



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 (almost) consecutive weeks beginning the week of ***January 11th, 2011 ending the week of March 7th, 2011*** to discuss issues of giftedness. (We will not meet the week of the IAGC convention - Feb 7th.) We will meet either on Tuesday evenings from 7 - 9 or Thursday afternoons from 12:30 - 2:30. The location for these get-togethers is still being finalized, but will be in the Hinsdale 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 to pay for materials (mostly photocopies of relevant articles) and facilities. Additionally, each participant will need to acquire a copy of the book, which while out of print is still readily available from Amazon in both new and used form.

This year's guided reading will be facilitated by Newenka DuMont, the mother of two very different gifted children in seventh and twelfth grades. She is the founding president of the Gifted Education Cooperative and is this year's GECO New Parent Education Chair. She also is a member of the Illinois Association for Gifted Children, 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. She has been leading guided reading groups for us since 2003.

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