



# December 2008 Newsletter

## CASE for Gifted Children

Support Organization for  
CCISD Gifted Students, Families and Educators  
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## Gift Ideas



Looking for some engaging gifts for your GT child?  
Try these suggestions:

**Toys:** Snap Circuits, Tanagrams, Fractiles, Zome

**Games:** Blokus, Qwirkle, Muggins, Mancala, SET, Apples to Apples Kids, Brain Benders, Rumis, Rush Hour

**Computer games:** Descartes Cove (*advanced math game from Johns Hopkins University - \$150 for 6 CD-ROMS*), Clue Finders, Zoombinis, Civilization, Age of Empires, Sims.

Also see recommendations by the National Association for Gifted Children [in this article](#).

Retailers for many of these toys and games can be found on Hoagies shopping page (<http://hoagiesgifted.org/shop.htm>). Also purchases made through this page help support the Hoagies website, one of the most valuable resources available to gifted parents and educators.



## Book Corner

*For Students:*

[G Is for Googol: A Math Alphabet Book](#) by David Schwartz

Entries include abacus, binary, cubit, diamond ("There are no diamonds in math. We put diamond in this book so you would know it doesn't belong here"), exponent, Fibonacci, googol, y-axis, and zillion.

[The Mysterious Benedict Society](#) by Trenton Lee Stewart

After Reynie Muldoon responds to an advertisement recruiting "gifted children looking for special opportunities," he finds himself in a world of mystery and adventure...

*For Parents:*

[A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children](#) by James T. Webb, Janet L. Gore, Edward R. Amend & Arlene R. DeVries

Raising a gifted child is both a joy and a challenge... guides parents through all the phases and possibilities of the gifted child, including underachievement, sensitivities, twice exceptionalities, friendships, siblings, schools, identification, and much more!

*Additional book recommendations for GT children and their parents can be found on Hoagie s "Hot Topics" page ([http://hoagiesgifted.org/hot\\_topics.htm](http://hoagiesgifted.org/hot_topics.htm)) and "Books on Gifted Topics" page ([http://hoagiesgifted.org/gifted\\_books.htm](http://hoagiesgifted.org/gifted_books.htm)).*



Armand Bayou Nature Center's Winter Camp ([www.abnc.org](http://www.abnc.org))  
Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, December 29-31

Space Center Houston Holiday Camps ([www.spacecenter.org/daycamps.html](http://www.spacecenter.org/daycamps.html))  
5-14 year olds, December 22-January 2

**Next CASE Meeting**

February 12, 2009 – Summer Educational Opportunities and TAGT Scholarships

**We need Parent Liaisons for the following schools:**

*Elementary Schools* – Armand Bayou, Bauerschlag, Bay, Clear Lake City, Falcon Pass, Ferguson, Gilmore, Goforth, Greene, Hall, Hyde, Landolt, Robinson, Ross, Stewart, Ward, Whitcomb

*All High Schools and Intermediate Schools except Westbrook*

**50/50**

*Join CASE today!*

If your school achieves **50%** membership in CASE we will make a donation to your school to support the GT program.

**Membership**

**Drive**

Elementary – 50% membership / \$50

Omega – 50% membership / \$50

GT High School Classes – 50% membership / \$50

WAVE – 50% membership per grade level / \$500

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**CASE Membership Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name(s)/Grade Level(s)/School(s) Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

I'd be happy to help with: \_\_\_\_\_

*To join please complete the form below and mail it, along with your check for \$10, to:*

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