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From the Editor's Desk

Ms. Venita Christiana J

Vice Principal

Warm Greetings!

It seems like we just dived into a new academic year and surprisingly, here we are in November. Six months gone and we were able to wade through these months, sometimes with laughter, faded hurts and tears, excitements and challenges.

November is a month devoted to celebrating children. Why are children celebrated? How do children differ from adults? In the most important lessons about faith and humility, children are the protagonists. Children are valuable and worthy of love and protection. Childlike faith is unique which is a trusting belief in God without doubt or cynicism.

Children are believed to embrace humility and teachability. Children often have a purity and innocence that adults can lose as they grow older. Adults should learn to recapture it. Children tend to trust easily, while adults can become cynical and suspicious. Children love without judgment or reservation. Children are humble and recognize their dependence on others. Adults must learn to humble themselves and adopt a childlike attitude of dependence on God. This makes us understand that adults have to rediscover these qualities within themselves and live with a renewed sense of wonder, trust, and humility.

While all of us believe that grown-ups are the ones who teach children, I would like to provide a different perspective. Most of the time, adults – may it be the teachers, parents, grandparents or relatives – tend to cause the children to grow up quickly. We expect the children to behave like us. From all that I had mentioned above about the pristine qualities of children, isn't it evident that we should learn to be like children than them like us?

As we celebrate the Children's Day, let it also be the celebration of the unconditional love, humility, trust and wonder. Let these childlike qualities be unleashed by the adults thus showing the children the importance of being a child as long as it should take.

Happiest Children's Day wishes to my dear children and the inner child in every grown up.





THE BEAUTY OF TWOS

Ms.Sanchana Navaneethakrishnan
Chair Person

Good and evil, ups and downs, positive and negative, advantages and disadvantages, strength and weakness, happiness and sorrow, love and hatred, kindness and meanness, dawn and dusk, the list is endless just like yours and mine.

Yours and mine?

Your story and my story. Then there is the true story which meets the two somewhere. All of us have beliefs, opinions, principles, justifications and they are unlike another, making the same story distinct. Actually the true story is, both are equally valuable and the trick here is to hit the balance.



Both?

Yes, the twos we know, like the two sides of the coin.

What am I really trying to say here?

Well, the end of something is the beginning of another, those matters that once made you cry would be silly a couple of years later, the thing you value the most isn't a constant.

Does that mean that we should never really care?

No, it is important at that moment, but don't prolong the moment for too long only to regret later. That is all.





My Dear Children

We are getting closer to the board examinations. Now, I will tell you whether marks matter or not. Marks alone will not determine what the future holds for you. It is the determination, discipline, commitment, consistency and most of all your willpower that you develop during these exam preparations, that will carve the beautiful features of your life.

Marks could get you to the next step in your academics and just that much, which will not even matter in later years but the efforts you had taken to achieve it will shape the kind of person you are and that my dear children, will take you places.

Of course there will be distractions, tiredness, boredom and such, you cannot simply ignore them because they are valuable other side of the twos we already know, so you need to address them.

The key is simple, strike the balance. If you are distracted in your own thoughts, sit down and write about it for 15 minutes and it will peace out. If you feel bored, play your favourite sport for 10-15 minutes and now you have killed the boredom. If you feel tired, take a Power Nap for 15-20 minutes and get up promptly to really get the power from the nap. You know it children, so much better than me.

At last if your smart phone is troubling you, trust me you are not going to miss out on anything even if you see it after 6 months. The world, people, incidents, trends, and every other thing will just be the same, except you who would be better than before. You will know it.

It's your time now to make the best out of you.

So, let me tell you why I called it "the beauty of two". Well, without one you can't value the other. Just like success and struggle, victory and sweat, and all the above never ending twos.

True beauty. Search no where, it is within you.

HAPPY CHILDREN'S DAY!



INVESTING IN TOMORROW, THE VALUE OF CHILDREN'S DAY

Mrs.Lily Princy
Principal

Children's Day is a special day celebrated in India on 14th November every year on the birthday of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who was called "Chacha Nehru" for his love and affection towards children. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru believed that children are the future of this great nation. It is essential to nurture and educate them to become responsible citizens. This is not just a celebration, but also a reminder of the importance of supporting children's rights and welfare.

Significance of Children's Day:

Social Significance:

- Raises awareness about children's rights and welfare
- Bonding between parents and children
- Strengthening the love and bond between children and teachers
- Encourages children's holistic development
- Community involvement in children's development

Emotional Significance:

- Promotes emotional well-being and resilience
- Encourages self-expression and creativity
- Fosters a sense of belonging and connection



National Significance:

Commemorates Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday
Promotes national unity and solidarity
Emphasizes the importance of children's welfare

Psychological Significance:

Boosts self-esteem and confidence
Encourages creativity and imagination
Supports emotional well-being.

Educational Significance:

Emphasizes the importance of education in shaping children's future.
Promotes learning and skill development
Inspires children to become responsible citizens.

Global Significance:

Aligns with the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child
Recognizes children's protection as a deserving right
Celebrates diversity and inclusivity.

Conclusion:

Children's Day is a celebration of children's dreams and aspirations. It's a reminder that children are crucial to the progress of a nation. When we celebrate Children's Day, we reaffirm our commitment towards providing them with a safe, nurturing environment, education, healthcare, and opportunities for holistic development.





Happy Children's Day!

The best way to see the wonders of the world
is through the eyes of a child.

