Characteristics of the "Bright Child" and the "Gifted Learner"

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

Enjoy his peers Prefers adults, older children

Grasps the meaning Draws inferences, goes beyond

Completes assignments Initiates assignments

Is receptive Is intense

Copies accurately Creates a new design

Enjoys school Enjoys learning

Absorbs information Manipulates information

Technician Inventor

Good memorizer Good guesser

Is alert Is keenly observant

Is pleased with own learning Is highly self-critical

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