @peter_lydon Would be small investment for large learning #gtchat
- 12:23 am **peter_lydon:** RT @LesLinks: @peter_lydon Would be small investment for large learning #gtchat
- 12:24 am **coachaddamy:** RT @DeepWatersCoach: Complete aside - hamster currently loose in the house.//LOL!!! How is that a metaphor for our topic??? #gtchat hehe<3
- 12:24 am **LesLinks:** @MaryStGeorge Ya agree #gtchat
- 12:24 am **jofrei:** RT @cybraryman1: @mygiftedgirl My Homework Debate page: <http://bit.ly/ep5We9> #gtchat
- 12:24 am **laughingatchaos:** @jofrei I'm afraid it IS the current buzzword & we'll lose ground when the pendulum swings back the other way #gtchat
- 12:24 am **KTvee:** @jofrei I hope it catches on with everyone before it passes #gtchat
- 12:24 am **DeborahMersino:** 4) Teacher modifies Content, Process or Product (or all) 5) All student participate in meaningful, respectful work. #gtchat
- 12:24 am **GiftedHF:** @DahID #gtchat So you "reward" them for doing boring work with a promise of more work? How is that helping them?

- 12:24 am **mygiftedgirl:** Awesome thanks!!! #gtchat @cybraryman1
- 12:24 am **tbbwn:** @cybraryman1 @padgets or put in a wiki...to share with others, parents, admins. good for self-reflection later, too! #gtchat
- 12:24 am **cybraryman1:** @tbbwn Good idea to post it #gtchat
- 12:24 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat facilitation and mentoring..interestingly more akin to the ideal of the Platonic Academy..will become the new teaching.
- 12:24 am **atxteacher:** RT @DeborahMersino: RT @laughingatchaos: RT @KTVEe: Diff done right will answer many of our current educational issues<-Absolutely! #Gtchat
- 12:24 am **eshwaranv:** Jus a peek into #gtchat. Differentiation is a crucial phenomenon and is a must in every classroom for 'learning' to happen for all.
- 12:24 am **ColinTGraham:** SMILE resources are available online through SMILE - National STEM Centre (UK) <http://bit.ly/gmaGRu> some v dated, but worth a look #gtchat
- 12:24 am **laughingatchaos:** @KTVEe If it doesn't I'll have to suck it up and homeschool #gtchat
- 12:25 am **LesLinks:** @GiftedHF @DahID Not good #gtchat
- 12:25 am **DeborahMersino:** 6) Teacher/Student collaborate in learning. 7) Teacher balances group/individual norms. 8) Flexibility = key. (Tomlinson) #gtchat
- 12:25 am **KTVEe:** What I don't understand-- if we know it works - then why doesn't everyone differentiate? #gtchat
- 12:25 am **laughingatchaos:** @peter_lydon Platonic Academy? #gtchat
- 12:25 am **cybraryman1:** Good teachers have always differentiated instruction but did not use that term (semantics) #gtchat
- 12:25 am **KTVEe:** @laughingatchaos I hear you on that! #gtchat
- 12:25 am **laughingatchaos:** @KTVEe Change is scary...and costs money. ./ #gtchat
- 12:25 am **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat Teachers also need to understand the learning outcomes of project/assignment. There are alternative ways to get to the same outcome
- 12:25 am **laughingatchaos:** RT @cybraryman1: Good teachers have always differentiated instruction but did not use that term (semantics) #gtchat
- 12:25 am **peter_lydon:** RT @DeborahMersino: 6) Teacher/Student collaborate in learning. 7) Teacher balances group/individual norms. 8) Flexibility = key. (Tomlinson) #gtchat
- 12:26 am **deepwaterscoach:** @coachaddamy Just sayin! If hamster is running loose & dog is in on action, how is that like differentiation? Or attempting diff.? #gtchat
- 12:26 am **gbetts1:** #gtchat
- 12:26 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @MaryStGeorge: q3 no, not unless we get sawy and combine it with narrower ability groups. Look at Gagnes work on grouping! #gtchat
- 12:26 am **ColinTGraham:** @ljconrad Which makes self-directed PD that much more important... PD needs to be differentiated too. #gtchat
- 12:26 am **KTVEe:** @laughingatchaos people are afraid, but it's sad, because it's what is RIGHT for kids #gtchat
- 12:26 am **LesLinks:** Mentoring is good, hands on real world learning, inventive processes, why, how , when where, who.... #gtchat
- 12:26 am **MaryStGeorge:** @KTVEe Teacher burnout is the man reason why not #gtchat
- 12:26 am **DeborahMersino:** @gbetts1 - What a delight! George Betts is with us. Welcome! #gtchat
- 12:26 am **laughingatchaos:** @teachagiftedkid That's what I emphasize in advocating for my sons:what's the objective?Do they have to follow a certain path there? #gtchat
- 12:26 am **GiftedHF:** @DeepWatersCoach Sounds more like #homeschool to me :-) #gtchat
- 12:26 am **atxteacher:** In my meeting, superintendent is having visioning committee watch sir Ken

- 12:26 am **coachaddamy:** @DeepWatersCoach #gtchat It's more like trying to manage the chaos of several differentiation workshops I've sat in on & kids I've tutored
- 12:26 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat differentiation by task, dialogue, support, pace, independence of learning
- 12:27 am **jofrei:** RT @KTVEe: if we know it works - then why doesn't everyone differentiate? See that's the attitude that makes @KTVEe a great teacher! #gtchat
- 12:27 am **eshwaranv:** RT @cybraryman1: Good teachers have always differentiated instruction but did not use that term (semantics) #gtchat
- 12:27 am **laughingatchaos:** @KTVEe I know! But...sigh... #gtchat
- 12:27 am **deepwaterscoach:** What the hamster, the dog, the dds, and @DeborahMersino need right now are all different. How do we reach? #gtchat
- 12:27 am **DeborahMersino:** @gbetts1 - We're discussing "The Differentiated Classroom" - benefits, challenges. #gtchat
- 12:27 am **cybraryman1:** We must not forget to employ differentiated assessments too. #gtchat
- 12:27 am **LesLinks:** @MaryStGeorge @KTVEe Ya many teachers loose will to try.... #gtchat
- 12:27 am **KTVEe:** @DeepWatersCoach @coachaddamy that hamster and dog scenario kind of sounds like a day in my classroom! :) #gtchat
- 12:27 am **laughingatchaos:** @atxteacher I HOPE diff becomes the norm! Benefits ALL kids #gtchat
- 12:27 am **deepwaterscoach:** @GiftedHF LOL!!! #gtchat
- 12:27 am **DeborahMersino:** Must share @ByrdseedGifted 's The Differentiator!
<http://www.byrdseed.com/the-differentiator/> #gtchat
- 12:27 am **pschooltoolbox:** I think many good teachers already use differentiation in their classrooms without even knowing that they are #gtchat
- 12:27 am **GiftedHF:** RT @KTVEe: people are afraid, but it's sad, because it's what is RIGHT for kids #gtchat // but it's not how they have always done things :-p
- 12:27 am **deepwaterscoach:** @coachaddamy Totally! #gtchat
- 12:27 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat must not forget that increased workload can reduce performance of teachers...
- 12:28 am **MaryStGeorge:** Locally, typical classes have a 1-2 yr age spread but an 8 year ability spread - too wide for effective differentiation #gtchat
- 12:28 am **DeborahMersino:** @eshwaranv So true. One-room schoolhouse. #gtchat
- 12:28 am **deepwaterscoach:** @KTVEe Exactly! So what can we learn from it? #gtchat
- 12:28 am **coachaddamy:** RT @MaryStGeorge: Locally, typical classes have a 1-2 yr age spread but an 8 year ability spread - too wide for effective differentiation #gtchat
- 12:28 am **laughingatchaos:** @KTVEe I once HAD a day like that in my classroom: loose prairie dog. LOL #gtchat
- 12:28 am **atxteacher:** RT @ColinTGraham: @ljconrad Which makes self-directed PD that much more imp't PD needs to be differentiated too. YES #Gtchat
- 12:28 am **padgets:** #gtchat not all teachers can describe DNA at the college level and then turn around and do it at the 3rd grade level, takes major PD
- 12:28 am **KTVEe:** @KTVEe thank you, but it actually is making me quite frustrated! #gtchat
- 12:28 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @MaryStGeorge: Locally, typical classes have a 1-2 yr age spread but an 8 year ability spread - too wide <=Agree wholeheartedly #gtchat
- 12:28 am **ColinTGraham:** Having a hamster loose, and free to run around, is better than having it caged up and running round in circles... a metaphor here! #gtchat
- 12:28 am **padgets:** #gtchat so to speak :)

