

**Gifted & Talented (GT) Program
School District of Bonduel**

Dear Parents,

No one knows your child like you do! Therefore, we are writing this letter to ask for your help in providing information on observations and characteristics you see in your child at home. Although work that your child does in school gives us many opportunities to observe his/her strengths and areas of interest, the activities and behaviors he/she chooses at home can give us further insight and help us to understand your child's learning needs.

Listed below are some differences between a "bright child" and a "gifted learner" (Janice Szabos, *Challenge*). The list below does not describe all the traits and attitudes of gifted children, as all children are diverse in their characteristics; however, it is a good reference of distinguishing characteristics. **If, after reading the characteristics below you feel your child fits the description of a gifted learner, please complete the forms entitled "Knowing My Child" and return them to the school office.**

Multiple criteria will be used in the identification process. Parent nomination is just one of the criteria. Your input and thoughts provide vital information.

Bright Child	Gifted Learner
Knows the answers	Asks the questions
Is interested	Is highly curious
Is attentive	Is mentally and physically involved
Has good ideas	Has wild, silly ideas
Works hard	Plays around, yet tests well
Answers the questions	Discusses in detail; elaborates
Top group	Beyond the group
Listens with interest	Shows strong feelings and opinions
Learns with ease	Already knows
6-8 repetitions for mastery	1-2 repetitions for mastery
Understands ideas	Constructs abstractions
Enjoys peers	Prefers adults
Grasps the meaning	Draws inferences
Completes assignments	Initiates projects
Is receptive	Is intense
Copies accurately	Creates new designs
Enjoys school	Enjoys learning
Absorbs information	Manipulates information
Technician	Inventor
Good memorizer	Good guesser
Prefers straightforward tasks	Thrives on complexity
Is alert	Is keenly observant
Is pleased with own learning	Is highly self-critical

If you have any questions, or are uncertain as to whether you should complete the form, please do not hesitate to call. I can be reached at (715) 758-4810.

Sincerely,

Peggy Jones, Elementary Principal - GT Coordinator