

Giddings Gifted and Talented News

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TEACH YOUR CHILD TO THINK And Make Parenting Fun Again by Dr. Richard A. Shade & Patti Garrett

Helping Children Think, Make Choices, and Solve Problems As parents we want our children to grow up and be able to think, make choices, and solve problems. These skills can be achieved through practice related to daily decisions. Eventually they may have an impact on your child's professional, career, and personal choices.

Have you ever been faced with these scenarios? Think of the previous possible responses (A, B, or C). Now, try the different response we suggested below: "Mom, I need poster board tonight. We need to go to the store!" (Would you like to use something else or go to the store in the morning?) "I forgot my lunch money." (Well, do you want a medium or large snack when you get home from school?) "I don't want to clean my room now. I'll do it later." (Do you think you can have it done by the end of the day on Thursday or Friday?)

In each case, the response places the problem back on the child. These responses allow the child to do the thinking, make the decision, and solve the problem. This will ultimately lead to accepting more responsibility for his actions, and will be less energy draining on you. Our children need to learn to be able to make good decisions as soon as possible in their lives. In reality, they do make some decisions beginning at a very early age.

Fourth Annual Parent Conference: February

11, 2023

Parents, save the date for Saturday, February 11, 2023! The 4th Annual GT Parent Conference at Baylor University will be held virtually. **What sessions would you like to see?**

Please share your needs and interests to help us determine additional session topics! Take the survey

here—<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsGnY75h28KgKhC1O85dQeyQiBkP5Wtmuoma7CAnLIZxaQOA/viewform>

Three winners of the recent Word Wrangler Essay Contest were GT students. Front row Noah Villegas and Henry Kalmbach, Back row Case Adams and John Dowell.



Elementary Our students have taken on leadership roles at GES. October was Hispanic Heritage Month and third grade researched Hispanic Americans who have made contributions, then shared these infographics during a school assembly. Second and third grade GT students took the lead in the GES Veterans Day program in November, presenting a skit and being the emcees for the program. Finally, as we started working with robotics, first and second graders created balloon characters like the book “Balloons over Broadway”. We used the robot to drive the floats in our classrooms.. GES GT will be going to a play at Blinn College December 1.



Intermediate School- Veterans Day gave several of our students the opportunity to expand their public speaking skills. 4th Grade completed the novel “Chasing Vermeer” with book projects such as escape rooms and mystery art. 5th grade read “Island of the Blue Dolphins” building boats and concluding with museum, poster and diary projects. We have worked on several STEM projects with LEGOs and Makey Makeys. Both grades will be presenting a “Do Seum” for the entire school in December. A Do Seum focuses more on teaching others and hands on activities.



Middle School GMS students took a Field Trip to the George H. Bush Library in College Station to see a presentation on Chemistry and then toured the Presidential Library.



High School- GT students toured Blinn College in Brenham followed by a question and answer session with an admissions counselor. The group then watched the play “Houdini” which tied in with several academic goals.



GT Parent Advisory Council- We are seeking parents from each campus to help us evaluate GT services and

plan for future success. This group will meet twice a year. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact April Kuck at 979-542-4201.

