## Common Myths and Misconceptions About Gifted Children and Gifted Education By Sylvia Rimm, Ph. D.

- 1. A high IQ score is the only important measure of giftedness.
- 2. Gifted children often know more than their parents and teachers.
- 3. Gifted children always learn to read early and on their own.
- 4. Good memories are a sure sign of giftedness.
- 5. If children are gifted, all school work is easy.
- 6. When gifted children say they're bored, it always means the work is too easy.
- 7. Gifted kids have poor coordination and can't do sports.
- 8. Gifted kids typically have problems making friends.
- 9. Gifted kids' behavior problems are caused by their giftedness.
- 10. Grade skipping and acceleration cause gifted children to become social misfits.