

October 3, 2012  
#GeniusHour Chat Archive



[gallit z](#) RT [@JoyKirr](#): RT [@JoyKirr](#): [@gallit z](#) Thanks everyone! It's always fun to hear others' ideas and share the excitement! Dive into the [#geniushour](#) convo ... -7:08 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) [@gallit z](#) Thanks everyone! It's always fun to hear others' ideas and share the excitement! Dive into the [#geniushour](#) convo anytime! -7:06 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



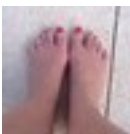
[gallit z](#) :D RT [@heather briske](#): [#geniushour](#) thanks everyone I learned a lot!! not so scared anymore. [#geniushour](#) -7:06 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) [@mrsdporte](#) I'll love to see the post! So excited for you and them! [#geniushour](#) -7:05 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit z](#) The archive will be up on <http://t.co/Sa8RibZY> soon! Have a good night all...and thanks again [@joykirr](#) [#geniushour](#) -7:05 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[heather briske](#) [#geniushour](#) thanks everyone I learned a lot!! not so scared anymore. -7:05 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[beverleybunker](#) Thanks [@gallit\\_z](#) and [@joykirr](#) for organizing a great chat! Lots of ideas [#Geniushour](#) -7:05 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



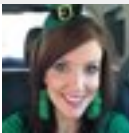
[JoyKirr](#) [@beverlybunker](#) I like the idea of students creating own goals and assessing themselves or reflecting for [#geniushour](#) Contracts could work. -7:03 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside](#) My tweetdeck went a bit loopy at the end of [#geniushour](#) just now! Great chat! -7:03 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) Love chatting w you all!  
“[@RobynThiessen](#): [@joykirr@gallit\\_z](#) Fabulous as always everyone, thanks for the inspiration![#geniushour](#)” -7:03 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[mrsdporte](#) [@JoyKirr](#) I am doing [#geniushour](#) with my 2nd graders. Last week was our first time and it was great. I will be blogging about it this weekend -7:03 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[sapphkat](#) Thx that was awesome! My own [#geniushour](#) tonight. Anyone doing pro-D for this Oct. 19? -7:02 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) [@gallit\\_z](#) Yikes! TY [@gallit\\_z](#) [@mrsdkrebs](#) for being the catalysts for [#geniushour](#) & gap creating the space for ideas!<http://t.co/zs13SdYc> -7:02 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen](#) [@joykirr](#) [@gallit\\_z](#) Fabulous as always everyone, thanks for the inspiration! [#geniushour](#) -7:02 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside](#) [@joykirr](#) I will have limit of 3, but would prefer they work individually. [#geniushour](#) -7:02 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) If u have a min can u chk out [@mrsdkrebs](#)blog?<http://t.co/07MjtulC> [#geniushour](#) -7:01 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



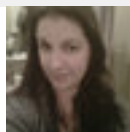
[beverleybunker](#) Was also thinking of having sts make contracts as a group to outline work ethic criteria. Thoughts? [#Geniushour](#) -7:01 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) [@RobynThiessen](#) Personally, I like 1-2, but that's because mine is not a true [#geniushour](#) . My students have to read to find their inspir. -7:00 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) Well folks, hard to believe, but the hr is up already! Thx to [@JoyKirr](#) for asking some great Qs & moderating tonight![#geniushour](#) -7:00 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[sapphkat](#) [@gallit\\_z](#) [@JoyKirr](#) Also do you have them share learning individually or as a group? [#geniushour](#) -7:00 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[beverleybunker](#) [@RobynThiessen](#) I like 3 or less as well – less room for lack of participation [#Geniushour](#) –7:00 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[thereadingzone](#) I teach at a magnet-like school and we have a [#geniushour](#) type project for freshman. I love it! <http://t.co/5h1nhwH0> –7:00 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen](#) [@joykirr](#) I think that 3 or less is optimal What do you think? [#geniushour](#) –6:59 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



