

#gtchat

Friday, January 22, 2010  
7 p.m. EST

“Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted Children”

*This Twitter chat is presented in reverse chronological order. Please scroll to the end of the document and read tweets in reverse order.*



**DeborahMersino**

7:02pm, Jan 22 from web

My pleasure everyone. Together, we can make a difference! #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

7:02pm, Jan 22 from web

@eagledawg Long live Nerd Camp! :) #gtchat



**innervation**

7:01pm, Jan 22 from HootSuite

In the spirit of play, a vid of my Nerd Campers that shows how goofy & confident our #gifted kids can be. <http://ow.ly/Zz7T> #gtchat



**CathRiordan**

7:01pm, Jan 22 from web

Thank you @DeborahMersino . Great chat. Look forward to next week already! Goodnight all #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

7:01pm, Jan 22 from web

@DeborahMersino thank you so much for these chats today! So helpful and reassuring! #gtchat



**Begabung**

7:01pm, Jan 22 from web

@DeborahMersino Thanks for good work! #gtchat



**eagledawg**

7:01pm, Jan 22 from Seismic

@DeborahMersino thanks for organizing again! So good to know the intense nerd camp tribe is here & I'm not alone! #gtchat



**kidlutions**

7:01pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@SkwmOttawa Listen to the radio spot...it gives lots of ideas for 3 yr olds #gtchat



**teachagiftedkid**

7:00pm, Jan 22 from Tweetie

Time for me to sign off. It's been fun! #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

7:00pm, Jan 22 from web

@SycamoreGEAR Try KidZui: parent approved YouTube videos #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

7:00pm, Jan 22 from web

I'll post topics for next week's #gtchat soon. Thank you all again!



**laughingatchaos**

7:00pm, Jan 22 from web

@kidlutions Thanks. Good to hear from someone further down the path. #gtchat



**SycamoreGEAR**

7:00pm, Jan 22 from web

A lot of kids are TREMENDOUSLY inspired by YouTube--both to learn and to create--but it's not meant for kids. #gtchat



**deepwaterscoach**

7:00pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

@DeborahMersino Thx for organizing this! #gtchat



**kidlutions**

7:00pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

Thanks, Deborah! #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:59pm, Jan 22 from web

Will start bk Living With Intensity this weekend. #gtchat



**jaclynchancey**

6:59pm, Jan 22 from web

@DeborahMersino Thank you again for organizing/moderating#gtchat! Good night!



**kidlutions**

6:59pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

RT @laughingatchaos: @johnmaxwilson Schools unfortunately forget that kids ALL KIDS learn best through play. #gtchat



**tonnet**

6:59pm, Jan 22 from web

@cfraser150 Thanks for the clarification, I thought you didn't agree with the tagging of @CrazyQuilts' reply. #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:59pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

RT @Jani\_Oehlke: #gtchat Thurbers' mother did it, she put a hat on and danced around the house. Laughter helps in so many ways!



**Begabungs**

6:59pm, Jan 22 from web

Good night ...zzzz....#gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:59pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@laughingatchaos It will, it will, it will. NEVER give up! #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:59pm, Jan 22 from web

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**Jani\_Oehlke**

6:59pm, Jan 22 from web

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**DeborahMersino**

6:59pm, Jan 22 from web

Thank you to everyone who has participated tonight! I will get transcripts posted. You're all intensely wonderful advocates!#gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:58pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@SkwmOttawa Just did a radio interview on it, I'll have to find the link for you! May be helpful! #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:58pm, Jan 22 from web

@kidlutions I keep hoping today's hard work will pay off in the future. Been saying that for 8 yrs. Starting to worry. ;) #gtchat



**johnmaxwilson**

6:58pm, Jan 22 from web

If kids want to explore off beaten path, don't get in their way! Let them play in the mud and get messy. "Play" is an important word #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:58pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@SkwmOttawa I'm thinking of doing a telesem. on intensities in kids. #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:57pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@SkwmOttawa That is hard...and I remember those days...off the hook intensity! more #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:57pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@CathRiordan Yup! Those intensities NEVER go fully away, but I do find them to become more manageable...takes work#gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:57pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @aposseadesse66: @DeborahMersino I agree, I'm going to listen more and lecture less this week. #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:57pm, Jan 22 from web

@kidlutions LOL! UH-OH! ;) #gtchat



**cfraser150**

6:57pm, Jan 22 from Echofon

@tonnet You asked what social problems gifted students have. Fitting in is one. #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:57pm, Jan 22 from web

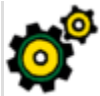
@teachagiftedkid - Intriguing idea. #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:57pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @Jani\_Oehlke: #gtchat -Laugh, lighten up, find humor in even small things. Laughter!



**SycamoreGEAR**

6:56pm, Jan 22 from web

@teachagiftedkid Know of any good online spaces for GT kids?#gtchat



**teachagiftedkid**

6:56pm, Jan 22 from Tweetie

#gtchat Be genuine, sincere & Listen, listen, listen! (via @Jani\_Oehlke) So, so true!!