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- 12:28 am **cybraryman1:** My Differentiated Instruction page (includes The Differentiator...):<http://bit.ly/bOWv96> #gtchat
- 12:28 am **atxteacher:** PD often doesn't model what it's teaching #Gtchat
- 12:28 am **LesLinks:** In Ireland an issue is no training available at the 'differentiating for the top end' plenty for 'differentiating at other end'.. #gtchat
- 12:28 am **GiftedHF:** Agreed. RT @pschooltoolbox: I think many good teachers already use differentiation in classrooms without even knowing that they are #gtchat
- 12:29 am **laughingatchaos:** @ColinTGraham Agh! Good analogy! LOL #gtchat
- 12:29 am **ljconrad:** @ColinTGraham Wonderful idea. Ain't happenin' where I live with old-school teachers. Perhaps with a new generation. :) #gtchat
- 12:29 am **laughingatchaos:** @LesLinks You're not alone; often that way here too #gtchat
- 12:29 am **jofrei:** RT @cybraryman1: My Differentiated Instruction page (includes The Differentiator...):<http://bit.ly/bOWv96> #gtchat
- 12:29 am **deepwaterscoach:** RT @ColinTGraham: Having hamster loose, and free to run around, is better than having it caged up and running round in circles//Yes! #gtchat
- 12:29 am **eshwaranv:** I believe differentiation is a natural process for all of us (esp. teachers). Somehow this seem to be lacking in so many classrooms. #gtchat
- 12:29 am **DeborahMersino:** Q4: This is a question for educators. What do YOU feel is the most exciting aspect of good differentiation (when it's happening)? #gtchat
- 12:30 am **DazzlId:** I liked these differentiation ideas so much I wrote a blogpost about them; <http://bit.ly/gFsjsS> #gtchat
- 12:30 am **MaryStGeorge:** @atxteacher so true and so off-putting about PD! #gtchat
- 12:30 am **LesLinks:** @laughingatchaos @LesLinks It is nice to feel not alone??? #gtchat
- 12:30 am **KTVee:** @jofrei thanks :) I just hope it catches on soon.... so frustrating! #gtchat
- 12:30 am **deepwaterscoach:** @KTVee all you need is a human-size hamster ball!!! #gtchat
- 12:30 am **tbrwn:** @DeborahMersino @eshwaranv my thoughts indeed! the old-school homeschool :) #gtchat
- 12:30 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @DazzlId: I liked these differentiation ideas so much I wrote a blogpost about them; <http://bit.ly/gFsjsS> #gtchat
- 12:30 am **DahID:** @GiftedHF <http://bit.ly/hfO1Yt> Key is they do only the regular work that they haven't mastered. Then the activity is their choice. #gtchat
- 12:30 am **mathsatschool:** @ColinTGraham I still like smile but not as it was intended. What is the gt in #gtchat? Grad teach?
- 12:30 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @jofrei: RT @cybraryman1: My Differentiated Instruction page (includes The Differentiator...):<http://bit.ly/bOWv96> #gtchat
- 12:30 am **peter_lydon:** RT @peter_lydon: @DeborahMersino #gtchat the 'aha!' moment...always in every case, the 'aha!' moment
- 12:30 am **EduGirlSDB:** Q4 - All students engaged and all feeling successful. #gtchat
- 12:30 am **ColinTGraham:** The process of self-organization, which Sugata Mitra suggested education might be, will probably become more prevalent #gtchat
- 12:30 am **laughingatchaos:** @MaryStGeorge @atxteacher Too many teachers go through the motions w/PD. Sad but true. I know I did. :(#gtchat
- 12:31 am **ColinTGraham:** @mathsatschool #gtchat Gifted/talented...
- 12:31 am **padgets:** #gtchat well, in my science classroom I find it so easy to differentiate thanks to tech, soooo I love it!

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MaryStGeorge: q4 kids come alive when they see that learning can be relevant and interesting to them #gtchat

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KTVee: Best way to structure PD for differentiation so it will be effective? #gtchat

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DahID: @GiftedHF They usually choose to do a research project to present to the class. But it is their choice! #gtchat

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LisaDSB: I wonder if the failure to diff is b/c some teachers need to be in control all the time and can't spread themselves b/w 2 many kids. #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: RT @EduGirlSDB: Q4 - All students engaged and all feeling successful.<=Yes, makes learning authentic/relevant! #gtchat

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deepwaterscoach: RT @MaryStGeorge: q4 kids come alive when they see that learning can be relevant and interesting to them #gtchat

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laughingatchaos: RT @MaryStGeorge: q4 kids come alive when they see that learning can be relevant and interesting to them<-Lifelong learning begins! #gtchat

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cybraryman1: @LisaDSB Good point! #gtchat

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DahID: @GiftedHF I have some awesome presentations on our class wiki, but it's a private wiki per parent request. #gtchat

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teachagiftedkid: #gtchat It's interesting/frustrating when I differentiate w/my GT students when they are used to structure in the regular ed classroom.