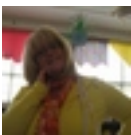
[gallit z](#) I say groups of 1–4. Others? RT [@JoyKirr](#): Going back to [@sapphkat](#) question – Do you put limits on amount of students in a group? [#geniushour](#) –6:58 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit z](#) Agreed, need to always think abt the why&why are we doing this& hve sts thnk abt their why2, Love it...y'all have the best ideas! [#geniushour](#) –6:58 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



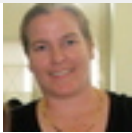
[JoyKirr](#) Going back to [@sapphkat](#) question – Do you put limits on amount of students in a group? [#geniushour](#) –6:57 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



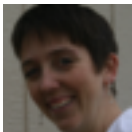
[RobynThiessen](#) RT [@gallit z](#): MT [@JoyKirr](#) :Fabulous idea! "Good to have 1–1 conferences for [#geniushour](#) to see how theyll share learning." [#geniushour](#) –6:57 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit z](#) MT [@JoyKirr](#): "Good to have 1-1 conferences for [#geniushour](#) to see how theyll share learning." [#geniushour](#) - 6:56 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



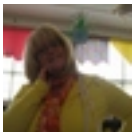
[KatyGartside](#) RT [@RobynThiessen](#): [@joykirr](#) we are learning to keep our WHY in mind, maybe that could be part of the project..not just 'cause [#geniushour](#) -6:55 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



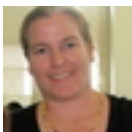
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[beverleybunker](#) Yes! RT [@JoyKirr](#) Hard to picture when students surprise you! Good to have 1-1 conferences for GH to see how they'll share learni [#Geniushour](#) -6:54 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen](#) [@joykirr](#) we are learning to keep our WHY in mind, maybe that could be part of the project..not just 'cause [#geniushour](#) -6:54 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside](#) [@heather\\_briske](#) my demo of learning is will be pretty much any form-we brainstormed possibilities, &they cn negotiate with me [#geniushour](#) -6:54 PM Oct 3rd, 2012

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[sapphkat](#) Awesome!!"[@beverleybunker](#): [@sapphkat](#) I had some wanting to cook, sew, make a website and learn about teaching! [#Geniushour](#)"-6:53 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) [@heather\\_briske](#) Hard to picture when students surprise you! Good to have 1-1 conferences for [#geniushour](#) to see how they'll share learning. -6:53 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



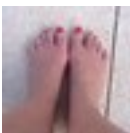
[beverleybunker](#) [@heather\\_briske](#) Mine will need some guidance on this one like make a video, share a process/strategy, keep a journal [#Geniushour](#) -6:53 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit z](#) IMO [#geniushour](#) can be about anything that interests them...a Q about how something works, a model, research into an area of int, etc [#geniushour](#) -6:52 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[sapphkat](#) Do you put limits to amount of students in a group? [#geniushour](#) -6:51 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[heather\\_briske](#) [#geniushour](#) so GH a demonstration of learning? In any form? Just trying to picture what it will look like -6:51 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[beverleybunker @sapphkat](#) I had some wanting to cook, sew, make a website and learn about teaching! [#Geniushour](#) -6:51 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr @heather\\_briske](#) Depends on what [#geniushour](#) means to you. My students have to show learning in some way, shape or form. Varies for teachers. -6:51 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside](#) RT [@gallit\\_z](#): RT [@gallit\\_z](#): I don't think so...they r all diff RT [@heather\\_briske](#): [#Geniushour](#) is a geniushour project something that has to be proven ... -6:49 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[heather\\_briske @JoyKirr](#) demo? [#geniushour](#) -6:49 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[sapphkat](#) So far I kids want to make rockets, volcanoes, dance, do a distance drawiing. Some got tired of waiting and started at home.[#geniushour](#) -6:49 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[beverleybunker @heather\\_briske](#) I would think not, that would be too limiting [#Geniushour](#) -6:49 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside @RobynThiessen](#) i had a look at it but it was months ago. i should go look again! [#geniushour](#) -6:49 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) I don't think so...they r all diff  
RT [@heather\\_briske](#):[#Geniushour](#) is a geniushour project something that has to be proven? [#geniushour](#) -6:48 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) [@heather\\_briske](#) What do you mean by "proven"? [#geniushour](#) -6:48 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen](#) [@heather\\_briske](#) I dont think so st. can even make discoveries around baking [#geniushour](#) -6:48 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) We had quite a few great GH prjcts last yr: sts observed diff grades to doc the diffs, making websites, evaluating web 2.0 tools [#geniushour](#) -6:48 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