CHILDREN'S DAY WISHS FROM TEACHERS

To My Incredible Students,
Your inspiration fuels my passion daily. I hope your childhood is brimming with awe, curiosity, and a passion for learning. Keep in mind that it's perfectly fine to be playful, to err, and to enjoy yourselves. Wishing you a joyful Children's Day!

Ms.Lakshmishree A B
SCIENCE DEPT.

Happy Children's Day to my students. You are the future of our country. Always be positive and choose to be a star, forever shining in brightness. Every child is a different kind of flower and all together make our Vivekam School a beautiful garden.

Ms.Haripriya C
SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPT.

On this Children's Day, I want you to know,
You are the brightest stars in my classroom show.
Your smiles light up the day, and your laughter fills the air,
You are the future, and I'm proud to be there.
Keep exploring, learning, and growing with glee,
And never lose your sense of wonder, dear students, be free.
HAPPY CHILDREN'S DAY

Ms.Reena Regy P
SCIENCE DEPT.

Happy Children's Day! Let's celebrate the joy of youth, the spark of curiosity, and the limitless potential within each of you. May your journey be filled with wonder, learning and endless possibilities.

Mr.Gokul Chandar
ECONOMICS DEPT.



CHILDREN'S DAY WISHES FROM TEACHERS

Happy Children's Day to all the amazing kids! May your days be filled with laughter, love and learning. Dream big and believe in yourselves – you are capable of incredible things. Keep spreading joy wherever you go. Today and always, remember that you are deeply loved and cherished!

Ms.Akalyameenachi N
MATH DEPT.

Happy Children's Day to our young achievers! Dream big! Don't let self-doubt hold you back from chasing your dreams. Believe in you and start chasing your dreams today and NEVER GIVE UP!

Ms.Igneshia
ENGLISH DEPT.

Dear Vivekamites,
Children's Day wishes to each one of you. Have a wonderful day. We celebrate you. Enjoy being a child. Childhood is a celebration everyday, not only on November 14th.

Childhood bestows you with a
Celebration everyday
Carefree life free of worries
Conundrum filled with surprises

Special wishes to my very own children of grade 11B. I am fortunate to be your teacher. I love teaching you, just being with you, your naughtiness and to listen to your talk which is (I would like to term it as) gibberish.

Happy Children's Day, have a blessed life!

Ms.Mary Florence V
ENGLISH DEPT.

Children are the buds in the Garden of Education. Let every child blossom with knowledge and respect. May all your dreams be as big as your imagination and may you have the courage to chase them.

Wish you all a joyful Children's Day!

Ms.Jebastilda E
LIBRARIAN



CHILDREN'S DAY WISHES FROM TEACHERS

Can Children change our lives? I know you have changed mine for better, in so many ways. You have brought me to question and to answer, to gain confidence and clarity. You have helped me heal, it was a much needed catharsis. I am grateful for that, for every listener on this journey, who helped me become a better teacher. The magical realm of joy and happiness is only when we are together. I hope with all my heart to discover more learning, more joy and more celebration along with your fresh and curious minds.

Happy Children's Day to all of you!

Ms.Revathi B Varma
SENIOR ACADEMIC COORDINATOR

To the little dreamers with big aspirations,
Never stop believing in yourself. You are the future, and the world is counting on you. Keep dreaming big, keep learning, and keep shining.

Happy Children's Day

Ms. Nivetha M
NURSERY DEPT.

It's not a 'Maybe', Let it be 'May'

- May you never compare your strength to anyone else.
- May there be room for clarity and calm, to rest and renew.
- May you allow yourself to find meaning in both simple and profound experiences.
- May you stay curious and keep paying attention to all the beautiful things that come your way.
- May your presence matter, even in the simplest way.
- May you be free to embrace your heart and flow everyday.

I wish MAY all the good things come your way.

Happy Children's Day!

Ms.Mercy Angel
NURSERY DEPT.



CHILDREN'S DAY WISHES FROM TEACHERS

May your dreams soar high and your heart be filled with happiness. Always be grateful for the little things in life. Remember, everyday is a new opportunity to learn and grow.
Happy Children's Day!

Ms.Vidya R
ENGLISH DEPT.

Children's Day Wishes!
To the Shining Stars of Vivekam!
Always believe in yourself. As you play and explore the world, remember that kindness and respect are the greatest gifts you can give to others.
Happy Children's Day!

Ms.Dharshini R
ENGLISH DEPT.

Happy Children's Day to all the Incredible Students!
Today and everyday, I celebrate your uniqueness, perseverance and talent. Remember, your life's journey is uniquely crafted for success.
Embrace your individuality, lift each other up and pursue your passions with purpose. You're unstoppable! Keep shining your light!

Ms.Monikasree R
COMP. SCI. DEPT.

To my beloved students,
Happy Children's Day!
Every day, you brighten the classroom.
You are the gleaming beacon of the future.
Continue to study, grow and explore in every way.

Ms.Anusuya Eswari
MATH DEPT.



CHILDREN'S DAY WISDOM FROM TEACHERS

When my students shared their dreams, struggles, and the only few opportunities to develop essential life skills, I knew I had to take action. Their honest reflections and persistent curiosity ignited a spark within me to create an institute that would empower young minds.

Witnessing their thirst for hands-on learning, creative expression, and real-world problem-solving, I realized the importance of nurturing the whole person, not just academic achievement. This realization became the driving force behind my decision to embark on this meaningful journey - to build an Education Learning Studio that fosters the development of creative, adaptable, and emotionally intelligent individuals, ready to thrive in an ever-changing world.

You inspired me to become what I am today.

Happy Children's Day.

