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Douglass Kids Respond to President Obama's Address

Wise Words by Douglass 5th Graders

By Emma

Today we watched President Obama's speech called "MY Education -My Future. During that speech President Obama said, "Just because you are not good at something today, it doesn't mean that you will not be good at it tomorrow." This really spoke out to me. What President Obama said means don't give up because you don't know your talents yet. Don't be afraid to ask questions. I can remember when I was younger and I struggled in math. I asked questions and did not give up. Now math is my favorite subject. What President Obama said spoke to me and I will now follow what he said. My future is in my hands.



By Max

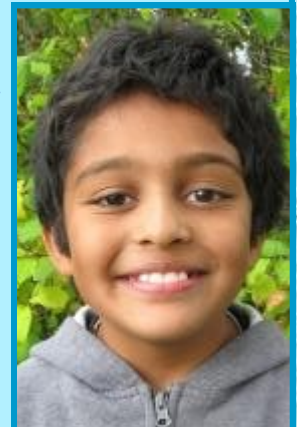
I think the most important point in President Obama's speech was that we need to put in effort. We need to put effort into every-



thing we do and if we don't, we won't get the grades we should be getting. We should always do our best and that's what really counts. We need to work hard and be responsible to get a good education to do anything in sports, math, and science.

By Yash

President Obama's speech was good. He said, " We are in control of our lives and we need to use it wisely because life is precious." If we want to live a good life we need to get a good education. We need to never give up, keep trying, and put effort into our work so we can get good grades and have a good life.



By Grace

President Obama's speech stood out to me in many ways. Those ways go from not bullying to doing your best work. You should try to do your best in everything even if you think, "Oh, that skill won't help me." It might come in handy in the future. He



also talked about the Golden Rule. Treat others the way you want to be treated. Well, that rule is true. Stand up to bullies, do whatever it takes for them to stop bullying. Try your best in everything because everything comes in handy one time or another. Keep working and your goal will come true. Remember, our future is in our hands. We need to make choices that help us in the future.

By Bronwyn

President Obama's speech was well said and inspiring. One of my favorite parts of his speech was, "You write your own destiny." I found these words very true because I know from experience that I can choose to do what I want. President Obama's words truly spoke to me. I know I can follow his lead to achieve my goals. I can appreciate President Obama and do as he says. I can put in effort.



Another thing President Obama said was, "Life is precious, and life is diversity." Diversity is truly precious because if every child were like every other, you wouldn't know who was your sister or brother. If every flower was alike, then "flower" would have to be every flower's name. I will now work harder in every subject to achieve my goals. I will help everybody and do the right thing.

By Alexandra

President Obama gave an intelligent speech on September 14, 2010. He said that education is important and it leads to a good job and that will lead you to go far in life. Don't give up and try your best. Even if your grades aren't the



best and you don't understand everything now, that doesn't mean you should give up on your dreams. Just try your hardest. Just because we can't do something today, doesn't mean we can't do it tomorrow. We need to be proud of ourselves and what makes us different.

By Jonny

Effort, always show it. Always use effort in school work. The more effort on work, the better college and job we'll get. If we don't show effort we might end up working at Burger King or something like that.



Also, if we don't show effort, the lower grades we'll get and we'll get discouraged and when we're discouraged we might eventually drop out of school - all because we didn't put in effort. Always study hard for tests because this is another form of effort. President Obama told us all about hard work and how we can be the best we can be.

By Remy

President Obama gave a very important speech to all of the kids in the nation. He talked about working hard and putting effort into everything we do. This year education is more important than ever. He told us to step out of our comfort zone and ask questions when we're confused about a math problem or a science problem that we may have. We can succeed in anything and go to the college of our dreams and have the job we want. All we have to do is work hard! Education can take us a



long way. The farther we go in school, the farther we'll go in life. Effort is not about being smarter, it is about working harder. No matter how old we are, we still don't know what all of our talents are or everything that we can be good at. This speech really spoke to me because I really liked all of the meanings of President Obama's advice. One of the last things that President Obama said was that the future is in our hands!

By Connor

President Obama told us that if we go far in school, we can go far in life. What that meant to me is that I want to play football so I need to get good grades to have the ability to play football. Another important thing he said was to never give up.



This inspires me to try new strategies and think outside the box. President Obama said a lot of inspiring things but I would like to point out one more. School is more important than ever. People like scientists paid attention and worked hard to get a degree. That's what was important to me in President Obama's speech.

