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The Importance of Education

By Hannah Attasseril

As I was thinking about the importance of education, an old Chinese proverb came to mind. "You give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. You teach a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime."

Education opens the doors to the world around us. It transforms the way we think, breaks down prejudices, helps our careers and contributes to our successes.

On my first day of school, I didn't want to leave my parents, but they kept telling me how important it was to get a good education. Quickly I started to enjoy it. I felt like I was sailing through a sea of new experiences! It helped bring my world into clearer focus. Now that I'm in third grade, I realize what my parents were saying.

I'm grateful to be a citizen of this country that gives much importance to education. Our former president, George Bush started the "No Child Left Behind" program to ensure that every youngster gets an opportunity for an education. Antole France said, "Nine tenths of education is encouragement." This would be impossible without our teachers who put tireless effort and much sacrifice into giving us this precious gift of knowledge.

My grandma always says, "You can lose almost everything you own, but no one can take your education away."