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KTVee: @LisaDB YES! the control factor is HUGE! #gtchat

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laughingatchaos: @LisaDSB Yes, I think you're right. Classes here are between 25-36 kids. #gtchat

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ColinTGraham: @mathsatschool And since we did our PGCEs together, it's hardly surprising you know about SMILE ;-) #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: RT @padgets: #gtchat well, in my science classroom I find it so easy to differentiate thanks to tech, soooo I love it!<=Share more #gtchat

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LisaDSB: If the structure could be loosened so that high ability kids had freedom within class to have some self-directed learning, might wk. #gtchat

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LesLinks: Thing is reality, even amongst gifted they differ, so differentiation is very individual.. must be relevant to life world of student #gtchat

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KTVee: Can you all just come to Missouri and work at The Differentiation Academy of Learning #gtchat

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21stprincipal: Problem-based learning makes differentiation easy. #gtchat

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GiftedHF: @DahID Problem is how you tell if they have mastered, since they often choose not to show it. Also, why stick w sequential learning? #gtchat

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padgets: #gtchat all kinds of different things, they choose labs, projects, different software, use of hardware, I just have a pool of ways to grade

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DeborahMersino: @teachagiftedkid - That's interesting. Plus, they may be a bit more intense! :-) #gtchat

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mathsatschool: @ColinTGraham ahhh interesting. Might follow along for a while #gtchat

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MaryStGeorge: @KTVee Bets PD acknowledges that every teacher has strengths as a starting point #gtchat

- 12:33 am **laughingatchaos:** I know iSchool (through Apple) is actively working on bringing differentiation through tech into the classroom. #gtchat
- 12:33 am **cybraryman1:** @LisaDSB My Self-Directed Learning page: <http://bit.ly/9Z9VLW> #gtchat
- 12:33 am **eshwaranv:** Q4) Differentiation = All learners are engaged = Effective learning takes place. #gtchat
- 12:33 am **DazzlId:** Lev Vygotsky's theory of ZPD also points to why effective differentiation is important: <http://bit.ly/gH6ehH> #gtchat
- 12:33 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @KTVEe: Can you all just come to Missouri and work at The Differentiation Academy of Learning<=-:) #gtchat
- 12:33 am **laughingatchaos:** @KTVEe LOL! No, sorry, gonna go preach the gospel in IL. ;) #gtchat
- 12:33 am **ColinTGraham:** Experience suggests to me, you don't teach to the average level of the class. Go for the lower levels and have 'accelerated' tasks #gtchat
- 12:33 am **EduGirlSDB:** RT @21stprincipal: Problem-based learning makes differentiation easy. #gtchat// Oh yes!
- 12:33 am **jillurich:** RT @21stprincipal: Problem-based learning makes differentiation easy. #gtchat
- 12:33 am **jofrei:** RT @21stprincipal: Problem-based learning makes differentiation easy. #gtchat
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- 12:33 am **KTVEe:** @MaryStGeorge That is a great way to put it; kind of like differentiation of PD! :) #gtchat
- 12:33 am **laughingatchaos:** RT @eshwaranv: Q4) Differentiation = All learners are engaged = Effective learning takes place. #gtchat
- 12:33 am **GiftedHF:** @DahID I'm sure it is *terrific* for some kids, but probably less so for exceptional or profoundly #gifted kids, iykwim. #gtchat
- 12:33 am **DahID:** @GiftedHF There are lots of ways to check for mastery of course. And good point, it doesn't have to remain sequential. #gtchat
- 12:34 am **tbrwn:** @padgets that's awesome! I would like to hear how you manage it/which tech tools/strategies you use...#gtchat
- 12:34 am **LesLinks:** @DahID @DeborahMersino @padgets tech is great... although some schools/teachers in rural areas are difficult to reach #gtchat
- 12:34 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat don't forget meta-cognition.
- 12:34 am **DahID:** RT @jofrei: RT @21stprincipal: Problem-based learning makes differentiation easy. #gtchat
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- 12:34 am **teachagiftedkid:** RT @21stprincipal: Problem-based learning makes differentiation easy. #gtchat I agree.
- 12:34 am **DahID:** @GiftedHF That's right... You have to accomodate all! #gtchat
- 12:34 am **MaryStGeorge:** @KTVEe exactly! #gtchat
- 12:35 am **GiftedHF:** RT @DahID: There are lots of ways to check for mastery of course #gtchat // If they are willing to show it. #Gifted kids are funny that way!
- 12:35 am **DeborahMersino:** Q5: What do you think are the most important principles behind differentiation? #gtchat
- 12:35 am **laughingatchaos:** @deepwaterscoach Sorry! :(Hurts to go, but it's the right thing. #gtchat
- 12:35 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @teachagiftedkid: RT @21stprincipal: Problem-based learning makes differentiation easy. #gtchat I agree. #gtchat

