

SPRING VIEWS

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Students Share proverbs and Wisdom

Level Three Writes

Better to Do Well Than to Say Well...by Biying Yang (Cici), China

In China, there is a popular proverb, "Better to do well than to say well." It means you shouldn't just say or plan, but you should take action. In my opinion, if you do nothing, you will never know how fantastic something that follows will be. If you do nothing, you never know if something is wrong or right; if you do nothing, whatever you say is just imagined.

When I was a child, I saw a flight attendant on TV. She was so beautiful and elegant. At this moment, I had my first dream: to be a flight attendant. Later, I tried to search everything about how to be a flight attendant. That was to graduate from the Civil Aviation University of China. After I got this target, I started to lose weight, tried to be a lady who looks slim. I started my weight loss, studied how to do make-up. I tried to look like a slim, gorgeous lady as part of the cabin crew. Successfully, I entered the Civil Aviation University of China. During University I studied a lot of lessons about aviation, and I got a job as a flight attendant with China Southern Airlines. My dream had come true.

As you can see, it is a wise saying, "Better to do well than to say well."

"Be Yourself. Everyone Else Is Already Taken"

by Noura Almuhanha, Saudi Arabia

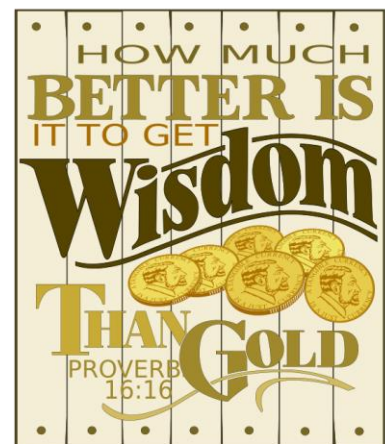
"Be Yourself. Everyone Else Is Already Taken." Oscar Wilde. Some people make their lives harder by trying to be like others. They are comparing their lives, personality to others. Even though they may be successful and have got everything they dreamed of, they still are unhappy. We all have a choice in life, a choice to be ourselves, and that's the easy one, or a choice to be like someone else, and that's what makes life harder! If you just be yourself that reduces anxiety and stress, which leads us to happiness. Be good at being you and try to be better at being who you already are. In short, don't be a stranger in your own life.

Help from a Friend...by Taqi Alshehab, Saudi Arabia

How to help a friend? There are plenty of ways to help your friend. When I was a child, I remember my father told me "A friend in need is a friend indeed." This proverb made me know what friendship is. For example, one day I went to my work at midnight, and suddenly my car stopped. I did not know what I should do at that moment. I called my friend and told him I had a problem. After that, he came to me and gave me his car. That made me remember what my father told me: "A friend in need is a friend indeed. I think this proverb is the most beautiful expression I know about friendship.

If You're in a Hurry...by Andy Taranukha, Ukraine

This proverb means that everything you do needs to be done well. For example, once I hoped that I knew the lesson, so I did not do my homework. Then there was a test, and I did badly on it. After that, I was never in a hurry. All things must be done calmly and carefully, and not in a hurry. Then there will be a good result. In conclusion, this proverb taught me not to hurry and be more attentive.



Brrr! It's Cold Outside

Winter in Denver...by Marcela Prado, Mexico

The winter in Denver is so different from Monterrey, Mexico. Maybe I could say, Denver in summer is winter in Mexico. First, in Denver for me, it is always cold. The skin on my hands breaks. I sleep with a jacket sometimes. I have been here for six months, and I still haven't gotten used to it. When I lived in Monterrey, I thought my favorite season was winter, but when I came here, I think I am changing my mind. For meek this weather is too crazy.

On the other hand, in Monterrey winter is different. Sometimes you put on a light jacket, and maybe other days you dress with a lot of winter clothes, for example, coat, hat and scarf. But you can live and walk in the streets and don't have any problems. In addition, the weather in Monterrey is so crazy, too, but maybe I can feel better because I was born there and my body doesn't feel the changes.