**jaclynchancey**

6:56pm, Jan 22 from web

RT SycamoreGEAR: Let your kid see YOU struggle to learn something. Take piano lessons yourself; learn a language from scratch, etc. #gtchat



**SkwmOttawa**

6:56pm, Jan 22 from web

How w/ a 3yo? @Kidlutions Help your child learn to embrace intensity..and harness its power...every great man and woman has done so. #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:56pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@laughingatchaos Buckle your seatbelt! Remember those days! We have 15, 12, and 9 #gtchat



**aposseadesse66**

6:56pm, Jan 22 from web

@DeborahMersino I agree, I'm going to listen more and lecture less this week. #gtchat



**cybraryman1**

6:56pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

RT @kidlutions: Yes...listen AND validate feelings...this is frustrating, this is hard, it's a challenge, etc. #gtchat



**CathRiordan**

6:56pm, Jan 22 from web

@kidlutions Not so sure. Personally, I'm well past teens and still not on top of it!! #gtchat



**Jani\_Oehlke**

6:56pm, Jan 22 from web

#gtchat -Laugh, lighten up, find humor in even small things. Laughter!



**DeborahMersino**

6:55pm, Jan 22 from web

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**kidlutions**

6:55pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

Yes...listen AND validate feelings...this is frustrating, this is hard, it's a challenge, etc. #gtchat



**eagledawg**

6:55pm, Jan 22 from web

@DeborahMersino listening & finding ways to calm my own intensity while supporting my 2Es w/out intensity squared here this week :) #gtchat



**jaclynchancey**

6:55pm, Jan 22 from web

@eagledawg Good for you! Appropriate level of challenge is so important. Keep him learning and achieving. (Key to everything, IMHO) #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:55pm, Jan 22 from web

@SycamoreGEAR That's why I'm teaching myself banjo this summer. #gtchat



## Begabungs

6:55pm, Jan 22 from web

one of the best ways to solve their emotional problems are to be creative & paint or to use art [#gtchat](#)



## laughingatchaos

6:55pm, Jan 22 from web

[@kidlutions](#) 2e kid is 8, poss. GT brother is 5. Exhausting but exhilarating. [#gtchat](#)



## innervation

6:54pm, Jan 22 from HootSuite

RT [@Jani\\_Oehlke](#): [#gtchat](#) Be genuine, sincere & Listen, listen, listen!



## teachagiftedkid

6:54pm, Jan 22 from Tweetie

Online activities such as these can be used to bring our [#gifted](#) students together, too. Would it work for them? [#gtchat](#)



## innervation

6:54pm, Jan 22 from HootSuite

Mark your calendar: Gifted Education Week in Kentucky is Jan 31 - Feb 6, 2010. Proclamation signing in Frankfort this Wednesday. [#gtchat](#)



## DeborahMersino

6:54pm, Jan 22 from web

[@SoulfulParent](#) - Welcome! Hope you'll join us each Friday. [#gtchat](#)



## laughingatchaos

6:54pm, Jan 22 from web

RT [@Jani\\_Oehlke](#): [#gtchat](#) Be genuine, sincere & Listen, listen, listen!



## SycamoreGEAR

6:54pm, Jan 22 from web

Let your kid see YOU struggle to learn something. Take piano lessons yourself; learn a language from scratch, etc. [#gtchat](#)



## kidlutions

6:54pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

[@laughingatchaos](#) How old now? [#gtchat](#)



**OneAndOnlyZel**

6:54pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @aposseadesse66: #gtchat Dealing with intensity in our kids can be hard when we're intense too. Intensity squared?



**kidlutions**

6:53pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@SoulfulParent How are the eyebrows? #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:53pm, Jan 22 from web

Based on this #gtchat, I'm going to work on listening this week. TY!



**laughingatchaos**

6:53pm, Jan 22 from web

@kidlutions My God, I hope so! LOL Can't imagine this intense kid as an intense teen! #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:53pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@SoulfulParent My first time here... #gtchat



**eagledawg**

6:53pm, Jan 22 from web

@jaclynchancey agree & IDed but parents denied me GATE history is why I'm (hyper?)sensitive to my 2E's needs. No repeating the past. #gtchat



**Begabungs**

6:53pm, Jan 22 from web

most of the GT kids r very visuall oriented and they prefer to show than to talk about emotions #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:53pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@CaringMom Hi! #gtchat



**Jani\_Oehlke**

6:53pm, Jan 22 from web

#gtchat Be genuine, sincere & Listen, listen, listen!



**kidlutions**

6:52pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

I have found that the intensity can be managed well by the teen years #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:52pm, Jan 22 from web

@CaringMom - Glad you're with us. #gtchat



**deepwaterscoach**

6:52pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

RT @aposseadesse66: #gtchat Dealing with intensity in our kids can be hard when we're intense too. Intensity squared?



**Begabungs**

6:52pm, Jan 22 from web

4step painting a place,where is everything ok there & there is no more problems in it +using positive imagination to solve problems #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:52pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

Phew! It's exponential when the parent(s) are intense as well. If you can channel it, so can your kids! #gtchat



**jaclynochancey**

6:52pm, Jan 22 from web

@aposseadesse66 It must be, but at least you're in a position to know/understand. Def. important to take care of yourself first.#gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:52pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @DeepWatersCoach: Colorado Gifted: Participate in Legislative Day! Feb. 18. Info here: <http://bit.ly/6xexll> #gtchat



**CathRiordan**

6:51pm, Jan 22 from web

So true! RT @aposseadesse66: #gtchat Dealing with intensity in our kids can be hard when we're intense too. Intensity squared?



