

Home-School Connection #12

12.4.14

Write a thought provoking question for each of the two items on this side.



THE ART OF THE HOME/SCHOOL CONNECTION: Home/School Connections are supposed to be about having a conversation. A good conversation should make people think, learn and enjoy themselves. Your parent is not supposed to ask and then you answer like some kind of checklist. It is supposed to be a two way street. If you treat it like a chore, it will be a chore. If you give energy, you will get energy. Think about the circumstances it takes to have a good conversation. What are they? When you do the HSC, are you creating this environment? If yes, perhaps you can share these ideas with the class. If not, what might you do to make it go better?

HMMM: As we get closer to the new year, it is time to think about how we're doing and goals we have for ourselves. This week, rather than a Friday Triday, I want you to discuss the quote on the top of our class webpage: It says: **"Better is possible. It does not take genius. It takes diligence. It takes moral clarity. It takes ingenuity. And above all, it takes a willingness to try."** — Atul Gawande

Please talk about this quote with your parent. Go over each of the words and discuss what you think they mean. As you do this, talk about something that is harder for you than other things. Do you feel that other people are just naturally good at it and you are not? Or, do you see them working at it? What is something that you wish you enjoyed more? What practical steps could you do to get better at it? Ask your parent if there is something they would like to do better.

Pick at least 5 of the items below to discuss. Check the ones you did. Write down one statement and one question for at least 3 of the items below.

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- FRACTIONS- Equivalent, Ordering, Adding and Fraction Games:
 - VERBS- Action Verbs, Helping Verbs, The Verb To Be and Subject/Verb Agreement
 - PERSUASIVE PARAGRAPHS & YOUR RENOWNED REVOLUTIONARY FAMILY MEMBER:
 - WEB-NES-DAY- What did you and your peers do this week?
 - POLICE SAFETY MARCHES
 - BOOK FAIR & WONDERING ABOUT THE TREE BEING CUT
 - TIME FOR KIDS- Bats, Salamanders, and other articles
 - INTERVIEWS, DREAM SPACE, RESEARCH POSTERS, TOUR GUIDES -FINAL DRAFTS.. What must be done to make your work go from being rough to a final draft?
 - CHINESE, ART, P.E., CONSERVATORY, MUSIC
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Topic: _____

Statement:

Question:

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Due: Monday: We made a time to do this on:_____ Parent Signature &

Comments:

Student Rating (1-5) Please say why and which topics lead to the most in-depth discussions.