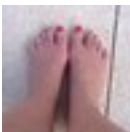
[beverleybunker](#) Do you put a timeframe on GH projects? I was thinking share every 3-4 weeks even if not finished [#Geniushour](#) -6:48 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside](#) [@gallit\\_z](#) thank you! [#geniushour](#) -6:47 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[iowasboy](#) RT [@JoyKirr](#): RT [@JoyKirr](#): I had a student study bullying last year. Brought tears to our eyes. [#geniushour](#) Students wanted her to present to entire 7 ... -6:47 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[heather\\_briske](#) [#Geniushour](#) is a geniushour project something that has to be proven? -6:47 PM Oct 3rd, 2012





[KatyGartside](#) [@sapphkat](#) thanks I'll check [#geniushour](#) -6:46 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) I had a student study bullying last year. Brought tears to our eyes. [#geniushour](#) Students wanted her to present to entire 7th grade. But no. -6:46 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside](#) [@RobynThiessen](#) [@gallit\\_z](#) I've used edublogs before but it's hard work for indiv blogs. Great for class blog [#geniushour](#) -6:46 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) [@KatyGartside](#) I think there is one on <http://t.co/OlbHcBYG#geniushour> -6:46 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen](#) [@katygartside](#) have you tried Popplet [#geniushour](#) -6:45 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[sapphkat](#) [@KatyGartside](#) I know I saw one. I think on [#geniushour](#) wiki-6:45 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) Maybe a question before the "best [#geniushour](#) project" is... Who's actually seen some come through successfully? -6:45 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[sapphkat](#) [@KatyGartside](#) I do, not super structured at this point, but they like having a place to write. Last yr's kids were more active. [#geniushour](#) -6:44 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside](#) does anyone have a planning sheet they use with their kids? something to guide their planning? [#geniushour](#) -6:44 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) [@KatyGartside](#) [@hughtheteacher](#) and I use kidblogs, but seperate frm GH [#geniushour](#) -6:44 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) Interesting Q...there have been many cool ones...RT [@heather\\_briske](#): whats the best genius hour project you have seen? [#geniushour](#) -6:43 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[heather\\_briske](#) what's the best genius hour project you have seen? [#geniushour](#) -6:43 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside](#) do you use kidblogs? [#geniushour](#) -6:42 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside](#) they were SUPER excited when they got their notebooks. Bright red faux leather covers & 'proper' sketch paper! [#geniushour](#) -6:42 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) Yeah! [@sapphkat](#): [@gallit\\_z](#) maybe I will bite the bullet and start [#geniushour](#) next week. Make a rubric and go for it." -6:42 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen](#) [@joykirr](#) I'm lucky, mine have never had grades [#geniushour](#) -6:42 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



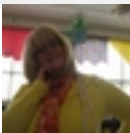
[gallit z](#) [@heather briske](#) we still use a rubric, a creativity/problem solving one! [@mrsdkrebs](#) put it on the wiki <http://t.co/Sa8RibZY#geniushour> -6:42 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) [@heather briske](#) If they need a rubric, have them create one. :- ) It could work, or at least focus them on their goals. [#geniushour](#) -6:41 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



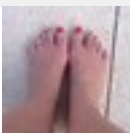
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[RobynThiessen](#) [@katygartside](#) m students have Passion portfolios that have pockets to hold their "stuff" and their thinking [#geniushour](#) -6:41 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) [@gallit z](#) I think it's hard for our middle school students to break away from grades. [#geniushour](#) [#ingrained](#) -6:40 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[heather briske](#) [@gallit z](#) [#geniushour](#). I am afraid my kids will ask for the rubric! -6:40 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[beverleybunker](#) [@gallit\\_z](#) I agree! Often hard to get parents away from grades too [#Geniushour](#) -6:40 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen](#) [@katygartside](#) digital, they all have blogs to upload to [#geniushour](#) -6:39 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) The ideas flowing in for [#geniushour](#) will make for a great archive! -6:39 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



