

# KCS GT Update

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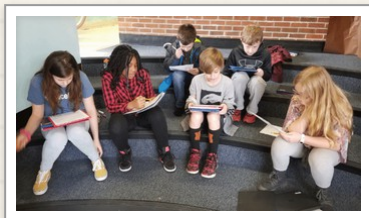
## GREETINGS!

We hope this newsletter finds you well. We wanted to provide you with additional resources, strategies, and links. We look forward to seeing you soon. Keep enjoying your summer!

## KCS GT PARENT WEBSITE

Here is the [link](#) to the Knox County GT Parent Website. There are many great articles to browse. Let us know if you have any questions.

## GT IN KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS



DEEP THINKING

TECHNOLOGY USAGE

GROUP WORK

## DOES YOUR GIFTED CHILD HAVE PERFECTIONIST TENDENCIES?

Want a practical guide for parenting your child in those times they feel they are "never good enough"? Check out Gifted Guru, Lisa Van Gemert's *Perfectionism*.

"Lisa Van Gemert is your guide out of Perfectionland! She intimately knows the challenges of perfectionism and gives inspiration and a roadmap for a life filled with joy, while still pursuing your personal best. The stories and strategies in these pages can literally transform lives and allow those you care about to accept who they are and live fully while embracing life's journey."

~Dan Peters, Ph.D. // Clinical Psychologist and author of *Making Your Worrier a Warrior*

<https://www.giftedguru.com/books/perfectionism/>

## ARTS INTEGRATION

Arts Integration is an approach to teaching in which students construct and demonstrate understanding through an art form. Students engage in a creative process that connects an art form and another subject area and meets evolving objectives in both.

Arts integration is crucial to creating well-rounded, well-prepared learners and leaders. Here are some reasons why:

1. Working in the arts helps learners to develop creative problem-solving skills.
2. Teaching through the arts can present difficult concepts visually, making them easier to understand.
3. Art instruction helps children with the development of motor skills, language skills, social skills, decision-making, risk-taking, and inventiveness.
4. Visual arts teach learners about color, layout, perspective, and balance; all techniques that are necessary for presentations (visual, digital) of academic work.
5. Integrating art with other disciplines reaches students who might not otherwise be engaged in classwork.
6. Arts experiences boost critical thinking, teaching students to take the time to be more careful and thorough in how they observe the world.
7. The arts provide challenges for learners at all levels.
8. Art education connects students with their own culture as well as with the wider world.

Parents, for more information, check out this quick video that explains how new studies link the arts to crucial cognitive skills.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1D69mKyndEY#action=share>



# SUMMER RESOURCES

**Perplexor puzzles** categorize information and lists clues below. By using the "cross-out-and-circle" technique, you will practice logical thinking in order to find the correct answer. Click [here](#) for more logical puzzles.

Love completing the Soduko puzzles? Give this [site](#) a try.

Still wanting more? Here are some reading and math activities. Click to download the appropriate grade.



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# PARENT RESOURCES

## [MetKids](#)

The Metropolitan Museum of Art has created a website where kids can explore the museum's content. There are interactive maps, videos, a "time machine" that takes kids back in time to when article of the museum were made. The site even has ideas for art projects at home.

## [Khan Academy](#)

Khan Academy is teaching kids to code. They have self-paced courses in JavaScript, HTML/CSS, and SQL. Each topic has one-hour introductions. It also has thorough directions for adults helping their kids learn to code.

## SENG

The SENNG (“Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted”) has a library with a wide variety of resources for parents. Some of the topics include equity and inclusion, supporting peer relationships, and helping gifted children understand their emotions.



## KCS GT DEPARTMENT

 @KCSGifted

*The KCS Gifted and Talented department strives to create a SAFE environment for each other, our teachers, students, schools and parents where we value Support, Advocacy, Flexibility, and Empathy.*

*As instructional coaches, we will meet each teacher where they are as we seek to create a SHIFT in service delivery and instructional practice in order for every teacher to feel confident in providing challenging and engaging instruction requiring students to persevere through complex tasks.*

*As gifted practitioners, we will meet each student where they are as we seek to create a SHIFT in student efficacy in order for every student to feel confident in participating in complex tasks, advocating for themselves, and utilizing a growth mindset.*

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