- 12:35 am **21stprincipal:** Our school is preparing to make problem-based learning central to our curriculum. #gtchat
- 12:35 am **LesLinks:** @DahID @jofrei @21stprincipal Ya... recommend this alot #gtchat
- 12:35 am **padgets:** #gtchat If you go to my wiki and click on student resources tekkioldteacher.wikispaces.com @tbrwn
- 12:35 am **DahID:** RT @ColinTGraham: Differentiation is not going to work unless you have something for the early finishers to work on or some kind of extension activity #gtchat
- 12:35 am **ColinTGraham:** We also need to differentiate for cognitive development too... expectations need to be higher #gtchat
- 12:35 am **KTVee:** @laughingatchaos together we shall conquer the Midwest, differentiation for all! #gtchat LOL
- 12:35 am **padgets:** @21stprincipal #gtchat yes it is so fun to see kids discover concepts rather than me dish it out :0)
- 12:35 am **deepwaterscoach:** @laughingatchaos I know...*scuffing shoes on ground, shoulders hunched over* #gtchat
- 12:36 am **DeborahMersino:** @ColinTGraham - With the right differentiation, there wouldn't be loads of early finishers. #gtchat
- 12:36 am **DahID:** @GiftedHF So far I haven't had that problem (2nd grade), although I know the time will come! Mine want the contracts so bad! #gtchat
- 12:36 am **MaryStGeorge:** I think single subject differentiation is easier. In cross-curricular units it can become so wide open that kids get lost #gtchat
- 12:36 am **laughingatchaos:** Q5:Whew. Remembering that ALL kids benefit.Enables life-long learning.It's the right thing to do. #gtchat
- 12:36 am **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino @teachagiftedkid @21stprincipal High interest to engage learners #gtchat
- 12:36 am **atxteacher:** I think pre-assessment is fun. I love to find out what they already know. #Gtchat
- 12:36 am **KTVee:** @21stprincipal THAT is outstanding; PBL is awesome! #gtchat
- 12:36 am **laughingatchaos:** @KTVee YAY! Gotta catch up to what we have here already in CO. ;) #gtchat
- 12:36 am **GiftedHF:** @DahID If it's working, that's great! :-) #gtchat
- 12:36 am **MaryStGeorge:** Having said that I differentiate cross curricular units but I have small classes #gtchat
- 12:36 am **cybraryman1:** Q5 You first have to really know each student and then use a wide range of teaching strategies #gtchat
- 12:36 am **ljconrad:** @21stprincipal We NEED more principals like you!!!! #gtchat
- 12:36 am **DazzlId:** RT @DeborahMersino: @ColinTGraham - With the right differentiation, there wouldnt be loads of early finishers. #gtchat
- 12:36 am **laughingatchaos:** @deepwaterscoach :(We'll get together and have lunch. Soon. #gtchat
- 12:36 am **ColinTGraham:** Q5 without seeming trite/glib it does need to differentiate between users not just be a series of 'graded steps' for example #gtchat
- 12:37 am **LesLinks:** @DeborahMersino @ColinTGraham Ya, however reality is ... #gtchat
- 12:37 am **KTVee:** @laughingatchaos I've been jealous of Colorado for quite a while... I mean, impressed with! #gtchat
- 12:37 am **DahID:** RT @ljconrad: @21stprincipal We NEED more principals like you!!!! #gtchat
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- 12:37 am **teachgiftedkid:** #gtchat Must have quick access to books, materials, technology & other resources to differentiate as you see the need with a child.
- 12:37 am **tbbrwn:** @ColinTGraham that's why open-ended inquiry is so great...they're hardly ever "done"! one topic synaptically flows to the next #gtchat
- 12:37 am **padgets:** #gtchat low tech is cool too! it is interesting what kids do with a paper towel roll
- 12:37 am **MaryStGeorge:** @DeborahMersino agree, good differentiation also means kids who finish know what to move onto that also challenges #gtchat
- 12:37 am **ColinTGraham:** @DeborahMersino The point is that it is too easy to stop worrying about the early finishers... they're the ones who need challenges #gtchat
- 12:37 am **21stprincipal:** @ljconrad I'm fortunate to have teacher not afraid to move to edges of innovation. #gtchat
- 12:38 am **DeborahMersino:** Three principles of differentiation (Tomlinson): 1) Intelligence is variable #gtchat
- 12:38 am **GiftedHF:** Good point! RT @DeborahMersino: @ColinTGraham - With the right differentiation, there wouldnt be loads of early finishers. #gtchat
- 12:38 am **LesLinks:** @MaryStGeorge cross curricular is great, buys time in interest and subjects if used properly #gtchat
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- 12:38 am **KTVEe:** blogged about Differentiation earlier this year <http://teachfactory.com/?p=151> #gtchat
- 12:38 am **DeborahMersino:** 2) All students must continue learning or they risk losing brain power (Tomlinson) #gtchat
- 12:38 am **atxteacher:** Q5 find out what they already know, then facilitate their going on #Gtchat
- 12:38 am **eductweet:** RT @DeborahMersino: Q5: What do you think are the most important principles behind differentiation? #gtchat
- 12:38 am **laughingatchaos:** @padgets My boys BEG for empty paper towel rolls! LOL! #gtchat
- 12:38 am **DeborahMersino:** 3) The Brain Hungers for Meaning (Tomlinson). #gtchat
- 12:38 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat differentiation isn't just about giving different work to be done in the same way..differentiation of methodologies needed also
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That says it all for my kids!
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- 12:39 am **laughingatchaos**: @chrstinef Hi stranger! :) #gtchat
- 12:39 am **eshwaranv**: Very true > RT @jofrei Problem-based learning makes differentiation easy. #gtchat
- 12:39 am **DeborahMersino**: RT @peter_lydon: differentiation isnt just about giving different work to be done in the same way/different of methodologies needed #gtchat
- 12:39 am **ColinTGraham**: @MaryStGeorge The points where the kids get lost are effectively the points where differentiation is happening 'naturally' #gtchat
- 12:39 am **jofrei**: Using pretesting then Blooms/M.I. grids with different product choices can work well #gtchat
- 12:40 am **LesLinks**: @peter_lydon Not every style of shoe, no matter the size, fits every foot.. ;-D #gtchat
- 12:40 am **padgets**: #gtchat yes methods must be different I have three going on at the same time, autonomous, guided and the help desk :0)
- 12:40 am **21stprincipal**: Engaging in authenticity is so important for all students, perhaps more imp for gt. #gtchat
- 12:40 am **GiftedHF**: RT @chriszuccaro: Why not put all of the gifted kids in one class?? #gtchat #gifted kids are not all the same. See Bow Tie Model.
- 12:40 am **peter_lydon**: @LesLinks #gtchat education can never be a 'one size fits all' system.
- 12:40 am **deepwaterscoach**: RT @DeborahMersino: 2) All students must continue learning or they risk losing brain power (Tomlinson)<--so true! it's physical #gtchat
- 12:40 am **EduGirlSDB**: RT @LesLinks: Not every style of shoe, no matter the size, fits every foot.. ;-D #gtchat
- 12:40 am **padgets**: #gtchat that is why I wear tennis shoes to work :0)
- 12:40 am **DeborahMersino**: RT @padgets: #gtchat yes methods must be different I have three going on at the same time, autonomous, guided and the help desk #gtchat
- 12:40 am **MaryStGeorge**: @ColinTGraham but you are saying "in maths" - you still have a single subject focus #gtchat
- 12:40 am **eshwaranv**: @ColinTGraham Very true... Teacher planning is critical to realize ideal differential learning. #gtchat
- 12:40 am **DahID**: RT @ColinTGraham: @DeborahMersino The point is that it is too easy to stop worrying about the early finishers... they're the ones who need challenges #gtchat
- 12:40 am **coachaddamy**: RT @deepwaterscoach: RT @DeborahMersino: 2) All students must continue learning or they risk losing brain power (Tomlinson)<--so true! it's physical #gtchat
- 12:40 am **DeborahMersino**: RT @21stprincipal: Engaging in authenticity is so important for all students, perhaps more imp for gt.<=Well said. #gtchat
- 12:41 am **GiftedHF**: RT @peter_lydon: #gtchat education can never be a 'one size fits all' system.
- 12:41 am **chrstinef**: @laughingatchaos sneaking in for 5! #gtchat
- 12:41 am **eshwaranv**: RT @DeborahMersino: @ColinTGraham - With the right differentiation, there

- 12:41 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat Differentiate from the top down rather than from the middle and forgetting the top.
- 12:41 am **KTVee:** Every kids learns something new. Every. Single. Day. #gtchat (It's not rocket science-unless that's what they are interested in!)
- 12:41 am **atxteacher:** RT @LesLinks: @peter_lydon Not every style of shoe, no matter the size, fits every foot.. ;-D #Gtchat
- 12:41 am **laughingatchaos:** @chrstinef Stay for more! ;) #gtchat
- 12:41 am **laughingatchaos:** RT @peter_lydon: #gtchat Differentiate from the top down rather than from the middle and forgetting the top.<-YES! #gtchat
- 12:41 am **KTVee:** RT @peter_lydon #gtchat Differentiate from the top down rather than from the middle and forgetting the top.
- 12:41 am **LesLinks:** @deepwaterscoach @DeborahMersino The brain is a muscle!! It must be excersised!!! ;-D #gtchat
- 12:42 am **DahID:** RT @LesLinks: @deepwaterscoach @DeborahMersino The brain is a muscle!! It must be excersised!!! ;-D #gtchat
- 12:42 am **ColinTGraham:** @MaryStGeorge I am saying "in maths" because the system has a single-subject focus, not me! I'd prefer no subject teaching till Uni #gtchat
- 12:42 am **DazzlId:** RT @peter_lydon: #gtchat Differentiate from the top down rather than from the middle and forgetting the top. #gtchat
- 12:42 am **jofrei:** RT RT @LesLinks: Not every style of shoe, no matter the size, fits every foot.. and 2E need different shoe for each foot! #gtchat
- 12:42 am **padgets:** #gtchat has anyone ever hear of Ken Ken puzzles, have those for fun stuff
- 12:42 am **LesLinks:** @laughingatchaos @peter_lydon Yes!! top down... always... #gtchat
- 12:42 am **laughingatchaos:** @LesLinks Then I should prob pull the boys off of Club Penguin before their brains leak out their ears ;) #gtchat
- 12:42 am **DeborahMersino:** Q7: Do you think that the Gifted Ed Movement would benefit from partnering more with edreform leaders/differentiation? Why/why not? #gtchat
- 12:42 am **KTVee:** (totally applauding you all in my home. my family thinks I am crazy) #gtchat
- 12:42 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @DazzlId: RT @peter_lydon: #gtchat Differentiate from the top down rather than from the middle and forgetting the top.<=Excellent #gtchat
- 12:42 am **laughingatchaos:** @padgets NO! What are they? #gtchat
- 12:42 am **eshwaranv:** RT @DeborahMersino Three principles of differentiation (Tomlinson): 1)
Intelligence is variable #gtchat
- 12:43 am **ljconrad:** Grouping by ability, not age, would lead to natural & easier differentiation with gifted teacher as a guide. Groups could soar! #gtchat
- 12:43 am **jofrei:** @padgets No what are Ken Ken puzzles? #gtchat
- 12:43 am **LesLinks:** @jofrei @LesLinks We are on the same page.. ya... different shoes and widths too!! #gtchat
- 12:43 am **eshwaranv:** RT @DeborahMersino: 2) All students must continue learning or they risk losing brain power (Tomlinson) #gtchat
- 12:43 am **tbbrwn:** @21stprincipal totally agree...targets ability of many GTs to see bigger picture and how the cogs spin #gtchat
- 12:43 am **laughingatchaos:** @KTVee LOL! Only now? ;) My family has thought I'm crazy for ages! ;) #gtchat
- 12:43 am **atxteacher:** Ken Robinson: every day kids lay their dreams at our feet, we must tread softly #Gtchat
- 12:43 am **eshwaranv:** RT @DeborahMersino 3) The Brain Hungers for Meaning (Tomlinson). #gtchat