## DeborahMersino

6:51pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @DeepWatersCoach: Colorado Gifted: Participate in Legislative Day! Feb. 18. Info here: <http://bit.ly/6xexll> #gtchat



## DeborahMersino

6:51pm, Jan 22 from web

Would love to hear final thoughts/action ideas for supporting social/emotional needs this week. #gtchat



## CaringMom

6:51pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @Kidlutions: Help your child learn to embrace intensity...and harness its power...every great man and woman has done so. #gtchat



## kidlutions

6:51pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@jaclynchancey I agree! No more banging erasers on the bldg to clean them, b/c you breeze through the "busy work" #gtchat



## deepwaterscoach

6:51pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

Colorado Gifted: Participate in Legislative Day! Feb. 18. Info here: <http://bit.ly/6xexll> #gtchat



## DeborahMersino

6:51pm, Jan 22 from web

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## laughingatchaos

6:51pm, Jan 22 from web

@aposseadesse66 absolutely! And when both are perfectionists and strong willed...whew...#gtchat



## innervation

6:37pm, Jan 22 from HootSuite

My goal for the week is to pour out encouragement for my 7 kids who are sharing research with legislators at the state capitol. #gtchat



## cybraryman1

6:37pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

RT @SycamoreGEAR: Praise effort rather than results" - good advice to combat perfectionism. @MyGiftedLife #gtchat



### laughingatchaos

6:37pm, Jan 22 from web

@innervation Yes, 'tis! Good to reach out w/other nerds. ;)#gtchat



### Begabung

6:37pm, Jan 22 from web

we use a solution oriented coaching 4 GT kids here and it works very good! #gtchat



### kidlutions

6:37pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

GT kids have special needs....they can be at-risk, too #gtchat



### DeborahMersino

6:37pm, Jan 22 from web

I hear you and relate RT @aposseadesse66 #gtchat Q3. Answer: Listen to my kids, I don't listen enough, too busy "doing"



### laughingatchaos

6:36pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

RT @kidlutions: Tell them "Someday it won't be this hard" (emotions, friendships, etc.) Instill hope for the future #gtchat // LOVE THIS



### DeborahMersino

6:36pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @SycamoreGEAR: "Praise effort rather than results" - good advice to combat perfectionism. @MyGiftedLife #gtchat



### kidlutions

6:36pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

RT @Idaho2e: Send teachers and principals to www.sengifted.org #gtchat



### DeborahMersino

6:36pm, Jan 22 from web

Wonderful. RT @Idaho2e Send teachers and principals to www.sengifted.org #gtchat



## **kidlutions**

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## **Begabungs**

6:36pm, Jan 22 from web

GT kids are different & the way to help them is different too#gtchat



## **innervation**

6:36pm, Jan 22 from HootSuite

@laughingatchaos I'd say our #gtchat is a great start at our very own online Nerd Camp.



## **laughingatchaos**

6:36pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @SycamoreGEAR: "Praise effort rather than results" - good advice to combat perfectionism. @MyGiftedLife #gtchat



## **aposseadesse66**

6:35pm, Jan 22 from web

#gtchat Q3. Answer: Listen to my kids, I don't listen enough, too busy "doing"



## **MyGiftedLife**

6:35pm, Jan 22 from web

I think sometimes we have more compassion for other people, especially other outsiders, than is healthy #gtchat



## **kidlutions**

6:35pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

Tell them "Someday it won't be this hard" (emotions, friendships, etc.) Instill hope for the future #gtchat



## **DeborahMersino**

6:35pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @laughingatchaos: Q3: Listen. Truly listen. Follow their lead. #gtchat



## **Idaho2e**

6:35pm, Jan 22 from web

Send teachers and principals to www.sengifted.org #gtchat



## SycamoreGEAR

6:35pm, Jan 22 from web

"Praise effort rather than results" - good advice to combat perfectionism. @MyGiftedLife #gtchat



## laughingatchaos

6:35pm, Jan 22 from web

@MyGiftedLife Hard to learn, hard to teach. How do you decline friendships when you already don't have many? #gtchat



## DeborahMersino

6:35pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @MyGiftedLife: maybe also learning how, gracefully, to decline friendships if we don't think they're appropriate. being choosy #gtchat



## deepwaterscoach

6:35pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

Agreed! RT @innervation: @MyGiftedLife @SwitchedOnMom Mentoring is not only helpful to the student but rewarding for the adult. #gtchat



## CathRiordan

6:35pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @kidlutions: RT @mymegs: RT @SwitchedOnMom: Gifted ppl of all ages are tribe!>>True, that! #gtchat



## DeborahMersino

6:35pm, Jan 22 from web

Find/support/encourage them to connect w/ others (aka tribe-building?) #gtchat



## laughingatchaos

6:34pm, Jan 22 from web

Q3: Listen. Truly listen. Follow their lead. #gtchat



## deepwaterscoach

6:34pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

RT @Kidlutions: GT kids are KIDS first...help them have fun, but their fun may be diff... #gtchat



## kidlutions

6:34pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

Pet peeve is when ppl do not understand and ascribe "elite" connotations when parents share a child is GT #gtchat



### MyGiftedLife

6:34pm, Jan 22 from web

maybe also learning how, gracefully, to decline friendships if we don't think they're appropriate. being choosy #gtchat



### DeborahMersino

6:33pm, Jan 22 from web

Q3 What one thing could you do this week (before next week's chat) to support the social-emotional well-being of a #giftedstudent? #gtchat



### innervation

6:33pm, Jan 22 from HootSuite

@deepwaterscoach @MyGiftedLife @SwitchedOnMom Mentoring is not only helpful to the student but extremely rewarding for the adult. #gtchat



### jaclynchancey

6:33pm, Jan 22 from web

Yes! to importance of true peers, no matter what the age. (The vast majority of their life spent with people of different ages.) #gtchat



### kidlutions

6:33pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

RT @mymegs: RT @SwitchedOnMom: Gifted ppl of all ages are tribe!>>True, that! #gtchat



### laughingatchaos

6:33pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @Kidlutions: GT kids are KIDS first...help them have fun, but their fun may be diff... #gtchat



### DeborahMersino

6:32pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @mymegs: RT @SwitchedOnMom: Sometimes grownups, even parents, have to be peers for PG KIDS--and that's okay. #gtchat Gifted ppl of all ...