In conclusion, right now I don't know which season is the best for me. I am confused. But I think I need some time to get used to it, and my body, too. I hope in a few years, I will be back to saying that my favorite season is winter.

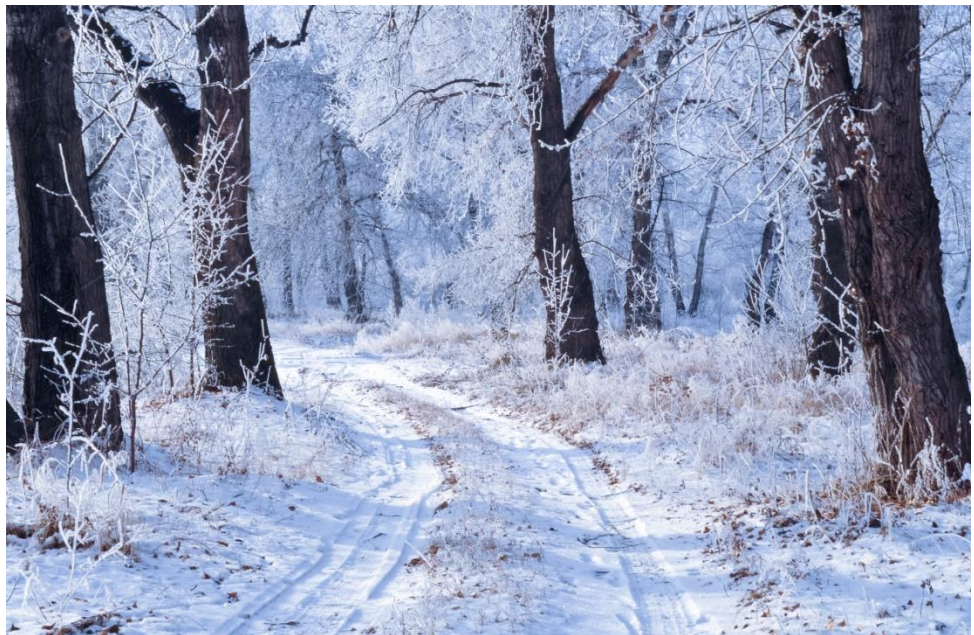
My Two Homes...by Lien Meyer, Vietnam

I have two favorite places that have beautiful and interesting winter seasons. But they are similar and different in several ways. The first is Ban me Thuot, where I was born. The winter season is cold, raining and wet. I lived there until 2000. Then I came to Colorado in the U.S. It seems like a different place. The winter is colder and drier, but in Vietnam the climate is mild and moist. Winter season in both places has many activities. For example, in Denver, skiing, sledding, and children can make a snowman or lie down and make a snow angel... On the other hand, in Vietnam we can hike and picnic.

The winter season in Vietnam is between December and February and sometimes early in March. But in Denver, the winter season is from October to June. It has a lot of snow. The temperature is colder and freezing. It is between 0 degrees to 30 F degrees, but in Vietnam, it is between 20-50 degrees C. However, it does not snow. But in Denver, I see beautiful snowflakes fall down from the sky. And I remember in 2002, it was heavy snow, so I could not go to work. In contrast, when I was young, where the daytime winter weather is beautiful, we went to the mountains to see waterfalls and a village. That place's name is Buon Don. I hike and rode an elephant with my friend. I had a lot of fun in my childhood. On the other hand, Denver has snow where my family and I can go sledding and skiing. It is a lot of fun. I have many reasons why Denver is now my home. I have a wonderful family⁶ and the weather is much better. For me, at the end of summer when the heat is gone and winter begins, the cold will come and I will feel the fresh atmosphere in the sky. Also, I feel wonderful because Christmas is near. However, the snow provides a lot of water in Denver. In contrast, in Vietnam rain provides a lot of water. It helps grass and trees to survive.