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- 12:43 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat @DeborahMersino NO...need to go straight to policy makers directly...ed reformed have specific agenda not always the same....
- 12:43 am **cybraryman1:** RT @atxteacher: Ken Robinson: every day kids lay their dreams at our feet, we must tread softly #Gtchat
- 12:43 am **laughingatchaos:** RT @ljconrad: Grouping by ability, not age, would lead to natural & easier differentiation with gifted teacher as a guide. YES!!! #gtchat
- 12:43 am **DahID:** RT @eshwaranv: RT @DeborahMersino 3) The Brain Hungers for Meaning (Tomlinson). #gtchat
- 12:43 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @ljconrad: Grouping by ability, not age, would lead to natural & easier differentiation with gifted teacher as a guide. G #gtchat
- 12:43 am **21stprincipal:** I worry less about schedules & courses of study with gt students, worry more about keeping them engaged. #gtchat
- 12:43 am **peter_lydon:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat I'm trying this in Ireland at present...
- 12:43 am **padgets:** @laughingatchaos #gtchat they are kinds like Sudoko (sp?) math puzzles once kids know the rules most not all like them
- 12:43 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @atxteacher: Ken Robinson: every day kids lay their dreams at our feet, we must tread softly<=L.o.v.e. #gtchat
- 12:43 am **atxteacher:** RT @ljconrad: Grouping by ability, not age, would lead to natural & easier diffn with gifted teacher as a guide. Groups could soar! #Gtchat
- 12:44 am **ColinTGraham:** @padgets Yes, you can get free KenKen puzzles e-mailed to you from: <http://bit.ly/fkpeUE> #gtchat
- 12:44 am **laughingatchaos:** @padgets MUST.KNOW.MORE! Son LOVES Sudoku, so does husband! #gtchat
- 12:44 am **DeborahMersino:** Peter_lydon: interesting. Or perhaps curriculum designers? #gtchat
- 12:44 am **LesLinks:** @laughingatchaos @LesLinks We had similar problems with puzzle pirates... you don't even wanna go there!!! #gtchat
- 12:44 am **padgets:** @ColinTGraham #gtchat yep that is what I get every month a new set
- 12:44 am **laughingatchaos:** @ColinTGraham Oh, thanks for sending this! #gtchat
- 12:44 am **eshwaranv:** RT @DeborahMersino: Q7: Do you think that the Gifted Ed Movement would benefit from partnering more with edreform leaders/differentiation? Why/why not? #gtchat
- 12:44 am **peter_lydon:** @atxteacher #gtchat social issues of older boys (esp) with younger boys...less street aware...
- 12:44 am **KTVee:** RT @DazzlId: RT @peter_lydon: #gtchat Differentiate from the top down rather than from the middle and forgetting the top.<=Excellent #gtchat
- 12:44 am **laughingatchaos:** @LesLinks Puzzle pirates? :) #gtchat
- 12:44 am **chrstinef:** @laughingatchaos ha! Wish I could. #gtchat
- 12:45 am **atxteacher:** @21stprincipal would you like to move to Houston! Awesome! #Gtchat
- 12:45 am **MaryStGeorge:** I differentiate well and believe in it passionately but could never ask another teacher to work my hours #gtchat
- 12:45 am **peter_lydon:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat curriculum designers are lower in the pecking order to the policy makers and legislators
- 12:45 am **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat RE: Pairing with edreform Difficult to say, maybe this is more of a grass roots movement.
- 12:45 am **ColinTGraham:** @DeborahMersino Q7 there always seems to be a perception of 'elitism' associated with G&T, so any kind of integration would help #gtchat
- 12:45 am **LesLinks:** @atxteacher @ljconrad Yes!! grouping by ability is good.. so wish would happen here in Ireland... #gtchat

12:46 am **KTVee:** Anyone have an inspirational YouTube video links on differentiation? #gtchat

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ri vee: Anyone have an inspirational YouTube video links on differentiation? #gtchat

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eshwaranv: #gtchat Oops... Got to go now... Granny should be here in about 5 min. Thanks to all for the short but great convo. :-)

12:46 am

DazzIld: @atxteacher Ken Robinson must be a fan of William Butler Yeats ;-) #gtchat

12:46 am

DeborahMersino: @21stprincipal - Enjoy having you here. You're a hit! Just clone yourself and we'll all be fine. #gtchat

12:46 am

LisaDSB: Montessori method allows for differentiation as each child does work of choice at own level -- there is a ceiling tho', sadly. #gtchat

12:46 am

KTVee: Q7: Yes, we can become the missing piece of the puzzle and for the first time, some will understand our true purpose! #gtchat

12:46 am

DeborahMersino: @KTVee - I'll definitely look (for YouTube videos on differentiation). #gtchat

12:46 am

peter_lydon: @ColinTGraham #gtchat yeah..because impoverished G&T kids can access expensive private programs and no govt program means nada for poor kids

12:47 am

ljconrad: @21stprincipal Principals set the tone for the entire building. Can make/break a school. Teachers appreciate a true leader. #gtchat

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peter_lydon: #gtchat that should read 'can;t'.

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peter_lydon: @ljconrad #gtchat YES...school culture is often overlooked.

12:47 am

ljconrad: @eshwaranv bye Thanks for stopping in! ttys #gtchat

12:47 am

DeborahMersino: @eshwaranv - Thank you for coming! #gtchat

12:47 am

teachagiftedkid: #gtchat I don't have a video but I stumbled across this today. Anyone have experience w/ <http://bit.ly/f0L2Dm> Nat'l Conference on Differia

12:48 am

DeborahMersino: Wow! Flying by tonight. What other questions, thoughts, concerns do you all have relative to differentiation? #gtchat

12:48 am

LesLinks: @laughingatchaos @LesLinks Ya.... you check it out first... (fun for adults as well...) but.. really addictive. #gtchat

12:48 am

DeborahMersino: Earlier this week, someone asked about middle school. Here's an abstract. <http://bit.ly/fzdxlu> #gtchat

12:48 am

laughingatchaos: @LesLinks Hee. Just searched for it. Gonna lose my Friday night! ;) #gtchat

12:48 am

padgets: #gtchat I was just talking about this at our ELL district meeting last night because I said what about our gifted ELL?