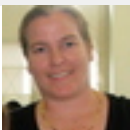
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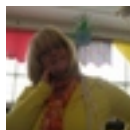
[gallit\\_z](#) [@sapphkat](#) They need to plan what to bring ahead of time...they know when GH will be so they can get ready for it! [#geniushour](#) -6:39 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) I am trying to get my sts to focus on the learning, and not the grades...it is hard though! [#geniushour](#) -6:39 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside](#) my class have a special passion project notebook that they sketch, make notes & observations in. [#geniushour](#) -6:38 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



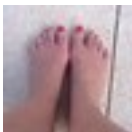
[RobynThiessen](#) [@sapphkat](#) we use iP@d2s and I have borrowed district cameras as well [#geniushour](#) -6:38 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



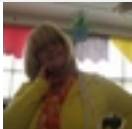
[sapphkat](#) When you start [#geniushour](#) do you just tell them to bring their stuff and go for it? Or any rules around it? -6:38 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[beverleybunker](#) With iPads they could share directly to school/class site or blog - great idea! [#Geniushour](#) -6:38 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[heather briske @gallit z #geniushour](#) self reflection is the key. They will get a lot out of that -6:37 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen @joykirr](#) my students are only 8 and 9 I don't believe in letter grades for them but will need to do some for other subjects..[#geniushour](#) -6:37 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside @RobynThiessen](#) digital or paper? [#geniushour](#) -6:37 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[sapphkat @RobynThiessen](#) love this idea! Do u use cameras or ipods?[#geniushour](#) -6:36 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



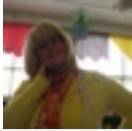
[JoyKirr @RobynTheissen](#) Photojournaling - great idea! I've been doing this, but would be good for students to do. [#geniushour](#) -6:36 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit z](#) I love the idea of documenting the process of their inq projects on their ePortfolio...reflecting is so valuable! [#geniushour](#)-6:36 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) [@RobynThiessen](#) [@KatyGartside](#) So excited about no grading for you for [#geniushour](#) ! -6:35 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



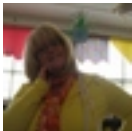
[RobynThiessen](#) [@gallit\\_z](#) we are doing a lot of photojournaling![#geniushour](#) -6:34 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside](#) they will probably post about it on their portfolios, but won't be required [#geniushour](#) -6:34 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



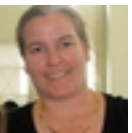
[beverleybunker](#) Thinking now though I will likely assess their sharing as oral language is so key in FRIM! [#Geniushour](#) -6:34 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen](#) [@joykirr](#) nope, my admin is totally supportive of all my ideas! [#geniushour](#) -6:33 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) Yes!!! "[@beverleybunker](#): [@gallit\\_z](#) Like the idea of self assessment and eportfolios of their work though [#Geniushour](#)" -6:33 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside](#) [@JoyKirr](#) no -but we don't have any grades K-5. they only start in 6th. my admin has been in during the session & likes it![#geniushour](#) -6:33 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



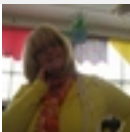
[sapphkat](#) [@JoyKirr](#) sure that is fine! I stole some of them from there to begin with then hit google on rest. [#geniushour](#) -6:33 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[beverleybunker](#) [@gallit\\_z](#) Like the idea of self assessment and eportfolios of their work though [#Geniushour](#) -6:33 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) RT [@JoyKirr](#): RT [@JoyKirr](#): [@gallit\\_z](#) I, too, have students self-assess. They set own goals. [#geniushour](#) -6:32 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen](#) [@gallit\\_z](#) I like the idea of self assessment, working with others, staying focused etc [#geniushour](#) -6:32 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[sapphkat](#) Will prob have them make a rubric and then also give comments on presenting skills, as well as being on task and group work. [#geniushour](#) -6:32 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[beverleybunker](#) [@gallit\\_z](#) [@joykirr](#) I won't give grades don't want to interfere with learning enjoyment [#Geniushour](#) -6:32 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) [@gallit\\_z](#) I, too, have students self-assess. They set own goals. [#geniushour](#) -6:32 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