By Michael

When I listened to President Obama's speech, I hear him say, "Just because you are not the best at something today doesn't mean that you won't be tomorrow." I think this is important because whether it's school, sports, or anything in life, just be-



cause you are not naturally great at something doesn't mean you can't get better. Don't say you are not good at anything because if you practice and never give up, you can accomplish anything. It reminds me of basketball. If I'm not making many shots, I know I can just practice and have a better day tomorrow. President Obama said a lot of things in his speech but that one thing is especially important to me.

By Laura

President Obama's speeches are all incredible, especially this one. What I will take from this is to work hard. Working hard is very important because it's not who's smarter, but who works harder. Hard work is the key to everything and it's so important that our president demands it from us. I will take hard work seriously and it's best if you do to.



By Mia

President Obama's speech today was a great speech about what he wants us to do and what kind of education he wants us to have. He said that education is more important than ever and that we should all work hard toward our goals and help others with theirs. I think that what President Obama was trying to tell us is that we need to step up and get out of our comfort zone and work harder.



By Keaton

I think it was nice for President Obama to do a speech for kids and to tell us how to succeed in life and to give us tips. I also liked how he said that it's not about being smarter, it's about working harder. He also said that everyone is different and that's what makes you who you are.



By Ben

I really liked President Obama's speech because it inspired me to try hard in school and always do my best. If I don't succeed the first time doesn't mean I can't do better tomorrow. He helped me to think of school in a different way. It's like each challenge in school will lead to my future in one way or another. Each little challenge will lead to the complete or incomplete challenge of the school year.



Each school year challenge

will lead to the challenge of school. That big challenge will lead to the challenge of life. Each good step I take in school will take me another good step in life.

By Jenna

President Obama said to work hard. If we put in a bit of effort, we can do anything. We can work hard to reach our goals and we can help others reach theirs. If I keep up my grades and get a good



education, I can go far in my life. President Obama made me think about school in a different way. It's not just, "Oh, I have to go to school." But that I have a job to do to get my education

By Chloe

"My Education-My Future." This was the name of the speech our president, Barack Obama made to the United States of America. When he said that just because you're not the best at something today doesn't mean you won't be tomorrow, I thought that if you just give up then you'll never be the best at it. We have to keep moving forward and practicing to get better at things. Life's not about making our friends better; it's about making ourselves better. We shouldn't be afraid to ask for help. We have talents we don't even know yet and once we find them, we'll find our future. Our education is our future.



By Zach

President Obama's speech was great. It mostly stood out to me because of what he said about how we form our own destiny. Kids will be inspired by it and we will think harder and work harder to reach our dreams.



By Aidan

President Obama's speech was full of ideas for children in school. He said to work hard. Working hard will make a difference. Education is more important than ever. He also said to dream big and if you achieve your dreams, then help others achieve theirs. Be the best you can be in school. If you go far in school, then you will go far in life. He said to have effort. Those are only some of the important things that President Obama said.

**By Noah**

President Obama told us to work hard. So we can get a good education because you get a better job and can do what you want to do. He also wants us to be nice so we don't get into trouble. I pay attention in class so I can learn more and get a better education and can get smarter. Those are some of President Obama's ideas for all students.

**By Mariano**

President Obama's main idea for students was to do our best. He told us to pay attention and do a great job in school to get farther in life. School is important and we can have fun doing it. Life is precious so we



need to work hard to get our goals. We need to keep fighting for what we believe.

By Livia

President Obama's speech inspired me in many ways. One of the things I really liked was when he told me that my future is in my hands. It made me remember that even though I get bossed around, it's my life and in the future, I'll get to decide. President Obama spoke the truth when he said, "Just because you aren't good at something today, doesn't mean that you won't be good at it tomorrow." Some days my math paper is blank and other days it's full of answers. President Obama also said that, "You have talents that you never knew," and I do. One moment I'm afraid I'll slip while ice skating backwards, and then I'm spinning perfectly through people. His speech made me thankful for who I am and where I am in America.

**By Taryn**

President Barak Obama had many ideas in his speech but one really stuck out to me. The one that struck me is, "Even though you aren't the best at something today doesn't mean you can't be tomorrow." It struck me because sometimes I don't get math and I say, "I'm not good at math." But the next day when it gets clarified, I say, "Oh!" I get it." So if you don't think you're good at something, work hard at it and you'll get better at it.



By Justin

President

Obama's speech made me think about trying new things and taking new risks. It's just like our Douglass song.

President

Obama thinks that education is the most important thing.

He says the future is in your hands. He thinks it is never good to give up. You should always give your best effort at school. Everyone is different than each other. Do not be scared to do your part. President Obama said "I could never be more proud of all the schools' hard work."