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MaryStGeorge: I love the philosophy but see it as a recipe for teacher burnout #gtchat

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peter_lydon: @DeborahMersino #gtchat teachers shouldn't be afraid to try new methods that might fail..kids understand and will work with it.

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laughingatchaos: I am SO grateful for the teachers who diff. It makes all the difference in the world, you have NO idea. #gtchat

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KTVee: @teachagiftedkid I went to a natl conf, honestly, felt like I knew more from my g/t studies (except for a few grt experts) #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: Information on Parallel Curriculum Model via NAGC (US) <http://bit.ly/eOPDyr> #gtchat

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MaryStGeorge: Unless combined with ability grouping and good PD and support #gtchat

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DeborahMersino: RT @laughingatchaos: I am SO grateful for the teachers who diff. It makes all the difference in the world, you have NO idea.<=YES #gtchat

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laughingatchaos: @padgets Oh, but GT ELL doesn't exist! They can't demonstrate mastery in English...<big eyeroll and sigh> #gtchat

12:50 am

tbrwn: Anyone want to share their favorite tech tool to differentiate instruction for GTs? #gtchat

12:50 am

ljconrad: The educators in this group are among the finest anywhere! Wish that we could close the entire lot of you!!! #gtchat

- 12:50 am **MaryStGeorge:** Some great stuff in the parallel model #gtchat
- 12:50 am **peter_lydon:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat Oh yes we do....because it is written all over a child's face and their parents.
- 12:50 am **padgets:** @laughingatchaos #gtchat I believe I did something like that at the meeting :0)
- 12:50 am **DeborahMersino:** Anyone using the Multiple Menu Model? (Renzulli, Leppien, Hays) #gtchat
- 12:50 am **LesLinks:** @ljconrad @21stprincipal Principals can make or break a school== this I know is true... ;-D #gtchat
- 12:50 am **peter_lydon:** @tbbwn #gtchat you're holding it.
- 12:50 am **laughingatchaos:** @tbbwn My MacBookPro. 2e son would use it for EVERYTHING if I let him. Wants to program. Can't wait to get his own, dying for iPad #gtchat
- 12:51 am **laughingatchaos:** @padgets YAY!!!! #gtchat
- 12:51 am **cybraryman1:** I think it is time for the #gtchat Academy!
- 12:51 am **KTVee:** main difference between good differentiation and 1 worksheet for all kids is that in one situation, kids are actually learning #gtchat
- 12:51 am **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat Thinking that differentiation strategies are best shared between teachers modeling strategies for each other.
- 12:51 am **ColinTGraham:** @DeborahMersino My main reaction is differentiation must happen, but needs a lot of planning, structure & support from/for teacher #gtchat
- 12:51 am **padgets:** @teachagiftedkid #gtchat yep agree :0)
- 12:51 am **jofrei:** RT @cybraryman1: I think it is time for the #gtchat Academy! YAY! #gtchat
- 12:51 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat kids need to be prepped for ambiguity.
- 12:51 am **ljconrad:** RT @cybraryman1: I think it is time for the #gtchat Academy! #gtchat
- 12:52 am **KTVee:** @DeborahMersino love Menus; getting ready to do a research project on Renzulli's Schoolwide Enrichment Model #gtchat
- 12:52 am **laughingatchaos:** Diff works better schoolwide, really does. I see it everyday. Still need diff w/in classroom, but it's a GREAT start #gtchat
- 12:52 am **DeborahMersino:** @tbbwn - The Differentiator is cool: <http://www.byrdseed.com/the-differentiator/> #gtchat
- 12:52 am **atxteacher:** Any ideas on how to fund a gtchat academy? :) #Gtchat
- 12:52 am **LesLinks:** @laughingatchaos @LesLinks Don't say I didn't warn you... it is.... arrrg... awesome matey... !!! #gtchat
- 12:52 am **ColinTGraham:** @tbbwn Favourite tech tool for differentiation is the Project Euler site... <http://bit.ly/122rwL> #gtchat
- 12:52 am **laughingatchaos:** @KTVee Renzulli rocks. #gtchat
- 12:52 am **MaryStGeorge:** @ColinTGraham yes, our new staff typically spend 3 times as long planning as they do teaching #gtchat
- 12:53 am **peter_lydon:** @tbbwn #gtchat IN Irealnd we would, in common parlance, say, 'jammie'!
- 12:53 am **KTVee:** @chriszuccaro Hardest part is when little differentiation is taking place, too; they are being held back #gtchat
- 12:53 am **laughingatchaos:** @atxteacher We can have a bakesale. ;) Chocolate? Oranges? Wreaths? Can you tell I was a band director? LOL #gtchat
- 12:53 am **atxteacher:** Yes! RT @teachagiftedkid: #gtchat Thinking that diff strat are best shared between teachers modeling strategies for each other. #Gtchat
- 12:53 am **laughingatchaos:** @LesLinks Hooray! :) #gtchat
- 12:53 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat Imagine the child and teacher as collaborators in learning.