Ms. Mana Swetha M
**(Educator & Trainer - Cambridge, Clinical Psychology Consultant,
Art Therapist, Creative Life Coach)**
**Personality Development Educator at Vivekam Sr. Sec. CBSE
School**
Founder and CEO of EFTAPEI







Hamara Desh!

Mr.Gokul Chandar – PGT Economics

Amazing facts about our country

1. Largest Democracy:

India is the world's largest democracy, with over a billion citizens.

2. Spice Capital:

India is the world's largest producer of spices, contributing significantly to global cuisines.

3. Yoga Origin:

Yoga, a practice for physical, mental, and spiritual well-being, originated in ancient India.

4. Wildlife Sanctuary:

India is home to diverse wildlife, including tigers, elephants, rhinos, and a variety of birds, with numerous national parks and wildlife sanctuaries.

5. Ancient Architecture:

India has a rich architectural heritage, with stunning structures like the Taj Mahal, the Red Fort, and ancient temples.

6. Festivals of Colors:

India celebrates vibrant festivals like Diwali, Holi, and Durga Puja, showcasing its cultural diversity.



7. Languages Galore:

India is a multilingual country, with over 22 official languages and numerous dialects.

8. Tea Paradise:

India is the world's largest tea producer, with Assam and Darjeeling producing some of the finest teas.

9. Ancient Medicine:

Ayurveda, an ancient Indian system of medicine, is still practiced today and is gaining global recognition.

10. Diverse Cuisine:

Indian cuisine is diverse, with regional variations offering a wide range of flavors and spices.

11. Land of Contrasts:

India is a land of contrasts, with bustling cities, serene villages, snow-capped mountains, and tropical beaches.

12. IT Hub:

India is a global leader in the information technology industry, with major tech hubs like Bengaluru and Hyderabad.

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A MOTHER'S HEART

Ms.Dharshini R – Department of English

**The full of night, I sit by your side,
My heart is heavy, filled with fear inside.**

**I hold your hand, I feel your pain,
In this moment, love is my only gain.**

**I think of your laughter, your bright little smile,
Each memory a treasure, through every trial.**

**I pray for your strength, I wish you well,
In my heart, my love will always swell.**

**No matter the struggle, no matter the fight,
I'll be here by you, my love is your light.**



LEARNING BEYOND TEXTBOOKS

Ms.Tharini Srinivassakumar
Theatrical Teacher

How Extracurricular Activities And Life Experiences Enrich Knowledge:

In a world full of new ideas, experiences, and endless possibilities, learning has moved far beyond the pages of textbooks. While books give us knowledge, structure, and direction, real growth often happens outside the classroom, where students can explore their interests, talents, and dreams. Extracurricular activities, such as sports, music, art, and community service, are just as essential to a well-rounded education as the lessons found in any academic subject. Let's explore why stepping outside the comfort zone of textbooks is so valuable.

The Power of Practical Learning:

When students participate in extracurricular activities, they aren't just filling up their schedules—they're gaining real-world skills. Imagine a student who takes up a musical instrument. Beyond learning how to play, they gain discipline through regular practice, patience as they improve, and a sense of accomplishment when they finally master a challenging piece. This hands-on approach builds qualities that no textbook can fully teach.

Similarly, theatricals are far more than just character portrayal or body language and movement. They teach teamwork, resilience, and how to handle wins and losses gracefully. When students step onto the stage or court, they're not just competing; they're learning valuable life lessons about leadership, strategy, and the importance of giving one's best effort.



Building Confidence and Independence:

Exploring life beyond textbooks allows students to discover their strengths and passions. For instance, a student who joins the drama club may uncover a hidden talent for public speaking or acting. This not only builds their self-esteem but also helps them break out of their shell, pushing past insecurities they might feel in the classroom.

Life experiences and extracurricular involvement teach students to trust themselves and make independent decisions. When a student organizes a charity drive or manages a school event, they learn the skills of planning, problem-solving, and responsibility. Each step they take on their own boosts their confidence and prepares them to navigate the challenges of life with a positive, can-do attitude.

Learning the Art of Balance:

Time management is a skill that doesn't come from textbooks but from life experiences. Balancing studies with extracurricular activities teaches students to prioritize and manage their time effectively. A student who is passionate about dance, for instance, learns how to create a schedule that allows for both practice sessions and study time. This skill is invaluable as they grow, helping them succeed academically while pursuing what they love.

Expanding Perspectives and Social Skills:

Interacting with others, sharing ideas, and understanding diverse viewpoints are key parts of learning that aren't usually found in textbooks. When students join clubs or participate in community service, they meet people from different backgrounds, which broadens their understanding of the world. Community service, for example, teaches compassion and empathy. Volunteering helps students see life from others' perspectives, making them more thoughtful and considerate. These experiences encourage students to become active, responsible members of society who value kindness and inclusivity. They learn to work in teams, communicate effectively, and build strong social connections—all of which are essential skills for personal and professional growth.



Turning Failures into Lessons:

One of the most powerful benefits of learning outside textbooks is the chance to face challenges head-on and learn from setbacks. In extracurricular, students often encounter situations where things don't go as planned. Maybe their team loses a crucial game, or their science project doesn't turn out as expected. These experiences teach resilience, adaptability, and the importance of perseverance.

When students realize that failure is just a stepping stone to success, they become more courageous. They start to see challenges not as obstacles but as opportunities to grow. This mindset is a gift that will serve them throughout their lives, reminding them that success often requires learning from mistakes and trying again with even more determination.