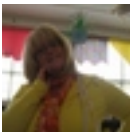
[JoyKirr](#) [@katygartside](#) [@RobynThiessen](#) Do you find you have to defend your grading for [#geniushour](#) with administration? -6:31 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit z](#) Any other thoughts on grading? I have sts self assess...RT [@RobynThiessen](#): [@joykirr](#) Im not going to grade [#geniushour](#) -6:31 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) [@sapphkat](#) OOOH! Can I add your links to the [#geniushour](#) wiki student resources page - under "inspiration"? -6:30 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen](#) [@heather\\_briske](#) go for it! It's loud and can be messy and scary for the st too. The dont understand anything [#geniushour](#)-6:29 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[beverleybunker](#) Like whole class idea for inquiry practice and also for teamwork/exploring options [#Geniushour](#) -6:29 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit z](#) RT [@JoyKirr](#): Has anyone thought of grades or absence of grades for [#geniushour](#) time &/or projects? [#geniushour](#) -6:28 PM Oct 3rd, 2012





[KatyGartside](#) [@JoyKirr](#) i'm for no grades. I want them to do it for enjoyment & learning not a grade. then it's truly theirs & not for me. [#geniushour](#) -6:28 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen](#) [@joykirr](#) I'm not going to grade [#geniushour](#) -6:27 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[sapphkat](#) [@RobynThiessen](#) <http://t.co/FmErJAa6> I put them on the side. [#geniushour](#) links I used for kids today and google. -6:27 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) [@sapphkat](#) Jump in! Learn with them about how [#geniushour](#) will go. -6:27 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[heather\\_briske](#) [@sapphkat](#) [#geniushour](#) me too! -6:27 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) [@heather\\_briske](#) do one as a class first, maybe? [#geniushour](#) that's what I am doing this yr! -6:27 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) [@hughtheteacher](#) This was my fun [#geniushour](#) planned time for me this summer <http://t.co/Q9VxBGTv> I shared this with kids, too. :-)-6:26 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



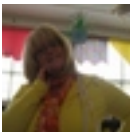
[beverleybunker @sapphkat](#) I feel the same way... Got them all excited/thinking and now am feeling a bit lost. [#Geniushour](#) -6:26 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[beverleybunker @JoyKirr](#) I'm sure an adaptation of that letter would be great! Very inspiring. [#Geniushour](#) -6:25 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[sapphkat](#) I am a little afraid to start [#geniushour](#) although kids are stoked according to their blogs and convos. They keep asking when.- 6:25 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen @sapphkat](#) would love to know about your links![#geniushour](#) - 6:25 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) Has anyone thought of grades or absence of grades for [#geniushour](#) time &/or projects? -6:25 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit z](#) Love that you used this as inspiration!  
RT [@JoyKirr:#geniushour](#) Apple employee letter - <http://t.co/EVe61hMS#geniushour> -6:25 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[hughtheteacher @beverleybunker](#) figuring out stop motion video was another example of [#geniushour](#) thinking I demonstrated for my students -6:24 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit z](#) Modelling how to ask an inquiry Q and plan a project is huge! [#geniushour](#) -6:24 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen @joykirr](#) my project is going to be about growing a square pumpkin [#geniushour](#) Working with my favourite farmers on this one! -6:24 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr #geniushour](#) Apple employee letter - <http://t.co/ahBE5ist> -6:23 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside](#) i might add something to class site wth some photos of the kids in action so far. nt sure how many actually look at site tho![#geniushour](#) -6:23 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[sapphkat](#) Had kids explore other ideas of creativity/genius today in partners on computer. I linked a bunch of links to our blog.[#geniushour](#) -6:23 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[beverleybunker @hughtheteacher](#) Good point - think that will be important w my group this year! [#Geniushour](#) -6:22 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) [@JoyKirr](#) cool! would love to see it [#geniushour](#) -6:22 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen](#) [@gallit\\_z](#) no letter for me, just explained about inquiry instead [#geniushour](#) -6:22 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