As you can see, there are several differences between Vietnam and Denver. Colorado is colder and dry. Vietnam is raining and wet and also the weather is mild and humid. I think this is not the same and it is not really different but I like to live in Denver because I seem to have adapted to cold weather,

but someday I will come back and visit my family in Vietnam.



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Level 5 Writes

Winter Is Like....

Winter is like a tiger because it attacks people randomly by getting them sick and spreading viruses and diseases—it is a monster that does not have mercy for the poor or the rich. Finally, everything on earth is scared of it: plants, animals, humans.

Winter is like summer, but with snow.

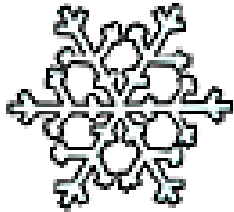
Winter is like getting into a refrigerator.

Winter is like a guest who makes people get sick. When winter comes, I am not happy.

Winter is like the milk in a cup of coffee. Sometimes it tastes sweet, sometimes it tastes anguished. (cont. p. 2)

Winter Is Like....

Winter is like a white paper where you can create a drawing in 3D with the snow, where you can play outside and create your stories that you want to write on white paper.



Winter is like a queen because it is as cold as a queen: dancing in her magic veil, sending cold winds blowing. Gently shaking her head, the dandruff becomes snowflakes.

Winter is like life. We don't like it, but we have to encounter it every year. It has cold weather, but the weather gives us some fun things like skiing and snowboarding. We want something warm because it is cold.

Level Two Writes

Scary Experiences We Will Never Forget

My Mother's Anger...by Duy Le, Vietnam

I will never forget the time I made my mother very angry. I got a bad grade on a test two years ago. Then, my teacher called my mother, and she was very angry. I heard my mother shout in the living room. I felt scared because she shouted my name, so I went to her, and I told her that I wanted to do better in my class. Finally, I apologized and said, "I'm so sorry, Mom." My mother told me to do better on my test. After that day, I always studied at home because I remembered the bad test. Now I always do well on my tests because I study hard.

Earthquake...by Rie Hiraishi, Japan

Being in an earthquake is a scary experience. Seven years ago, there was a very big earthquake in Japan. Its seismic intensity was a 7 on the Japanese scale of zero to seven. I experienced the aftershocks of this earthquake. I was a junior high school student, and I was taking classes. At 14:46, a long shaking of seismic intensity of 4 on the Japanese scale of 7 occurred, and people evacuated the school. Later, I went back home and watched the news. I saw many houses and people get washed away by the Tsunami in the city.

That night, aftershocks also occurred, so I was scared and could not sleep. My family stayed close together so we would not be afraid. I did not want to lose them in the earthquake. I wanted to be evacuated quickly because I did not know when another earthquake would come. In conclusion, I felt the importance of my friends and family through this experience.

A Scary Experience...by Rehab Elfkhakhre, Libya

I will never forget a scary experience in my life. My family and I decided to have fun and watch the beautiful nature, so we went to the Royal Gorge bridge last summer. Everything was going perfectly. First, my children enjoyed their breakfast and spent some nice time at the playground. Then my husband asked us to walk on the bridge with him, but I was afraid because I don't like high places. My husband and the kids went first. Next, I started walking on the wooden bridge. I asked myself, "What will happen if the bridge falls down?" I was looking down at the river and suddenly a strong wind started to move the bridge. I was struggling to be brave, and my kids were crying. Finally, we reached safety, and everyone was fine. In conclusion, it was a scary experience for me, but I recommend the Royal Gorge bridge to everyone.

Glittery Eyes...by Abdulelah Alqahtani, Saudi Arabia

My trip in the desert two years ago was scary! I was with my friends far away from the city and it was quiet. We enjoyed our time because it was the weekend. When we go to the desert, we cooked some food and some of us made hot milk. Then we ate together. My friends left, and I sat alone next to my fire. I was happy. Suddenly I saw something that made me scared. I saw glittery eyes in the sand dunes. It was a big wolf! Finally, I ran fast and arrived at my car. Sometimes a car is a comfortable place to sleep. In the morning, everything was peaceful again.