### kidlutions

6:32pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

GT kids are KIDS first...help them have fun, but their fun may be diff... #gtchat



**mymegs**

6:32pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

RT @SwitchedOnMom: Sometimes grownups, even parents, have to be peers for PG KIDS--and that's okay. #gtchat Gifted ppl of all ages are tribe!



**DeborahMersino**

6:32pm, Jan 22 from web

@SwitchedOnMom - So good to have you. #gtchat



**deepwaterscoach**

6:31pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

@MyGiftedLife @SwitchedOnMom We have an amazing capacity to connect across age line. #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:31pm, Jan 22 from web

@wgifted - Thank you for sharing your wisdom! #gtchat



**wgifted**

6:31pm, Jan 22 from web

THANK YOU @DeborahMersino for engaging us! #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:31pm, Jan 22 from web

@kidlutions - Yes, we'll post transcripts! #gtchat



**mymegs**

6:31pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

Virtual ed and net resources have made expanding the basic curriculum so easy for kids but also can be rather isolating 2 isolated #gtchat



**SwitchedOnMom**

6:31pm, Jan 22 from Tweetie

#gtchat @jaclynchancey I'm at a restaurant waiting for a table. It's loud.



**wgifted**

6:30pm, Jan 22 from web

Sorry to have to sign off- (Doc student as well as GT coordinator) Looking forward to reviewing the transcript.#gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:30pm, Jan 22 from web

@DeborahMersino Need to find print of that list. #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:30pm, Jan 22 from web

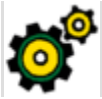
Glad you're here @jaclynchancey #gtchat (Doc student in gifted ed from UConn ... popping in for last half of the chat)



**Begabungs**

6:30pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @cybraryman1: "I feel" knowing how to communicate (verbal and non verbal) is important in dealing with the gifted.#gtchat



**SycamoreGEAR**

6:30pm, Jan 22 from web

Peer group vital. "Clustering" of GT sounds good, but if it means spreading them evenly across rooms, the real effect is to dilute. #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:30pm, Jan 22 from web

@teachagiftedkid My hs band tribe got me thru hs. Tribes are vital! #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:30pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@DeborahMersino Love the tips, Deborah. Will this all be posted somewhere later? #gtchat



**Begabungs**

6:29pm, Jan 22 from web

(Csíkszentmihályi)FLOW+creativity+(Frederickson) Positivity#gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:29pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@laughingatchaos LOL...bunkmates? #gtchat



## DeborahMersino

6:29pm, Jan 22 from web

10. Tell the truth. [#gtchat](#) Again, credit for these tips goes to authors of "Helping Gifted Children Soar."



## laughingatchaos

6:29pm, Jan 22 from web

RT [@MyGiftedLife](#): [@deepwaterscoach](#) that also makes more tribe to choose from. ;) we're a rare species as it is [#gtchat](#)



## cybraryman1

6:29pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

"I feel" knowing how to communicate (verbal and non verbal) is important in dealing with the gifted. [#gtchat](#)



## teachagiftedkid

6:29pm, Jan 22 from Tweetie

I like the word 'tribe'. [#gtchat](#) Helping the kids find their tribe. My own 2 gt kids recall how friends are helpful. Its important!



## kidlutions

6:29pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

RT [@DeborahMersino](#): 7. Respect the child's feelings, even if you must restrict behavior. [#gtchat](#) >This is HUGE!



## laughingatchaos

6:29pm, Jan 22 from web

[@MyGiftedLife](#) hard to balance privacy w/advocacy [#gtchat](#)



## DeborahMersino

6:28pm, Jan 22 from web

9. Include the child in decisions that affect his/her life. [#gtchat](#)



## kidlutions

6:28pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

[@thismommyworks](#) That's socially...see perfectionism at its finest... [#gtchat](#)



## MyGiftedLife

6:28pm, Jan 22 from web

[@deepwaterscoach](#) that also makes more tribe to choose from. ;) we're a rare species as it is [#gtchat](#)



**DeborahMersino**

6:28pm, Jan 22 from web

8. Respect the child's confidences. #gtchat



**jaclynchancey**

6:28pm, Jan 22 from web

#gtchat (Doc student in gifted ed from UConn ... popping in for last half of the chat)



**laughingatchaos**

6:28pm, Jan 22 from web

@kidlutions OOH! Let's go! :) #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:28pm, Jan 22 from web

7. Respect the child's feelings, even if you must restrict behavior. #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:28pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@thismommyworks Hard socailly? #gtchat



**MyGiftedLife**

6:28pm, Jan 22 from web

respect privacy, \*especially\* for your introverts #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:27pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

RT @DeborahMersino: 3. Make sure your body language matches your words #gtchat {I struggle w/this one} // I do too. He can read me too well



**DeborahMersino**

6:27pm, Jan 22 from web

6. Be prepared to explain rules and limits {Isn't this one true?}#gtchat



**deepwaterscoach**

6:27pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

@SwitchedOnMom: Sometimes grownups, even parents, have to be peers for PG KIDS--and that's okay. #gtchat Gifted ppl of all ages are tribe!