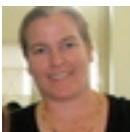
[heather\\_briske](#) Thanks [#joykirr](#) [#geniushour](#). Can I use it too? -6:22 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) RT [@hughtheteacher](#): RT [@hughtheteacher](#): [@gallit\\_z](#) one last idea... modeling your own [#geniushour](#) project thinking with your students... for example last yea ... -6:21 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[beverleybunker](#) I included a blurb about it in our parent email update, but not an official letter [#Geniushour](#) -6:21 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside](#) no, i just talked about it at curric night. got a good response from families. [#geniushour](#) -6:21 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[sapphkat](#) [@JoyKirr](#) awesome idea! I like that prezi is something that you can continue to add to. [#geniushour](#) -6:21 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) [@gallit\\_z](#) I just did the letter to students - an adaptation of the Apple employee letter. [#geniushour](#) I'll try to find it... -6:21 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen @sapphkat](#) Prezi is an amazing visual tool! Congrats on your learning! [#geniushour](#) -6:21 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[hughtheteacher @gallit\\_z](#) one last idea... modeling your own [#geniushour](#) project thinking with your students... for example last year this was twitter 4 me -6:20 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



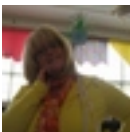
[KatyGartside](#) agree -i'd love to read it RT [@gallit\\_z](#): [@sapphkat](#) you should blog abt how you intro'd it! Sounds like you did an awesome job! [#geniushour](#) -6:20 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr @KatyGartside](#) GREAT! Then you've got your next step for guided [#geniushour](#) - Have students collectively come up with next idea! -6:20 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) I talked to the parents abt GH at meet the teacher, but no official letter or anything...does anyone do a letter home? [#geniushour](#) -6:20 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen @mrsdkrebs](#) You inspire me! <http://t.co/KdcvSPNj#geniushour> -6:20 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[sapphkat @beverleybunker](#) I had some info about what it was, Dan Pink's video, Caine's arcade, examples from other classes, ways to share. [#geniushour](#) -6:19 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr @sapphkat](#) Next year, you'll have to add pics from this year to your Prezi for inspiration for [#geniushour](#) ! :-)

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[gallit\\_z @sapphkat](#) you should blog about how you intro'd it! It sounds like you did an awesome job! [#geniushour](#) -6:19 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside @JoyKirr](#) I did- for this 1st proj i wanted them to focus on working together & the 'no right answer' idea [#geniushour](#) -6:18 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[heather\\_briske](#) [#geniushour](#) any parent info out there to outline genius hour? Working with esl parents -6:18 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[beverleybunker @sapphkat](#) What did u include in ur prezi? Explaining genius hour or examples...? [#Geniushour](#) -6:17 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z @hughtheteacher](#) see you later! [#geniushour](#) -6:17 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) So what I have heard so far: intro w wonder/passion wall, guided GH, videos like Caine's arcade, etc, prezi, and chatting abt it [#geniushour](#) -6:17 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[hughtheteacher](#) we are going to our local library... fun times! [#geniushour](#) -6:17 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) [@hughtheteacher](#) Good night! [#geniushour](#) -6:17 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) [@sapphkat](#) Yes, we used Caine's Arcade the second week of introduction. Seems like no one can resist! [#geniushour](#) Good job with your Prezi! -6:16 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



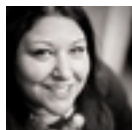
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[hughtheteacher](#) sorry [#geniushour](#) chatters... pj story time calls my 2 young ones... have to bolt... will check in on chat archives after they are in bed -6:15 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[sapphkat](#) I made a prezi to introduce [#geniushour](#) to the kids. I was so proud of myself. It was my personal genius hour. LOL! Love Caine's Arcade. -6:15 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) FYI everyone, if you are wondering where [@mrsdkrebs](#) is...she has an imp meeting, she will try to drop by soon! [#geniushour](#) -6:15 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