Learning with Passion and Purpose:

Most importantly, extracurricular activities and life experiences add passion and joy to learning. These moments remind students that education is not just about memorizing facts and figures; it's about exploring, creating, and making meaningful memories. Whether it's through music, art, sports, or helping others, students find purpose and excitement in these pursuits, which inspires them to become lifelong learners.

CONCLUSION: Embrace the World Beyond Textbooks:

Education is a beautiful journey that unfolds not only within the pages of a book but in the experiences that come from taking on new challenges, meeting people, and pursuing interests. By engaging in extracurricular activities and embracing life beyond textbooks, students gain skills, confidence, and a deeper understanding of themselves and the world. They become individuals who are prepared not only to succeed academically but to make a positive impact on their communities and beyond.

So, let's encourage every student to step outside the classroom, try something new, and embrace the journey of learning through life. After all, the world is a vast, fascinating place, and there's so much more to discover than what's written in any textbook!

Children's Day

Mrs. Mary Florence V
Department of English

A very happy Children's Day to all the children out there.

All of us like children. The way they talk, act and that innocent smile make them lovable and charming. The quote "Children should be seen and not heard", I find has now become a quote of yonder years. We find two categories of children nowadays . One speaking incessantly the other diametrically opposite by not opening up and secluding themselves. Whatever maybe the category we do have to agree that the children of today have bright inquisitive minds and are very much techno-savvy. They know almost everything from operating a mobile to making a recipe, you name it they know it . There is no dearth of knowledge in them. Sometimes we find children not in the childhood phase but rather in the adulthood phase. Imagining themselves to be adults many do not enjoy the pleasantries that come with childhood. Are the adults to be blamed for their plight? In some cases yes. With the parents working hard for monetary benefit the children don the role of being adults doing all sorts of work.

Children of today by large are found wanting morally and ethically. Try telling them that some action of theirs is egregious pat comes the reply that we who give advice are too sanctimonious! I imagine what would have been their reply had they been associated with my father who thought that a television was the coffin box of his children . Children imitate the adults. As parents, teachers and members of the society are we doing everything right? Let's introspect ourselves. Children are brainy, energetic, bright and innocent. With all this they have to be channelized correctly. The children have to be nurtured because they are the hope of tomorrow. The scripture that I read says, "To reach heaven we have to be innocent like a child". They are our treasure. Let's cherish the children and help them to enjoy their childhood.





Students' Articles



MY PARENTS

V. Deekshithaa

V APJ



My parents are my
greatest heroes.
For they help me to
defeat my foes.
Without them I would
not be here.



Letting you know
always they care.

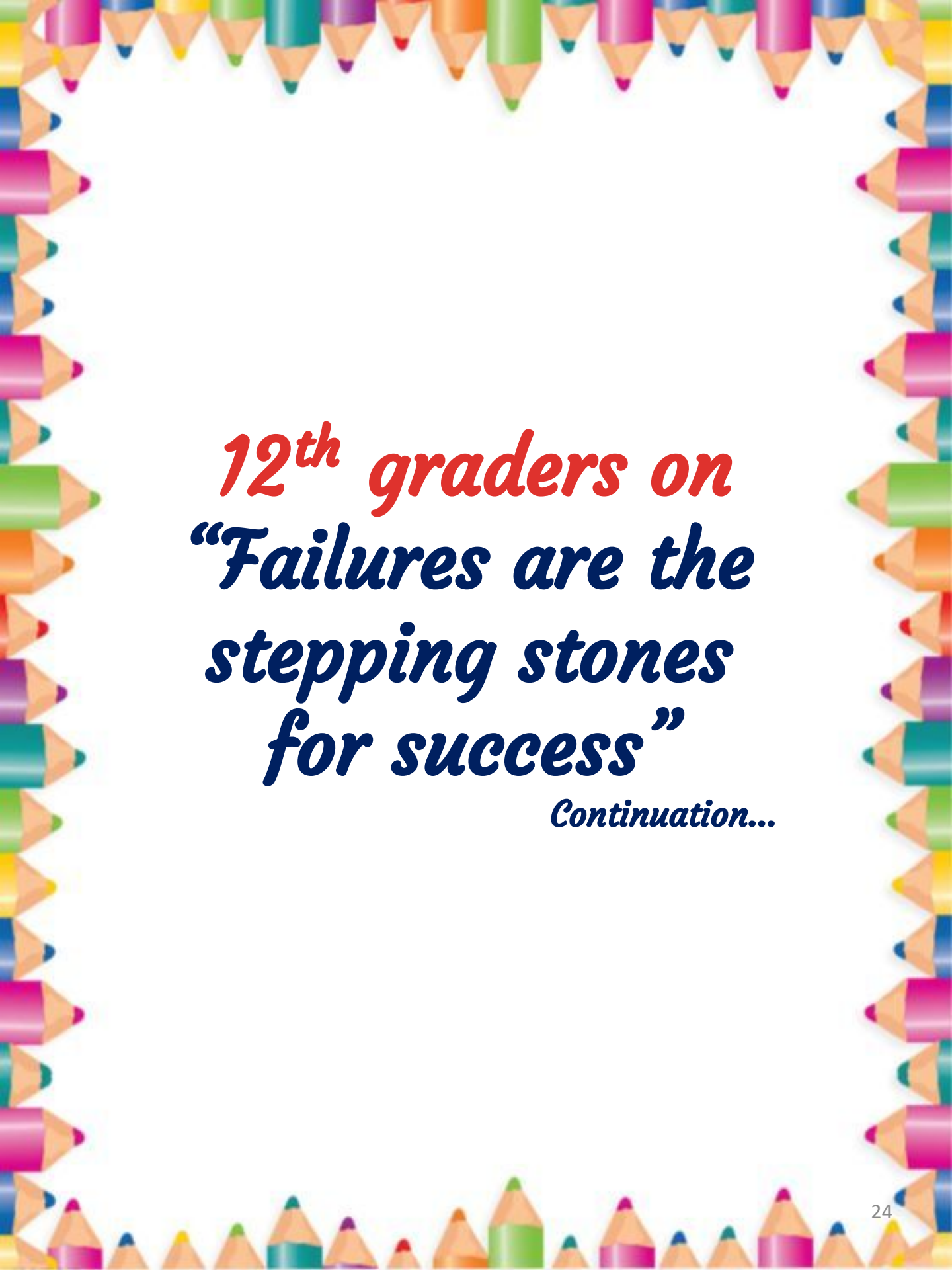
In the darkness
they are the light.