### MyGiftedLife

6:27pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @DeborahMersino: 4. Respect the child's privacy. #gtchat



### kidlutions

6:27pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@laughingatchaos See you at camp! #gtchat



### kidlutions

6:27pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@TimeOutMom Thx for the shout out! #gtchat



### DeborahMersino

6:27pm, Jan 22 from web

5. Insist the child respect your limits as well. #gtchat



### laughingatchaos

6:27pm, Jan 22 from web

@kidlutions Ain't THAT the truth! Living in my closet? ;) #gtchat



### DeborahMersino

6:26pm, Jan 22 from web

4. Respect the child's privacy. #gtchat



### DeborahMersino

6:26pm, Jan 22 from web

3. Make sure your body language matches your words #gtchat{I struggle w/this one}



### SwitchedOnMom

6:26pm, Jan 22 from Tweetie

Sometimes grownups, even parents, have to be peers for PG KIDS--and that's okay. #gtchat



### laughingatchaos

6:26pm, Jan 22 from web

@MyGiftedLife Failure is terrifying for perfectionist GT kids...and adults. ;) #gtchat



## **kidlutions**

6:26pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

With each higher level of giftedness can come even more intensity [#gtchat](#)



## **DeborahMersino**

6:26pm, Jan 22 from web

2. Provide ways for the child to communicate when you can't be there. [#gtchat](#)



## **DeborahMersino**

6:25pm, Jan 22 from web

So important! RT [@kidlutions](#) Also, recognize that there is a diff b/t gifted, highly gifted, profoundly gifted [#gtchat](#)



## **kidlutions**

6:25pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

[@DeborahMersino](#) YES! Great book! [#gtchat](#)



## **MyGiftedLife**

6:25pm, Jan 22 from web

learning to cope with failure early on. . . not being required to be perfect at everything. [#gtchat](#)



## **DeborahMersino**

6:25pm, Jan 22 from web

The credit goes to the authors for "The Ten Commandments of Trust." 1. Give the child focused attention. [#gtchat](#)



## **kidlutions**

6:25pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

Also, recognize that there is a diff b/t gifted, highly gifted, profoundly gifted [#gtchat](#)



## **kidlutions**

6:24pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

Interestingly, research I have read said most fam members within a 10 pt IQ spread [#gtchat](#)



## **DeborahMersino**

6:24pm, Jan 22 from web

Carol Strip, PhD and Gretchen Hirsh wrote a book, "Helping Gifted Children Soar." I'm going to list their tips for trust-building. [#gtchat](#)



**justinknol**

6:24pm, Jan 22 from web

We found our kids really enjoyed meeting GT peers (tribe members) on camps or other activities #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:24pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

RT @kidlutions: If u live in a rural area, need to really assist, may not be any "peers" w/GT #gtchat SO hard in rural areas, esp. for 2e



**kidlutions**

6:24pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

Helping kids understand that the intensity is only PART of the GT, and that U will help him/her learn how to cope w/ it #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:23pm, Jan 22 from web

@deepwaterscoach - So grateful you're here! #gtchat



**MyGiftedLife**

6:23pm, Jan 22 from web

@deepwaterscoach hi! welcome to #gtchat . this is @bfwriter, representin' the MGL folks



**kidlutions**

6:23pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

RT @laughingatchaos: @Begabungs Finding their tribe! So vital #gtchat YES!



**DeborahMersino**

6:23pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @laughingatchaos: @Begabungs Finding their tribe! So vital #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:23pm, Jan 22 from web

@wggifted - Agree. It also helps challenge them. They may be challenged/see others' strengths. Good for self-esteem & humility. #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:23pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

If u live in a rural area, need to really assist, may not be any "peers" w/GT #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:22pm, Jan 22 from web

@Begabungsg Finding their tribe! So vital #gtchat



**wggifted**

6:22pm, Jan 22 from web

Help them to understand not why they are gifted but how they might use their gifts. #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:22pm, Jan 22 from web

@mymegs - Glad you could join us. We're discussing how to help gifted children feel good/okay/safe with their giftedness.#gtchat



**deepwaterscoach**

6:22pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

RT @laughingatchaos: Surround them with like peers, stim. their brains/gifts, not attach self-worth to their GT #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:21pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @Kidlutions: Help them find things that feed their soul...and their need to STRETCH their minds #gtchat



**Begabungsg**

6:21pm, Jan 22 from web

answer2: talking, conversation with other gifted kids & sharing experience together #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:21pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @Kidlutions: Help them find things that feed their soul...and their need to STRETCH their minds #gtchat



**wggifted**

6:21pm, Jan 22 from web

Time together with other gifted kids to help them understand that they are not alone. #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:21pm, Jan 22 from web

k-2 GT damage lives on, we have it here. Hard to make up the diff. in 3rd grade. #gtchat



### MyGiftedLife

6:21pm, Jan 22 from web

I read that gifted adolescents find tutoring/helping others one of the better ways of coping with difference #gtchat



### innervation

6:21pm, Jan 22 from HootSuite

@CathRiordan The summer programs are where I'm most familiar, though any kid of group enrichment can be useful. #gtchat