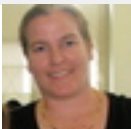
[beverleybunker](#) [@KatyGartside](#) did the students come up w that idea? [#Geniushour](#) -6:15 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) [@KatyGartside](#) Did you decide the goal of wind-powered vehicles or did the students? [#geniushour](#) -6:15 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit z](#) [@heather\\_briske](#) what grade are you teaching? Have you started it yet? [#geniushour](#) -6:14 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside](#) oh thanks! will look for some videos to share with mine. [#geniushour](#) -6:14 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit z](#) [@sappkat](#) fabulous! I love all the ways people are coming up with... [@joykirr](#), I think we need to add a page to the wiki! [#geniushour](#) -6:14 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) [@RobynThiessen](#) Okay, Robyn, where's the blog post about your Global Handshakes? ;- ) Do share! [#geniushour](#) -6:13 PM Oct 3rd, 2012

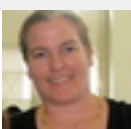


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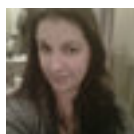
[gallit z](#) [@RobynThiessen](#) OMG....I LOVE IT [#geniushour](#) -6:13 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



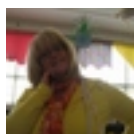
[KatyGartside](#) ours is a guided team one first. They are designing &



building wind powered vehicles that can carry 12 marbles. then we'll test [#geniushour](#) -6:13 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[sapphkat](#) I set up a wonder wall too for [#geniushour](#), we watched videos and brainstormed ideas. There are some kids invention videos from Ellen show. -6:12 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen @gallit\\_z](#) st. wore this shirt today to honour genius hour and Ivan <http://t.co/07MErwpc> [#geniushour](#) [#GRAloud](#) -6:12 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



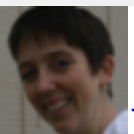
[JoyKirr](#) One thing you can "take home" tonight - the [#geniushour](#) wiki that [@gallit\\_z](#) & [@mrsdkrebs](#) set up! <http://t.co/zs13SdYc> -6:12 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



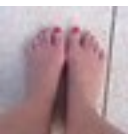
[gallit\\_z @beverleybunker](#) yes! Though I need to do a better job modeling it!! [#geniushour](#) -6:12 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



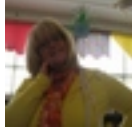
[beverleybunker @gallit\\_z](#) Are students free to add to the passion wall @ any time? [#Geniushour](#) -6:12 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr @heather\\_briske](#) Welcome! We hope you get a "take-home" from [#geniushour](#) , too! -6:11 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[heather\\_briske](#) Like the wonder wall idea. Tried with the blog, but didn't get what I wanted [#geniushour](#) -6:11 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen](#) [@joykirr](#) they are doing ME projects, it links to our Personal Global Handshakes for [#flatclass](#) [#geniushour](#) -6:11 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) [@hughtheteacher](#) and I set up a "I wonder..." wall and a "Our passions" wall this yr...still intro'ing to the class [#geniushour](#) -6:10 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) I believe [@mrsdporte](#) is also doing a guided [#geniushour](#) with her little ones (1st or 2nd grade\$ -6:10 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) Great! MT [@KatyGartside](#): this wk they are brainstorming ideas w parents 4 their indiv proj. Then share, post on wall & add ideas [#geniushour](#) -6:10 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[heather\\_briske](#) [#geniushour](#) looking forward to discussions here tonite.... Hoping for inspiration -6:09 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[beverleybunker](#) [@JoyKirr](#) [@gallit\\_z](#) I'll have to try the wonder wall... Hadn't thought of that. [#Geniushour](#) -6:09 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



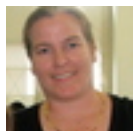
[JoyKirr](#) [@RobynThiessen](#) I think guided is a great waybtobstart[#geniushour](#) . Students aren't used to this type of open choice. -6:09 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) Guided [#geniushour](#) as a starting pnt sounds like a great idea! [#geniushour](#) -6:09 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



