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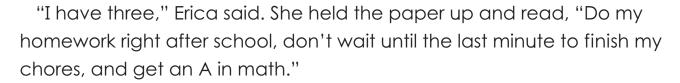
# New Year's Resolution

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rica scribbled her third New Year's resolution down on her homework sheet and smiled. "Done!"

"Really? That was quick," her mother said.

"Can I hear what your resolution is?"



"Wow," her mom said, sounding a little concerned.

"What?" Erica thought she'd done a great job coming up with resolutions. Why wasn't her mom happy?

"You know the point of a resolution is to change something in your life for the better and to stick with it. Can you honestly see yourself sticking to these things?"

Erica looked over the list again. "Maybe," she said with a shrug.

Her mom raised an eyebrow at her.

"Well, maybe not all of them," Erica said. "I can try my best in math but that doesn't mean I'll get an A."

"Then maybe you should find a resolution that is achievable and something you can benefit from."

"Like what?"



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"You'll come up with something," her mom said, as she started to fix dinner.

Erica sat at the table, staring at her list of resolutions. She really wanted to try to make these things happen. It would be nice to have more time in the evenings, so doing her homework after school and not leaving her chores until right before bedtime made sense. And if she planned some study time in each night, she might be able to get an A in

"How could I plan my time better to make these things happen?" Erica thought aloud.

math or at least a B+.

Plan! That was the answer.

"Mom!" Erica jumped up from the table.

"What is it?" her mother asked.

"I've got it. In order to do all these things, I need to stick to a schedule. So my New Year's resolution should be to schedule my time after school so I can do my homework, get my chores done, study for math, and still have time to relax."

Her mother smiled. "I think coming up with a schedule and sticking to it is a great resolution."

"Me too," Erica said, and she sat back down to start planning her schedule for the New Year.

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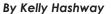
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