

A GIFTED MINUTE



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Gifted Enrichment Schoology Group

Each student is linked to a Gifted Enrichment Schoology **GROUP**. They are able to message and interact with me weekly. I share resources on our Schoology Group and hold discussion board posts. **Make sure to check out our resource folder for enrichment opportunities.** Feel free to share with me their final products! You can e-mail me their final product or the student can send it to me via Schoology. They can also share out their projects directly on our Schoology Group.

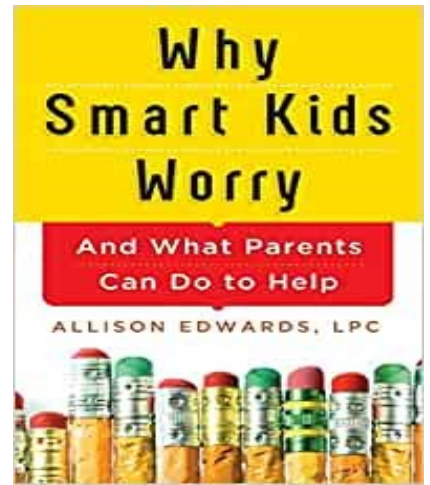
Students have been provided weekly **enrichment/ time management opportunities** via Wide Open School. Check their gifted Schoology Group. **It is updated every week!**

Elementary: When I meet with Elementary students, a few of our hot topics are: communication skills, critical thinking skills, and kindness.

Middle School: I am here for additional support for the students, you, and their teachers! I sent out surveys focusing on Study Skills in the Schoology group.

We are celebrating December by posting Kindness on Schoology. December is great month to reflect on kindness. During our "What's Up Wednesday" discussion posts, students shared out one thing they could do to stretch their heart a bit wider. Jane Goodall stated, "What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." Students reflected and shared out on Schoology. I enjoyed seeing their responses.

BOOK OF THE MONTH



POSITIVE Thought of the Month

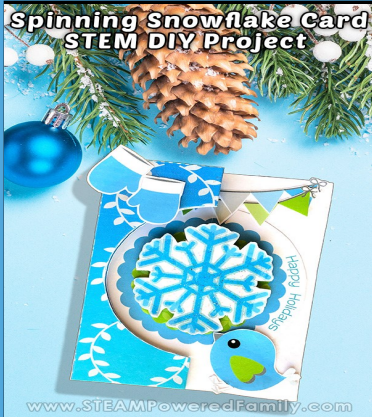




GPAC: Families, if you have not yet had an opportunity to view the December GPAC presentation, you can view it here: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/ese/gifted/meetings/>

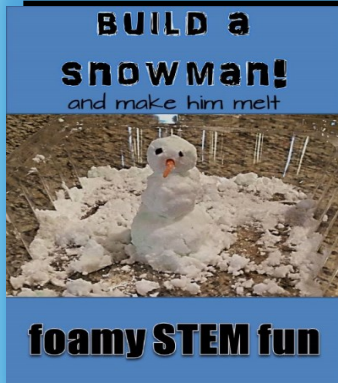
(October links are still visible, and December link has been added).

[STEM/STEAM Challenges December \(Found on Schoology\)](#)



The Spinning Snowflake Card STEAM Challenge: Engineering & Physics

Have you ever thought about designing a card that has moving parts? Check out this Spinning Snowflake Card! On Schoology, you will find the Spinning Snowflake Card pdf (with directions), just in case you would like to print it out and try their design. You can also create your own design! If your student decides to take this challenge, I would love to see a picture or video of your final product!



Build a Snowman (Foamy STEM Fun)

If you are looking for a fun activity to do at home with your student, consider building a snowman! This foamy STEM challenge might just be what your family needs. You will find the instructions (recipe) on Schoology.



MARBLE RUN

Cardboard. Sticky tape. Marbles. Can you build a run that keeps the marble going for at least a minute? This challenge is out there on Schoology! Students can watch the video and see how Dyson engineers tackle the problem, including an impressive run made from Dyson parts! I have also attached the Dyson engineers document to our Schoology post that explains the whole process.