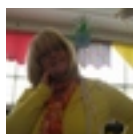
[JoyKirr](#) I hear Wonder Walls work wonderfully for kicking off discussions! [#geniushour](#) -6:08 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside](#) this week they are brainstorming ideas with parents for their indiv proj. Then we'll share, post on wall & they can add ideas [#geniushour](#) -6:08 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



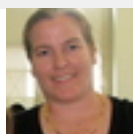
[JoyKirr](#) [@hughtheteacher](#) I asked students for passions and problems. We brainstormed. [#geniushour](#) <http://t.co/AGsjWrZZ> -6:08 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen](#) RT [@JoyKirr](#) great so far st are doing a guided genius hour to start. They were overwhelmed by the thought of anything [#geniushour](#) -6:07 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) [@beverleybunker](#) We created a wonderwall to get them to think about what they wanted to inquire into...what did everyone else do? [#geniushour](#) -6:06 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[KatyGartside](#) my class are enjoying passion project time so far- wind powered vehicles being constructed. Love the conversations I'm hearing! [#geniushour](#) -6:06 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen](#) we had [#geniushour](#) in my gr 3/4 class today, our second one! -6:05 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z @hughtheteacher](#) and I LOVED doing [#geniushour](#) with the kids last year...we haven't intro'd it to this new grp yet, plan to soon! [#geniushour](#) -6:05 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[beverleybunker @gallit\\_z](#) I introduced it and they were super excited but am struggling with how to get them started.[#Geniushour](#) -6:05 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) Happy to see you again [@RobynThiessen](#) ! How is [#geniushour](#) going in your class this year? -6:05 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[hughtheteacher](#) How did you kick off [#geniushour](#) this year? [@JoyKirr@gallit\\_z @mrskrebs](#) -6:05 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[hughtheteacher](#) RT [@JoyKirr](#): RT [@JoyKirr: @gallit\\_z & @mrskrebs](#) gave me the name of [#geniushour](#) for what I was trying to do. So very awesome. -6:04 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen @gallit\\_z @mrskrebs](#) Ready to go! [#geniushour](#) -6:04 PM Oct 3rd, 2012

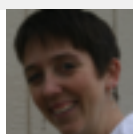


[JoyKirr @beverleybunker](#) Welcome! Are you trying something

like [#geniushour](#) PBL in French class? -6:04 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) Hi [@beverleybunker](#) :) Have you tried [#geniushour](#) with your class yet? [#geniushour](#) -6:04 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



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[beverleybunker](#) This is my first [#geniushour](#) chat. I teach grade 7 French immersion in [#sd36learn](#) [#Geniushour](#) -6:03 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) I should've said [#geniushour](#) is my favorite part of the week, since it's all on one day! -6:02 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) [@JoyKirr](#) will be co-moderating today :) Yay! [#geniushour](#) -6:02 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[JoyKirr](#) Hello from IL! My chats for the next hour will be devoted to [#geniushour](#) - my favorite part of the day! :-D -6:01 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



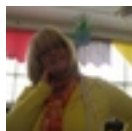
[gallit\\_z](#) If you are here for the chat, introduce yourself and don't forget to use the hashtag [#geniushour](#) -6:01 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) [@RobynThiessen](#) Glad you are joining us! Even if we have to share you! [#geniushour](#) -6:01 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[gallit\\_z](#) Hello everyone! For the next hour my tweets will be about [#geniushour](#) in the classroom...I am using tweetchat! Join us :) [#geniushour](#) -6:00 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[RobynThiessen](#) [@wonderopolis](#) [@gallit\\_z](#) My 2 favourite chats tonight [#wonderchat](#) and [#geniushour](#) Hope I can keep up! [#sd36learn](#) [#edchat](#) -6:00 PM Oct 3rd, 2012



[ktvee](#) RT [@mrsdkrebs](#): Don't miss [#geniushour](#) chat this evening. At 8 pm CST. Follow the hashtag [#geniushour](#). -6:00 PM Oct 3rd, 2012