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- 12:53 am **atxteacher:** Lack of planning time is a big obstacle #Gtchat
- 12:53 am **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat Received training on Parallel Curr Model but not enough to feel comfortable implementing. Teachers need depth not just exposure.
- 12:53 am **KTVee:** @laughingatchaos I kind of want a tshirt that says that! #gtchat
- 12:53 am **LesLinks:** @peter_lydon @tbbwn jammies.... ;-D.... sigh.... #gtchat
- 12:54 am **laughingatchaos:** RT @peter_lydon: #gtchat Imagine the child and teacher as collaborators in learning.<-Always!!! #gtchat
- 12:54 am **DeborahMersino:** @cybraryman1 - Love the idea of a #gtchat academy, where we invite educators to table virtually and help w/ PD. #gtchat
- 12:54 am **laughingatchaos:** @KTVee CafePress is your friend. ;) #gtchat
- 12:54 am **laughingatchaos:** RT @DeborahMersino: @cybraryman1 - Love the idea of a #gtchat academy, where we invite educators to table virtually and help w/ PD. #gtchat
- 12:54 am **peter_lydon:** @laughingatchaos #gtchat very expensive
- 12:54 am **KTVee:** @atxteacher sell cheetos and cokes to the rest of the folks on Twitter? #gtchat
- 12:54 am **DeborahMersino:** @teachagiftedkid - Appreciate your honesty. Makes total sense to me. Agree. #gtchat
- 12:54 am **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino @cybraryman1 #gtchat academy for educators/admin/parents! YES! #gtchat
- 12:54 am **ljconrad:** @laughingatchaos Mmmmm ... chocolate! #gtchat
- 12:54 am **MaryStGeorge:** @atxteacher totally! Good differentiation takes a huge amount of planning, I have worked 100 hour weeks #gtchat
- 12:55 am **tbbwn:** You guys are amazing...thanks so much for the great info! Look forward to many more learning opps with you. Must run! #gtchat
- 12:55 am **DeborahMersino:** Final few minutes. Takeaways, learns, ideas, thoughts? #gtchat
- 12:55 am **peter_lydon:** @laughingatchaos #gtchat Academy for G&T Children
- 12:55 am **atxteacher:** @byrdseedgifted posts terrific examples of differentiation on his blog #Gtchat
- 12:55 am **EduGirlSDB:** @DeborahMersino Thanks for a great chat, sorry to run early! Night all! #gtchat
- 12:55 am **LesLinks:** @peter_lydon Oh but they should be... collaborating... learning.. discovering... #gtchat
- 12:55 am **deepwaterscoach:** @tbbwn Glad you were here! See you again! #gtchat
- 12:55 am **laughingatchaos:** @tbbwn Glad you joined us today! #gtchat
- 12:55 am **ColinTGraham:** Sign up for the course I am mentoring is still available: CPD through Twitter for Maths Teachers | p2pu <http://bit.ly/hMMQIS> #gtchat
- 12:55 am **padgets:** #gtchat well, I am ready to apply to the academy :0)
- 12:55 am **DeborahMersino:** @atxteacher Yes, @byrdseedgifted is amazing. #gtchat
- 12:55 am **peter_lydon:** @LesLinks #gtchat ah but they're not!
- 12:56 am **DeborahMersino:** @EduGirlSDB Thank you for being with us! #gtchat
- 12:56 am **laughingatchaos:** @peter_lydon Gin&Tonic? Yes please! ;) LOL #gtchat
- 12:56 am **ljconrad:** @EduGirlSDB Thanks for coming! #gtchat
- 12:56 am **atxteacher:** Yes! RT @peter_lydon: #gtchat Imagine the child and teacher as collaborators in learning. #Gtchat
- 12:56 am **peter_lydon:** @laughingatchaos #gtchat could you imagine it! LOL.
- 12:56 am **laughingatchaos:** @peter_lydon Parents/teachers/admin would ALL get along then! LOL! Pass the limes! ;) #gtchat

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- 12:57 am **ljconrad:** Where's the hamster? #gtchat
- 12:57 am **DeborahMersino:** Well, we've reached the end of another chat. TY all! Your passion, ideas, knowledge and vision are inspiring. #gtchat
- 12:57 am **padgets:** #gtchat I thought we were looking for the mice?
- 12:57 am **laughingatchaos:** RT @ljconrad: Wheres the hamster?<-Bwahahahahahaha!!! #gtchat
- 12:57 am **ColinTGraham:** Hamsterjam? sorry... just reminded me of an old joke... ;-) RT @ljconrad: Where's the hamster? #gtchat
- 12:57 am **peter_lydon:** @laughingatchaos except G&T makes one emotional! #gtchat
- 12:58 am **DeborahMersino:** I'm still playing around with transcript sites. Will get everyone caught up here as soon as I'm satisfied with solution. TY! #gtchat
- 12:58 am **VisTechEd:** RT @DeborahMersino: RT @DazzlId: RT @peter_lydon: #gtchat Differentiate from the top down rather than from the middle and forgetting the top. <=Excellent #gtchat
- 12:58 am **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino thank YOU!!! Great topics today! So much to investigate tonight! No more packing tonight! ;) #gtchat
- 12:58 am **laughingatchaos:** @peter_lydon Very true. Better have food too. ;) #gtchat
- 12:58 am **peter_lydon:** @laughingatchaos #gtchat just after a session with the Therapist!
- 12:58 am **DazzlId:** Final thought is that as a parent I have lot to learn from teachers who use differentiation in busy classrooms...it's a big task! #gtchat
- 12:58 am **MaryStGeorge:** Thanks Deborah, and hamster, for another great chat! #gtchat
- 12:58 am **DeborahMersino:** Twix and Nugget are both safe and sound back in their cage. Buttercup is on the floor far away! :-) #gtchat
- 12:58 am **ljconrad:** RT @peter_lydon: Imagine the child and teacher as collaborators in learning | Excellent! #gtchat
- 12:59 am **ColinTGraham:** @DeborahMersino Thanks for moderating and thanks to everyone else for the convos. #gtchat
- 12:59 am **laughingatchaos:** @DeborahMersino Hysterical. :) #gtchat
- 12:59 am **GiftedHF:** Glad to hear it! RT @DeborahMersino: Twix & Nugget are both safe & sound back in their cage. Buttercup is on the floor far away! :-) #gtchat
- 12:59 am **cybraryman1:** RT @ColinTGraham: @DeborahMersino Thanks for moderating and thanks to everyone else for the convos. #gtchat
- 12:59 am **padgets:** #gtchat ahhh now I get it twix and nugget are actual hamsters and buttercup is the cat?
- 12:59 am **cybraryman1:** RT @ljconrad: RT @peter_lydon: Imagine the child and teacher as collaborators in learning | Excellent! #gtchat
- 12:59 am **DeborahMersino:** Final thought: Bless teachers and administrators who work tirelessly to ensure students learn something new/engaging every day. #gtchat
- 12:59 am **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: Twix & Nugget r both safe & sound back in their cage. Buttercup is on floor far away!!/all is well in the end! #gtchat
- 12:59 am **laughingatchaos:** Ok folks, it's pizza night...again, sigh...I'm off! Thanks all for a great chat! Best hours of my week! :) #gtchat
- 12:59 am **oceanshaman:** RT @DeborahMersino: Final thought: Bless teachers and administrators who work tirelessly to ensure students learn something new/engaging every day. #gtchat
- 12:59 am **ljconrad:** @DeborahMersino Thanks for a great chat! #gtchat
- 1:00 am **DeborahMersino:** @padgets - Buttercup = dog :-) Close though! #gtchat
- 1:00 am **jofrei:** @DeborahMersino and everyone Thank you again - wow it moved fast this time - i have so many link windows open! #gtchat

1:00 am **peter_lydon:** @DeborahMersino #gtchat thanks again..!m one week older, one week wiser

1:00 am **DazzIld:** RT @cybraryman1: RT @ljconrad: RT @peter_lydon: Imagine the child and teacher as collaborators in learning | Excellent! #gtchat

1:00 am **padgets:** #gtchat thanks everybody for the great conversation take care, stay safe and tweet you next week :0-)

1:00 am **deepwaterscoach:** RT @DeborahMersino: Final thought: Bless teachers & admin's who work tirelessly to ensure students learn something new every day. #gtchat

1:00 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @ljconrad: @DeborahMersino Thanks for a great chat!<=You all make it such a privilege. Collaboration rocks! #gtchat

1:00 am **ColinTGraham:** And there's me thinking she was a cow... RT @DeborahMersino: @padgets - Buttercup = dog :-) Close though! #gtchat

1:00 am **DeborahMersino:** RT @peter_lydon: @DeborahMersino #gtchat thanks again..!m one week older, one week wiser<= :-) #gtchat

1:01 am **KTVee:** Thank you all.... amazing thoughts & insights #gtchat

1:01 am **cybraryman1:** @jofrei I have many of the links on my Differentiated Instruction page: <http://bit.ly/bdoLiZ> #gtchat

1:01 am **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat Enjoyed the chat this evening; enjoy sharing and learning! [Like it? <http://bit.ly/gTk6fi>]

1:02 am **ljconrad:** RT @cybraryman1: @jofrei I have many of the links on my Differentiated Instruction page: <http://bit.ly/bdoLiZ> #gtchat

1:02 am **jofrei:** A cheese tasting in the #gtstooxies lobby with benefits for Les Souris <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=1817> #gtchat

1:02 am **atxteacher:** Thanks for feeding my thinking tonight! #Gtchat

1:02 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat plug alert..!