### DeborahMersino

6:21pm, Jan 22 from web

Love this RT @laughingatchaos Surround them with like peers, stim. their brains/gifts, not attach self-worth to their GT #gtchat



### kidlutions

6:21pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

Help them find things that feed their soul...and their need to STRETCH their minds #gtchat



### mymegs

6:21pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

RT @Kidlutions: Just joining in on the chat for gifted kids and social emotional dev. #gtchat sounds great



### laughingatchaos

6:21pm, Jan 22 from web

@innervation Nerd Camp. LOL Love it. #gtchat



### laughingatchaos

6:20pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @MyGiftedLife: also, recognizing that gifted kids may need adult intellectual peers, and not criticizing that. #gtchat



### CathRiordan

6:20pm, Jan 22 from web

@innervation: Only 1 summer prog in ireland and VERY expensive #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:20pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @innervation: It's the reason kids during the summer proudly say the three weeks at Nerd Camp are the best of the year. #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:20pm, Jan 22 from web

@wggifted - ...in a safe/trusting environment. I agree. #gtchat



**innervation**

6:20pm, Jan 22 from HootSuite

It's the reason kids during the summer proudly say the three weeks at Nerd Camp are the best of the year. #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:19pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @MyGiftedLife: also, recognizing that gifted kids may need adult intellectual peers, and not criticizing that. #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:19pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

Help them understand their intensities and channel them#gtchat



**innervation**

6:19pm, Jan 22 from HootSuite

I've always said embrace your identity. #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:19pm, Jan 22 from web

Surround them with like peers, stim. their brains/gifts, not attach self-worth to their GT #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:19pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@TimeOutMom I don't recommend it, either...nope #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:19pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @Kidlutions: Help them see it is one aspect of themselves#gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:19pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @cybraryman1: Parent discussion groups with trained facilitators are needed. #gtchat



**wggifted**

6:19pm, Jan 22 from web

Sensitive awareness and idealism. The need to ask and seek answers to difficult questions about their lives and the world around them. #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:19pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

Help them see it is one aspect of themselves #gtchat



**SycamoreGEAR**

6:19pm, Jan 22 from web

A poor K-2 experience does much damage. Child is too young to understand or to advocate for self. Need earlier intervention! #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:19pm, Jan 22 from web

@motherthinker Gives me hope that a GT friendly school will make a huge difference. #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:18pm, Jan 22 from web

" A teacher affects eternity; he/she can never tell where his influence stops." - Henry Adams #gtchat



**MyGiftedLife**

6:18pm, Jan 22 from web

also, recognizing that gifted kids may need adult intellectual peers, and not criticizing that. #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:18pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@TimeOutMom Aaaargh!!! #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:18pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

Wow, great question #gtchat



### TimeOutMom

6:18pm, Jan 22 from web

@Kidlutions - he DOES NOT after I have asked and asked and asked - they only want to offer him skipping a grade or TWO !!!#gtchat



### Begabungs

6:18pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @cybraryman1: Parent discussion groups with trained facilitators are needed. #gtchat



### kidlutions

6:18pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

What's really hard is when the kids has a higher IQ than the teacher...and the teach is controlling #gtchat



### DeborahMersino

6:17pm, Jan 22 from web

Question 2: How do we help gifted students feel safe and okay with being gifted? #gtchat



### laughingatchaos

6:17pm, Jan 22 from web

@motherthinker I agree, unfortunately not to schools. Funding, etc. #gtchat



### motherthinker

6:17pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

@innervation My son attends a school like that -- the difference in him since starting is astonishing. #gifted #gtchat



### kidlutions

6:17pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

What! #gtchat



### cybraryman1

6:17pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

Parent discussion groups with trained facilitators are needed.#gtchat



### kidlutions

6:17pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@BaxterBog Awww....thx! I appreciate it! #gtchat



### **kidlutions**

6:16pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@TimeOutMom YES! Great teachers make all the diff. #gtchat



### **motherthinker**

6:16pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

@laughingatchaos What I meant is that calling something curricular or extracurricular is a just an articial division, at least 2 me. #gtchat



### **innervation**

6:16pm, Jan 22 from HootSuite

@CathRiordan I always thought that was such an important part of summer programs for #gifted students. Just being kids.#gtchat



### **kidlutions**

6:16pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@TimeOutMom Does he get differential instruction? #gtchat



### **laughingatchaos**

6:16pm, Jan 22 from web

@motherthinker I speak as a former music teacher; dangerous territory to compare academics to extracurriculars. #gtchat



### **kidlutions**

6:16pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@DeborahMersino That is SOOOOO true, esp. as the years advance (playing dumb) #gtchat



### **DeborahMersino**

6:15pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @Idaho2e: Anxiety due to hypersensitivity. Overwhelm due to hyperawareness.#gtchat



### **laughingatchaos**

6:15pm, Jan 22 from web

@innervation That would be fantastic! 1st I've heard of this! He'll be HS age prob by the time it opens. #gtchat



## DeborahMersino

6:15pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @cybraryman1: More training about the gifted is needed for educators & health care professionals #gtchat #gtchat



## kidlutions

6:15pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

RT @DeborahMersino: RT @CathRiordan: RT @motherthinker.....gifted kids should get a chance to \*just\* be kids together.#gtchat



## Idaho2e

6:15pm, Jan 22 from web

Anxiety due to hypersensitivity. Overwhelm due to hyperawareness.#gtchat



## teachagiftedkid

6:15pm, Jan 22 from Tweetie

I agree with Corey: students need BOTH age peers and academic peers. What socio/emotional issues that sprout from the lack of one. #gtchat



