

# Newsletter

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## Clarity

### **Can my learner be gifted and also have a learning disability?**

Yes! This is called twice-exceptionality and is fairly common throughout the gifted community. Sometimes, gifted learners may also be dyslexic, ADHD/ADD, autistic, or experience another disability along with their giftedness.

While these learners may experience learning differently, it doesn't mean that they are any less gifted than their peers. It simply means that they have specific needs that should be acknowledged and addressed. To learn more about neurodiversity, check out these two resources:

Gifted and Distractible (book) by Julie Skolnick  
Neurodiversity Podcast with Emily Kircher-Morris

## Community

Participate in enrichment programs offered by libraries or museums, such as workshops, special exhibits, or lectures that align with your child's interests. Find out what is being offered by contacting your local library, the chamber of commerce, or local universities.

## Content

Whole grade screeners for Gifted testing are given toward the end of the month in 2nd and 5th grade classes. This is just one way that students can qualify for Gifted services in Reading, Math and Superior Cognitive Ability. Try your best on the test!

## Challenge

Challenge your learner to create a Rube Goldberg machine that will ultimately provide water for plants. A great way to start on this project would be to learn more about Rube Goldberg through visiting <https://www.rubegoldberg.org/>.