1:03 am **ljconrad:** RT @jofrei: A cheese tasting in the #gtstooxies lobby with benefits for Les Souris <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=1817> #gtchat

1:03 am **padgets:** @cybraryman1 #gtchat thanks for all your wonderful resources :0)

1:03 am **peter_lydon:** #gtchat #gtie #gtstooxies Choose a topic for #gtie chat Sunday 30th January 2011 9.00pm (GMT) <http://bit.ly/hOEoqP>

1:04 am **DazzIld:** @peter_lydon drumroll..... #gtchat

1:04 am **LesLinks:** Where is the hamster?? #gtchat

1:05 am **LesLinks:** <http://innreach.wordpress.com/2011/01/29/on-giftedness-and-resilance/> small blog thought... posted.... #gtchat

1:06 am **jofrei:** RT @LesLinks: <http://innreach.wordpress.com/2011/01/29/on-giftedness-and-resilance/> small blog thought... posted.... #gtchat

1:06 am **teachagiftedkid:** #gtchat #gtstooxies Will be on for a few minutes. Had long, physically demanding week and cheese tasting sounds good.

1:07 am **DeborahMersino:** 1,361 #gtchat tweets from 123 contributors this week! Thank you all. #gtchat

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1:09 am **ljconrad:** @DeborahMersino I knew it was gonna be a GREAT year! Thank you for your leadership! #gtchat #gtstooxies

1:09 am **davedussault:** RT @DeborahMersino: Final thought: Bless teachers and administrators who work tirelessly to ensure students learn something new/engaging every day. #gtchat

1:10 am **jofrei:** @CollectiveAct @jofrei It is for gand t in Ireland ask @peter_lydon about it

#gtchat

- 1:11 am **DeborahMersino:** Transcript from 01.28 noon/EST #gtchat on "Big Choices: Accelerate/School Change/Homeschool" <http://bit.ly/hx3XGg> {Scroll to 5pm 4 start}
- 1:13 am **jofrei:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from 01.28 noon/EST #gtchat "Big Choices: Accelerate/School Change/Homeschool" <http://bit.ly/hx3XGg> #gtchat
- 1:19 am **newfirewithin:** RT @atxteacher: Ken Robinson: every day kids lay their dreams at our feet, we must tread softly #Gtchat
- 1:25 am **MaryStGeorge:** RT @ljconrad: SL meeting link: <http://slurl.com/secondlife/Degar/229/86/59> Sign into SL tomorrow and follow this link! Thanks! #gtchat
- 1:58 am **justwonderinY:** @DeborahMersino THANKS for the transcript link. I'm checking it out now. Didn't make it home from my daughter's game in time for #gtchat :o(
- 2:00 am **jjc24me:** RT @DeborahMersino: Q6: How do you think education/learning/digital options will evolve over the next 10 years relative to gifted? #gtchat
- 2:01 am **jjc24me:** RT @DeborahMersino: Final thought: Bless teachers and administrators who work tirelessly to ensure students learn something new/engaging every day. #gtchat
- 2:06 am **sngltn3737:** RT @21stprincipal: Problem-based learning makes differentiation easy. #gtchat
- 2:26 am **pdeducator:** RT @atxteacher: Ken Robinson: every day kids lay their dreams at our feet, we must tread softly #Gtchat
- 2:26 am **pdeducator:** RT @21stprincipal: I worry less about schedules & courses of study with gt students, worry more about keeping them engaged. #gtchat
- 2:51 am **DeborahMersino:** @chrstinef - Just opened up my @PrufrockPress catalog. Congrats my friend. Can't wait to order! #gtchat
- 2:52 am **DeborahMersino:** @justwonderinY My pleasure! Hope you can join us in the weeks ahead! #gtchat
- 3:14 am **chrstinef:** @DeborahMersino Thanks! I was SHOCKED!!! (and may I say...you will LOVE this book!!!) #gtchat
- 4:57 am **Begabung:** @DeborahMersino TY dear Deborah! #gtchat
- 5:00 am **BVGrover:** RT @DeborahMersino: Highly recommend The Differentiated Classroom by Tomlinson <http://amzn.to/ekw3TU> (Amazon link) #gtchat
- 5:33 am **ljconrad:** @DeborahMersino Thanks so much 4 the #FF It's an honor! Thank you for introducing me to some of the best people in the world! #gtchat ROCKS
- 6:58 am **asynschlrSfnd:** @lisa_rivero 's top 10 reasons for #homeschooling <http://bit.ly/gmwxYD> #gifted #gtchat
- 1:47 pm **Graham_IRISC:** ?@eshwaranv: Q2) Collaboration = Learning in a more congenial and supportive environment > Critical #gtchat? total agreement by irisconnect
- 2:34 pm **KateArmsRoberts:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from 01.28 noon/EST #gtchat "Big Choices: Accelerate/School Change/Homeschool" <http://bit.ly/hx3XGg> #gtchat
- 2:36 pm **KateArmsRoberts:** RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from 01.28 7pm/EST #gtchat on "The Differentiated Classroom" <http://bit.ly/hHpBz8> TY all! #gifted
- 3:13 pm **sarastafford:** RT @deepwaterscoach: RT @DeborahMersino: Final thought: Bless teachers & admin's who work tirelessly to ensure students learn something new every day. #gtchat
- 4:32 pm **janellewilson:** The unit plans are there, too, in a zip file (solar system unit written for 6th gifted) <http://bit.ly/ei1FWH> #scichat #ksyb #gtchat
- 6:24 pm **Begabung:** RT @KateArmsRoberts: RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from 01.28 noon/EST #gtchat "Big Choices: Accelerate/School Change/Homeschool" <http://bit.ly/hx3XGg> #gtchat
- 6:24 pm **Begabung:** RT @KateArmsRoberts: RT @DeborahMersino: Transcript from 01.28 7pm/EST #gtchat on "The Differentiated Classroom" <http://bit.ly/hHpBz8> TY all! #gifted

- 6:25 pm **Begabungs:** RT @MaryStGeorge: RT @ljconrad: SL meeting link: <http://slurl.com/secondlife/Degar/229/86/59> Sign into SL tomorrow and follow this link! Thanks! #gtchat
- 6:46 pm **Begabungs:** in about 1 hour will start the 4th global virtual meeting in #gifted #education #secondlife!#gtchat
- 6:59 pm **LesLinks:** RT @Begabungs: in about 1 hour will start the 4th global virtual meeting in #gifted #education #secondlife!#gtchat
- 7:00 pm **stressfreekids:** Bullies Detect Low Self-Esteem! <http://bit.ly/ehB4Vw> #gifted #gtchat
- 10:20 pm **Begabungs:** Great event! Thank you Dr. Deborah Ruf and Mary St Georg and all participants from around the world! #gtchat #gifted
- 10:30 pm **ljconrad:** RT @Begabungs: Great event! Thank you Dr. Deborah Ruf and Mary St Georg and all participants from around the world! #gtchat #gifted
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