## DeborahMersino

6:15pm, Jan 22 from web

@kidlutions Dr. Linda Silverman (Gifted Development Center/CO) says that's why so many girls blend (play down giftedness) #gtchat



## motherthinker

6:14pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

@laughingatchaos I don't see how it matters -- a child's day is a day, and school is school. #gtchat



## BrendonWalker

6:14pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

@DeborahMersino No wukkas...will be back later to grab and broadcast feed. Enjoy your chat evry1. Sry 2 interrupt :) #gtchat



## cybraryman1

6:14pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

More training about the gifted is needed for educators & health care professionals #gtchat #gtchat



## laughingatchaos

6:14pm, Jan 22 from web

@kidlutions LOL! Not a dream I ever imagined! ;) #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:14pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@wggifted THANKS for that link! #gtchat



**innervation**

6:14pm, Jan 22 from HootSuite

@laughingatchaos I heard word recently that there are steps toward a statewide, residential #STEM HS school in CO.#gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:14pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @CathRiordan: RT @motherthinker .....gifted kids should get a chance to \*just\* be kids together. #gtchat



**wggifted**

6:14pm, Jan 22 from web

Understanding perfectionism.Silverman's must read- Perfectionism not a malady; but a tool of self-development.<http://bit.ly/7PRT05> #gtchat



**Begabungs**

6:14pm, Jan 22 from web

Searching for new challenges? #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:13pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

@laughingatchaos I am living the dream...LOL! #gtchat



**CathRiordan**

6:13pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @motherthinker .....gifted kids should get a chance to \*just\* be kids together. #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:13pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

I also think that feeling "different" as a gifted kid is tough...kids do not want to be diff #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:13pm, Jan 22 from web

[@BrendonWalker](#) - Would love what you did before (with the pause button) to capture feed. [#gtchat](#) Thank you for offering my AU friend.



### laughingatchaos

6:13pm, Jan 22 from web

[@motherthinker](#) Ah, but varsity sports is extracurricular...[#gtchat](#)



### Doublelattemama

6:13pm, Jan 22 from Echofon

A quick shoutout to everybody on [#gtchat](#) - sorry I can't join in - will b reading transcript & let's keep hashtag going thru the week!



### JeffreyEducator

6:13pm, Jan 22 from Twiterrific

I think one of most overlooked is the impact socio-economics and culture has on identifying the social-emotional needs of gt kids [#gtchat](#)



### laughingatchaos

6:13pm, Jan 22 from web

[@kidlutions](#) Yes! Intensities make everything so much more challenging! [#gtchat](#)



### kidlutions

6:12pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

[@laughingatchaos](#) So true! But have to advocate! [#gtchat](#)



### BrendonWalker

6:12pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

[@DeborahMersino](#) Can't stay (things to do)...but do you want this chat on YT captured like the first one today? [#gtchat](#)



### DeborahMersino

6:12pm, Jan 22 from web

[@kidlutions](#) - good point. [#gtchat](#)



### laughingatchaos

6:12pm, Jan 22 from web

[@innervation](#) Wish a school like yours was in CO. And took elem. kids. [#gtchat](#)



## motherthinker

6:12pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

@innervation Athletes get varsity teams; 4 those whose varsity sport is math or science, let them have a varsity team too! #gifted #gtchat



## tonnet

6:12pm, Jan 22 from web

"What are some of the biggest social-emotional challenges gifted children face?" #gtchat Press on!



## laughingatchaos

6:11pm, Jan 22 from web

@kidlutions Hard to share w/teachers w/out seen as pushy or exaggerating #gtchat



## kidlutions

6:11pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

I think of the difficulties is learning to manage intensities...Dabrowski's Theory, etc. #gtchat



## DeborahMersino

6:11pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @Begabung: Loneliness #gtchat



## DeborahMersino

6:11pm, Jan 22 from web

@wggifted - Well said. So many myths. #gtchat



## Begabung

6:11pm, Jan 22 from web

Loneliness #gtchat



## innervation

6:11pm, Jan 22 from HootSuite

@motherthinker Actually, my school is ALL #gifted kids. The biggest reason they come to us & the reason they love it most. #gtchat



## MyGiftedLife

6:11pm, Jan 22 from web

@motherthinker and placed together for non-academic reasons. gifted kids should get a chance to \*just\* be kids together. #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:10pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @cybraryman1: Sensitivity and social isolation #gtchat



**kidlutions**

6:10pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

Sharing with each new teacher at the beginning of the year abt soc-emot needs/intensities #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:10pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @CathRiordan: Being allowed to be yourself without being diagnosed with a disorder of some sort #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:10pm, Jan 22 from web

@MyGiftedLife To find peers, first must acknowledge giftedness, no? #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:10pm, Jan 22 from web

Welcome @tonnet and @kidlutions. The question is "What are some of the biggest social-emotional challenges gifted children face?" #gtchat



**motherthinker**

6:10pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

@innervation Unless UR school has very few gifted kids, it shld be a priority that they be placed together part of the day. #gifted#gtchat



**cybraryman1**

6:10pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

Sensitivity and social isolation #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:10pm, Jan 22 from web

@DeborahMersino AH YES! Perfectionism! Evil... #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:09pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @innervation: That desire to achieve mixed precariously with the fear of failure. RT @cybraryman1: Perfectionism#gtchat



### wggifted

6:09pm, Jan 22 from web

Being understood and (for advocates) educating others to better understand the unique needs of GT kids #gtchat.