They can make even
the darkest day bright.

Parents will forever
be our friends.

And love us unconditionally
till the end.





*12th graders on
“Failures are the
stepping stones
for success”*

Continuation...

Vismaya Thanmay – XII B

We often perceive failure as something bad. We think it shows us we're the losers and we are incapable of doing something, but in reality failures are the best things that can happen to the person. You can say it is the first step towards your goal.

The CEO of the start up called Juicy Chemistry Cosmetics once said, "Wear your failures as a badge with pride". He started his business in a 10/10 ft kitchen with 5000 bucks. He failed and failed again till he found the right formula for his products. Now he runs a 5 billion dollar company which is the first company to be completely organic and natural. This proves the quote "Failure is not when you fall, but when you don't stand up again". When we fail, it indicates that we are on the right path to success. Only when we fall, we learn. As an old saying does, "Of course, success is sweeter when we work hard". Only when we fail, we get motivated to work hard and rectify our mistakes in the future. Only then do we understand the value of what we have got. We should never feel down because we failed. We should be grateful that we got the opportunity to learn.

Adarsh Mishra - XII B

"Failures are the bricks on which the wall of success firmly stands".

You believe it or not, it's true that never has one got immensely successful without hard work, unless he was born with a golden spoon. Your success doesn't define your hard work behind it. But your failure shows how hard you worked to reach it. People believe one can only be defined through the bank balance but would not be considerate to know how many years one had kept him in dark to get exposed to the warmth and shine of a day. Usually people judge one through his level of exposure and experience. But they don't understand that not everyone gets opportunity to know more and to grow more.

To get deep into success, it feels like an end process, an outcome, a result, an end product but every success has to go through the process of failure. One can understand the relationship between success and failure like a molecule. The outer side is the success that we can see but a failures are the cells that make a molecule.

***World sees the brightness its spreads
Not the warmth it holds to emit light! – A Bulb***

Manusri S – XII A

“Wear the badge of failure with pride” is an attitude that each and every one of us must possess. Failures are not destinations. They are pathway to the journey called success in an infinite game of life. Failure is just about losing today but not the game, so why to worry? Take them as a chance to pause the game, look at others, look at yourself, analyse and resume the game with power. Actually there is nothing called failure. It's either a success or a learning experience. People outside give us the badge of failure when we don't live up to the definition of success, society's success. Live up to your definition of success. Define your success and play the infinite game. Collect the badges thrown at you, wear them with a pride and make your success story taste even more sweeter.

People keep throwing stones at us but it is up to us if we collect them to use it as a weapon in a journey or get harmed by it and become the victim in the journey. Similarly, failures are the stones thrown at us by life. Using them as stepping stones is in your hand.

If you are still not convinced with all these and still feel that you have failed, then what are you waiting for? Just wake up and prove to them that they are wrong.

Pranaav S– XII A

There are many people in the world but only a few of them could succeed in their life. It is not only because we are lazy, but we are wasting our talent by involving in something else like mobile gaming etc. Most of the people's mindset is like “I should not do any work but success should come to my hand, that too in the next minute”. That is totally wrong.

Each and every effort will never fail; even if it fails, turn to be motivated and start working from the scratch. There will be people pulling you down. There will be people teasing. You just let them do anything they wish and you focus. Just move on, the sky is the limit.

“Kill them with your success and bury them with your smile”. Just remember all the pain that you suffer will one day make you happy. All the tears that you shed to the ground will not be washed away, rather plants will grow. Just don't give up. Failures make people stronger. Failures teach you a lot of things. The path that you're travelling will be tough. Do not change the path but rather improve the strength of your feet to withstand it.

Rahul J– XII A

F.A.I.L – The First Attempt In Learning is the foundation of every success. A person can be successful only when he fails.

The statement seems ironical, but it is true. No man in history became successful without facing a failure. Failures teach a man about his mistakes and give him a chance to rectify it in future. Many great leaders were failures in their initial stages of life and became successful later. Consider one of the renowned business man and philanthropist Sir Ratan Tata. He had an aim to manufacture cars indigenously in India. This greater and noble product needed tons of hard work and failures. He never stopped when he failed and Nano a product of Tata groups was one of the biggest flops among the automobiles in India. If he would have made up his mind not to manufacture anymore cars, now, Tata Motors would not have been a successful industry across the globe. Failure taught him lessons. He used them as a bricks to create Tata Empire.

