



Please join other parents of gifted children in a

Guided Reading of ***Guiding The Gifted Child: A Practical Source For Parents and Teachers***

By Webb, Meckstroth, and Tolan

Meet with a group of parents for 8 consecutive weeks beginning **January 19th, 2012** ending **March 8th, 2012** to discuss issues of giftedness. We will meet on Thursday afternoons from 12:30 - 2:00. (If there is enough interest, we may also run an evening group.) The location for these get-togethers is still being finalized, but will be in the Hinsdale/Clarendon Hills area.

Each week we will read one or two chapters of the book *Guiding the Gifted Child: A Practical Source For Parents and Teachers* and discuss them as a group. Additional readings from the gifted press will be provided. We will cover a variety of topics relevant to raising gifted children, such as maintaining motivation and enthusiasm, avoiding underachievement, coping with intensity, perfectionism, stress, idealism, and depression, making and keeping friends, handling siblings, and more.

The cost for participation will be \$50, which will be used primarily to pay for materials. Additionally, each participant will need to acquire a copy of the book, which is readily available from Amazon in both new and used form.

This guided reading will be facilitated by GECO volunteer Newenka DuMont, the mother of two gifted girls, now in eighth grade and college. She is the founding president of the Gifted Education Cooperative, the Illinois liaison for SENG (Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted), and a member of the Illinois Association for Gifted Children. She has volunteered on IAGC's advocacy and affiliates committees, has spoken at IAGC annual conferences and organized IAGC's first *Please Don't Leave Our Children Behind Day* in Springfield. A trained SENG model parent group facilitator, Newenka has been leading guided reading groups for us since 2003. This year she will be ably assisted by Julie Olsen, the mother of a gifted 3rd grader.

If you are interested in participating or in receiving more information, please email Newenka at Newenka@ArvaMont.com by December 9th, 2011. The group size will be limited to 12 people, on a first come, first served basis with members of GECO receiving a preference until November 30, 2011. Parents from other communities are welcome to participate. We need at least 8 people to form a group.