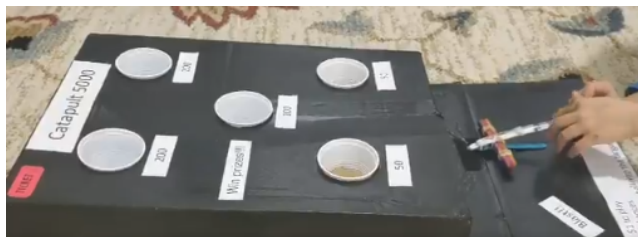
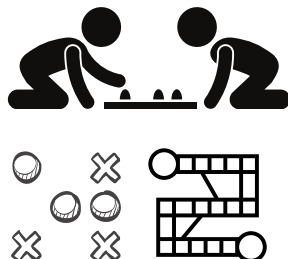
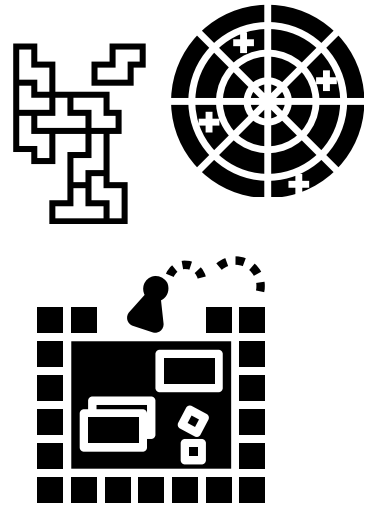


CHALLENGE ACCEPTED: FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Lots of GT families accepted the challenge to create an arcade game using items in a provided kit (1-5). The pictures below are some samples of the awesome thinking out there in FBISD!



NOVEMBER FAMILY CHALLENGE SERIES: DESIGN ON A DIME

During the month of November, families will have the opportunity to increase active learning by using creativity, analytical skills, critical thinking skills, and problem solving skills to design and build a 3D structure. Gifted students in grades 1-5 will create a tower of pasta, and gifted students in grades 6-12 will create a cantilever structure. Please see the flyer on page 5 for more detailed information, and take a moment to register via the [GT Family Series webpage](#). LET THE DESIGNING BEGIN!

GT Department News



Core curriculum teachers assigned to GT learners must complete **30 hours** of focused training in the following areas:

- The Nature and Needs of Gifted Learners
- Identification and Assessment of Gifted Learners
- Creativity and Instructional Strategies for Gifted Learners
- Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted Learners
- Differentiation for Gifted Learners

In addition to these 30 hours, teachers must also complete a 6-hour update requirement each year. This professional learning includes training in all FBISD GT programming and possibly pilot program training, as well as current trends in GT strategies.



Certified vs. In Compliance

Teachers who complete the 30-hour training are considered to be "In Compliance" rather than "Certified." Teachers may choose to add the Gifted and Talented Supplemental Certificate onto their teaching certificate if they take the test in the area of gifted education through the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC).

[SBEC Document of Professional Development Qualifications](#)

Expanding GT Programming Options/Services

Student Survey

The Gifted and Talented department is working diligently to expand the GT programming options/services for GT students at the secondary level (grades 6 – 12). We would like to hear from our secondary GT students! This information is very important as we work to build our GT program to meet the needs of our gifted learners.

Students, let your voice be heard by taking a moment to complete the Secondary Student Survey on or before Thursday, November 19, 2020.

We appreciate your support!



to our newest GT Mentorship Partners!

REGEX/SEO

Vaishnav Krishnan

MDPhD, Department of Neurology,
Baylor College of Medicine



A collection of acorns and a single orange maple leaf are positioned at the top left and top right of the page, respectively. The background of the entire page is a textured, reddish-brown surface that resembles a canyon wall.

Being Thankful

amidst difficulty

No matter the plans or the meal on November 26, gratefulness requires neither a holiday nor the best of times. Helping your child focus on gratitude can create a positive mindset as well as ease worry and anxiety.