Many people lack in this aspect. When they fail for the first time, they lose their motivation and stop trying. Instead, what should be done is to learn from it and correct ourselves in the later stages of the process. The nature follows a rule, “No pain, no gain”. If a person does not experience the bitterness of failure, he cannot enjoy the sweetness of success. Real failure to a man is ‘not trying to do anything’. Remember one thing, **“Failures are the stepping stones of success”**.

Samra A – XII A

We all know who had invented the bulb. Thomas Alva Edison, he himself failed 999 times in order to discover the bulb and succeeded in the end. When we pursue our dreams and fail at first, never be afraid of it or step back. Only if we had once failed, we will succeed. When we fail at something we understand our mistake and analyse which makes us much more stronger. We should try and try until we succeed. Failure does not mean end of your dreams. It is the just your beginning step to your success story. No great people have succeeded without failures or hardships. We should embrace our journey and we must never lose our hope or stop trying once we fail. As Dr APJ Abdul Kalam said, **“Read the stories of failures rather than reading the success stories as they will make you much more stronger”**. Give rocking come backs and amaze everyone.

When great people pursued their dreams, they had nothing with them. Only the will inside them to rise. When we wish to succeed, there will be a lot of people trying to pull us down and create obstacles for us. We must endure all the pain and continue our work. One day we will definitely succeed. Our hard work never fails, it always pays off. Never tell the people your plan. Just prove it and silence them with your success. If you fail once, never think it's the end. Only if we make mistakes and fail, we will learn from it. It is very hard to take that big first step. But once it is taken , you have broken all the obstacles which becomes a stepping stone for success.

Eglantina Jacob – XII A

Go on, my brother

Effort never dies - Doctor APJ Abdul Kalam

We all would have tried for something at least once in our life. It might even be trying to pluck an apple or crack the country's hardest exam. It varies, but all that matters are our efforts. Failure is not a blocking stone but a stepping stone which leaves you with more knowledge.

Every time you face a failure, it does not mean that you can't do that. It means that you can do it with more perfection the next time. But people find it rebellious to take another chance. Is that all a human mind is? I would like to share one of my experiences about it. One fine day, we had our football match in our school. Everyone was excited about it. We won the first match and I was very satisfied with it because I hit one of the goals and then the second match we lost. But that didn't matter for me because it was an experience for me to learn and correct my mistake. So I think I could improve it in my next match. So try learning through experiences and upgrade yourselves. Nothing is perfect. Everything is imperfect, but the happiness is in finding what we want and what we love. For some, the imperfections may make them happy too. Therefore, for one to achieve success, try, try, try until nothing can stop you from what you want. I hope it was a pleasure reading my article.

Harini P R – XII A

No one will succeed during their first attempt. If they succeed at the first attempt, that won't be long-lasting. It is the bitter truth. Everyone should have to rectify what was the mistake they did in the past. They should gain experience and then work on it. That will automatically lead to success.

First step is that you think and are clear about what you want.

Second step is that you imagine how it's going to work out.

Third step is that your subconscious mind automatically believes that you deserve it.

Fourth step is that you work on it .

Fifth step is the success.

One should have to analyse the trials and errors like Umberto Eco. Everyone in this world deserves to succeed in their life. But their hard work while staying disciplined and rectifying their mistakes, being self-motivated each and every day matters. Confidence also makes a path for success. Just believe in yourself that you can.

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Story Corner



STORY CORNER (ADOPTED)

Building Bridges

Once upon a time, two brothers who lived on adjoining farms fell into conflict. It was the first serious rift in 40 years of farming side by side, sharing machinery, and trading labour and goods as needed without a hitch.

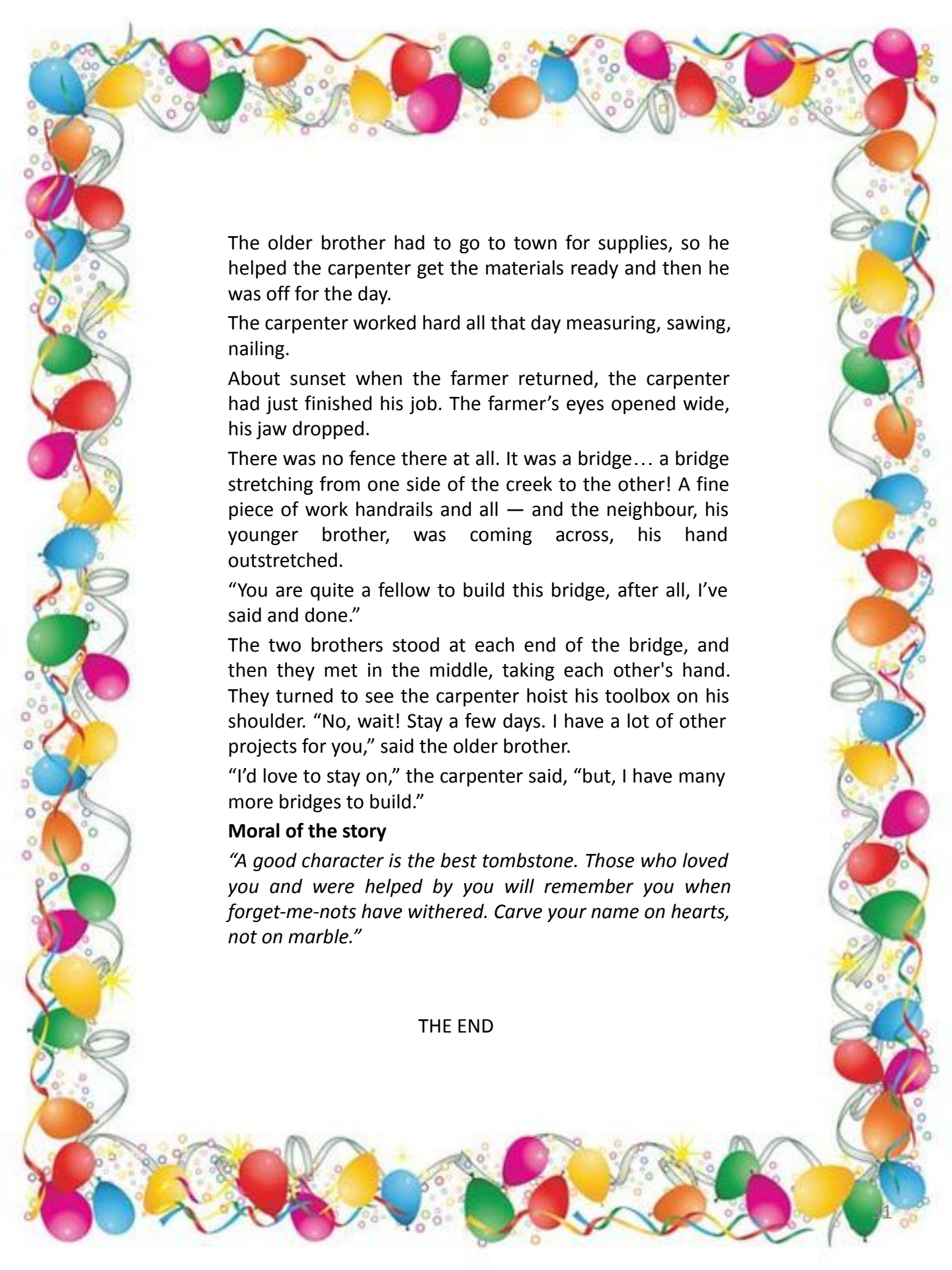
Then the long collaboration fell apart. It began with a small misunderstanding and it grew into a major difference, and finally, it exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by weeks of silence.