### Begabungs

6:09pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @Kidlutions: Just joining in on the chat for gifted kids and social emotional dev. #gtchat



### innervation

6:09pm, Jan 22 from HootSuite

That desire to achieve mixed precariously with the fear of failure. RT @cybraryman1: Perfectionism #gtchat



### DeborahMersino

6:09pm, Jan 22 from web

I credit @cfertig1, who wrote "Raising a Gifted Child" with noting some of those common misunderstood characteristics.#gtchat



### CathRiordan

6:09pm, Jan 22 from web

Being allowed to be yourself without being diagnosed with a disorder of some sort #gtchat



### tonnet

6:09pm, Jan 22 from web

#gtchat



### kidlutions

6:09pm, Jan 22 from TweetGrid

Just joining in on the chat for gifted kids and social emotional dev. #gtchat



### MyGiftedLife

6:08pm, Jan 22 from web

finding peers continues to be a challenge even in the adult years. it prompted one of the longer threads on MGL #gtchat



**DeborahMersino**

6:08pm, Jan 22 from web

Perfectionism, perceived bossiness, critical of self/others, bored/impatient of others, disruptive, stubborn, hating deadlines #gtchat



**cybraryman1**

6:08pm, Jan 22 from TweetDeck

Perfectionism #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:07pm, Jan 22 from web

@MyGiftedLife LOL! Yup. At least I can meet him there. ;) #gtchat



**Jani\_Oehlke**

6:07pm, Jan 22 from web

#gtchat Frustration - High self expectations



**innervation**

6:07pm, Jan 22 from HootSuite

The greatest challenge I see in my work with #gifted students is finding a place to belong among BOTH social and intellectual peers. #gtchat



**aposseadesse66**

6:07pm, Jan 22 from web

Fitting in and standing out among classmates and friends #gtchat



**JeffreyEducator**

6:07pm, Jan 22 from Twitterrific

I'm a math curriculum coordinator in a school district near Dallas #gtchat



**laughingatchaos**

6:06pm, Jan 22 from web

Finding friends they can relate to on any of those many levels. Hard to find. #gtchat



**MyGiftedLife**

6:06pm, Jan 22 from web

@laughingatchaos lol, I was just thinking the other day, sometimes I still feel like I'm 8. #gtchat



## DeborahMersino

6:06pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @innervation: Gotta admire the dedication of global #giftedadvocates to stay up late for #gtchat. Hopefully the discussion will be b ...



## laughingatchaos

6:06pm, Jan 22 from web

RT @innervation: Gotta admire the dedication of global #giftedadvocates to stay up late for #gtchat. Hopefully the discussion will be b ...



## laughingatchaos

6:05pm, Jan 22 from web

Asynchronous development. Physically 8, mentally 18, morally 60, emotionally 3. Exhausting for all involved. #gtchat



## innervation

6:05pm, Jan 22 from HootSuite

Gotta admire the dedication of global #gifted advocates to stay up late for #gtchat. Hopefully the discussion will be better than caffeine.



## DeborahMersino

6:05pm, Jan 22 from web

We'll talk solutions/suggestions/tips in a moment. First, let's hear about the challenges. #gtchat



## DeborahMersino

6:04pm, Jan 22 from web

First question: What do you think are some of the biggest social-emotional challenges of gifted students? #gtchat



## SycamoreGEAR

6:04pm, Jan 22 from web

This is Amy (parent and advocate) representing Sycamore GEAR, a parent group in suburban Cincinnati, Ohio. #gtchat



## aposseadesse66

6:04pm, Jan 22 from web

#gtchat Parent in Dublin Ireland here, looking forward to learning/sharing



## Begabungs

6:03pm, Jan 22 from web

@DeborahMersino Hello from Germany! 01:03 am here#gtchat



### MyGiftedLife

6:03pm, Jan 22 from web

psych student and grown-up gifted kid checking in from Vancouver, BC. #gtchat



### innervation

6:03pm, Jan 22 from HootSuite

I'm Corey Alderdice, an Asst. Director at @GattonAcademy. We're a residential high school for #gifted students in Bowling Green, KY. #gtchat



### MyGiftedLife

6:02pm, Jan 22 from web

@CathRiordan that's an excellent idea. this is @bfwriter checking in again on behalf of the MGL community #gtchat



### DeborahMersino

6:02pm, Jan 22 from web

Don't forget to include the hashtag #gtchat on your posts, so we can all see your thoughts/ideas.



### laughingatchaos

6:02pm, Jan 22 from web

I'm Jen in CO, parent and budding advocate for 2e kids.#gtchat



### wggifted

6:02pm, Jan 22 from web

Hello from St. Louis! Looking forward to the #gtchat.



### DeborahMersino

6:02pm, Jan 22 from web

@Begabungs and @CathRiordan - We appreciate our global participants! #gtchat



### DeborahMersino

6:01pm, Jan 22 from web

I'll pose a few questions in a minute. Let's introduce ourselves (parent, teacher, psychologist, advocate) and where you reside#gtchat



**CathRiordan**

6:01pm, Jan 22 from web

Greetings from Ireland again. Thank god for caffeine! [#gtchat](#)



**DeborahMersino**

6:00pm, Jan 22 from web

Welcome to our inaugural 7 p.m./EST [#gtchat](#) everyone!