Middle School

Perspective taking is a skill that builds a growing understanding of abstract concepts like compassion and gratitude. Students who are able to understand another's point of view are able to interpret the wants, needs, and motivations of others; learn to be considerate of others' feelings, and apply perspective to their own lives.

[Strategies for Developing Perspective](#)

Elementary

It's important to take time to recognize and appreciate things in life, but what happens when you don't really feel that grateful at all, or have difficulty connecting with the concept of being thankful? If your gifted child is finding it difficult to connect with the concept of gratitude, here are some ideas to help you.

[Gifted Gratitude](#)

High School

We rarely stop to think about what giving gratitude to others does for us. It turns out, giving gratitude has multiple psychological benefits. Positive Psychology outlines the ways you can cultivate your gratitude and grow from the brain benefits.

[The Benefits of Gratitude](#)

Parents

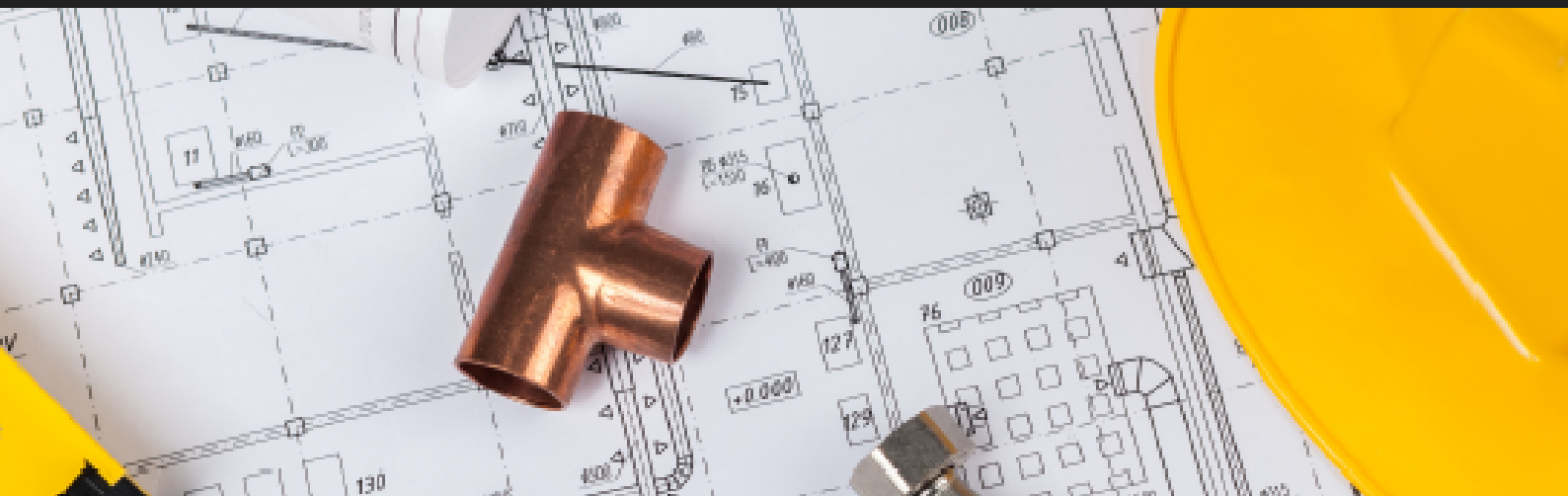
UC Berkeley's Greater Good Science Center is one you will want to bookmark regardless of your chil(ren)'s ages. The GGSC is focused on the links between gratitude and happiness, as well as emotional intelligence, social capital, and mind/body connections.

[Greater Good Science Center](#)



FBISD FAMILY CHALLENGE SERIES

NOVEMBER CHALLENGE THEME: DESIGN ON A DIME



This month GT families will have the opportunity to increase active learning by using creativity, problem solving, and analytical and critical thinking skills to design and build a 3D structure.



**[CLICK HERE](#) TO REGISTER ON OR BEFORE
NOVEMBER 6, 2020**

**VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS:
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020 VIA TWITTER**

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