One morning there was a knock on John's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. "I'm looking for a few days work," he said.

"Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there. Could I help you?"

"Yes," said the older brother. "I do have a job for you. Look across the creek at that farm. That's my neighbour, in fact, it's my younger brother. Last week there was a meadow between us and he took his bulldozer to the river levee and now there is a creek between us. Well, he may have done this to spite me, but I'll go him one better. See that pile of lumber curing by the barn? I want you to build me a fence — an 8-foot fence — so I won't need to see his place anymore. Cool him down, anyhow."

The carpenter said, "I think I understand the situation. Show me the nails and the post-hole digger and I'll be able to do a job that pleases you."



The older brother had to go to town for supplies, so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready and then he was off for the day.

The carpenter worked hard all that day measuring, sawing, nailing.

About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job. The farmer's eyes opened wide, his jaw dropped.

There was no fence there at all. It was a bridge... a bridge stretching from one side of the creek to the other! A fine piece of work handrails and all — and the neighbour, his younger brother, was coming across, his hand outstretched.

"You are quite a fellow to build this bridge, after all, I've said and done."

The two brothers stood at each end of the bridge, and then they met in the middle, taking each other's hand. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox on his shoulder. "No, wait! Stay a few days. I have a lot of other projects for you," said the older brother.

"I'd love to stay on," the carpenter said, "but, I have many more bridges to build."

Moral of the story

"A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots have withered. Carve your name on hearts, not on marble."

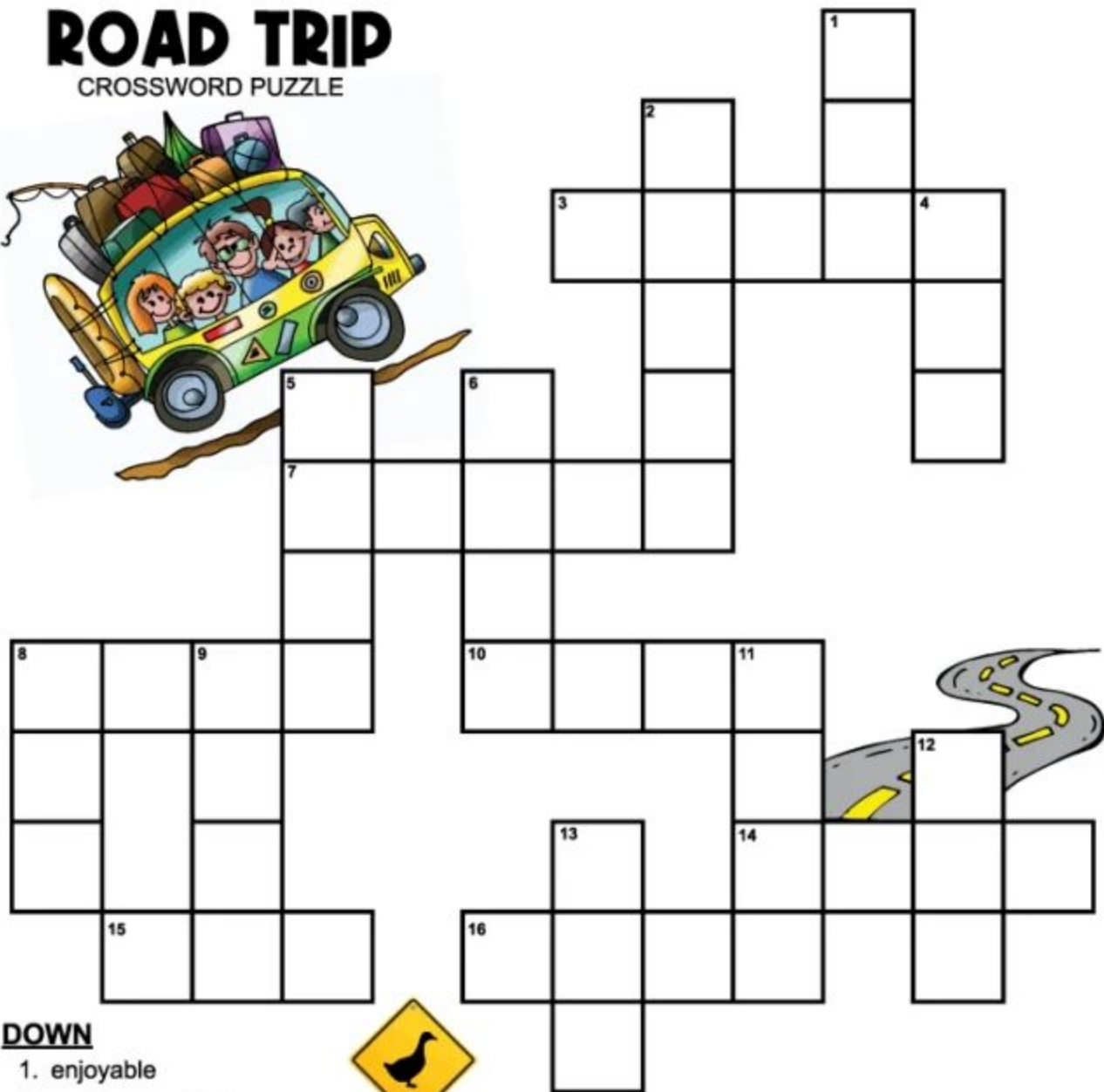
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**SELF
IMPROVEMENT
AND GRAMMAR**

ROAD TRIP

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



DOWN

1. enjoyable
2. past tense of drive
4. a car needs this to run
5. not at home
6. past tense of go
8. a vehicle that has four wheels and an engine
9. when you travel somewhere quickly, you can say that you "made good ____"
11. to leave a car in a particular place
12. a vehicle that is larger than a car
13. a picture showing the roads of an area



ACROSS

3. take something with you
7. "____ are we going?"
8. a place where people live that is larger than a town
10. a journey to a place
14. a hard flat surface for vehicles to travel on
15. Kids often ask: "Are we there ____?"
16. to put things into a bag to take with you

Conversation Dice Game

Instructions:

Roll two dice and then use the chart to determine the question you will answer. If you land on 'Ask any question!', you may ask anyone in the room one of the questions listed instead of answering on this turn.



Talk about your last holiday.

Describe the best teacher you have ever had.

What was the most fun time you have ever had with your family?

Describe the best gift you've ever received.

Describe something funny or interesting you saw.

Talk about something you are good at doing.

Ask any question!

Talk about a game/sport that you enjoy.

Describe what you like to do outdoors.

What are your favourite hobbies?

Would you rather be great at art, music or sports, and why?

Describe something you are afraid of.

Talk about where you live.

Ask any question!

Describe your family.

Talk about something you don't like to do.

Talk about something you want to buy.

Talk about your favourite TV show.

Talk about your favourite animal.

Describe your favourite kind of films.

Ask any question!

Describe your favourite meal.

Talk about your favourite school subject.

Talk about the career (dream job) you want to have when you grow up.

Describe how you will celebrate your next birthday.

Talk about what you would like to do next weekend.

Where would you like to go on holiday next year?

Ask any question!

What are your plans for tomorrow?

Describe your best friend.

Describe what you enjoy doing with your friends.

Describe the qualities that make a good friend.

Where and how did you meet your best friend?

Who makes you laugh, and why?

Ask any question!



Normal

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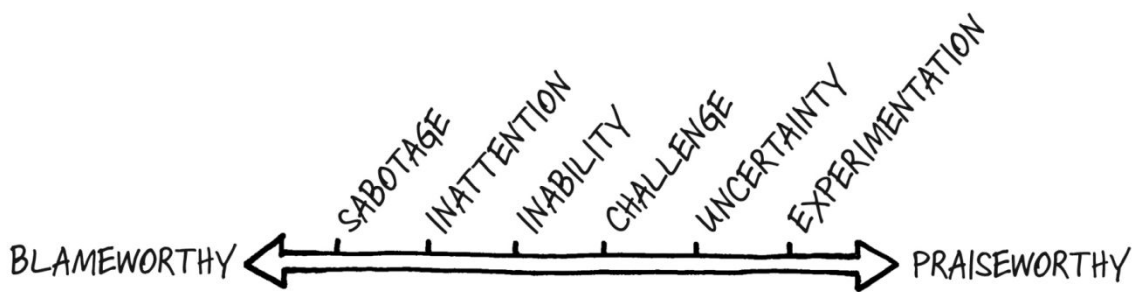
Meet	Catch Up
Hungry	Starving
Very happy	Over the Moon
Very Busy	Swamped
Angry	Pissed off
Very Tired	Exhausted
Fell asleep	Nodded off
Very cold	Freezing
Hurry up	Chop-chop
Good luck	Break a leg
Wasting time	Faffing around
Lucky	Jammy
Secret	Under wraps
Very rarely	Once in a blue moon
Get married	Tie a knot
How are you	How's it going
Not Difficult	Not a Rocket science
Very tired	Worn out
Come	Drop in

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Word Cline

“Kinds of Failures”





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