

Big Rocks

A while back I was reading about an expert on subject of time management.

One day this expert was speaking to a group of business students and, to drive home a point, used an illustration I'm sure those students will never forget. After I share it with you, you'll never forget it either.

As this man stood in front of the group of high-powered overachievers he said, "Okay, time for a quiz." Then he pulled out a one-gallon, wide-mouthed mason jar and set it on a table in front of him. Then he produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar.

When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?"

Everyone in the class said, "Yes."

Then he said, "Really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the spaces between the big rocks.

Then he smiled and asked the group once more, "Is the jar full?" By this time the class was onto him.

"Probably not," one of them answered.

"Good!" he replied. And he reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in and it went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?"

"No!" the class shouted.

Once again he said, "Good!" Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked up at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?"

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard, you can always fit some more things into it!"



"No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all."

The title of this letter is The "Big Rocks" of Life. What are the big rocks in your life? A project that YOU want to accomplish? Time with your loved ones? Your faith, your education, your finances? A cause? Teaching or mentoring others? Remember to put these BIG ROCKS in first or you'll never get them in at all.

- anonymous

All the Time in the World...

While at the park one day, a woman sat down next to a man on a bench near a playground. "That's my son over there," she said, pointing to a little boy in a blue sweater who was gliding down the slide.

"He's a fine looking boy," the man said. "That's my son on the swing in the red shirt." Then, looking at his watch, he called to his son. "What do you say we go, Todd?"



Todd pleaded, "Just five more minutes, Dad. Please? Just five more minutes." The man nodded and Todd continued to swing to his heart's content.

Minutes passed and the father stood and called again to his son. "Time to go now?"

Again Todd pleaded, "Five more minutes, Dad. Just five more minutes." The man smiled and said, "Okay."

"My, you certainly are a patient father," the woman responded.

The man smiled and then said, "My older son Tommy was killed by a drunk driver last year while he was riding his bike near here. I never spent much time with Tommy and now I'd give anything for just five more minutes with him. I've vowed not to make the same mistake with Todd.

"He thinks he has five more minutes to swing. The truth is . . . I get five more minutes to watch him play."

~Anonymous~



Congratulations!

... to the following students who earned an A+ on the following tests.



<i>Spelling</i>			
George	Cameron	Matthew	Liandra
Izabelle	Bridgette	Madeleine	Emily
Ethan	Nicholas	Bryan	John
Riley	Cade	Alyssa	
<i>Vocabulary</i>			
Bryan	John	Megan	Cameron
George	Izabelle		
<i>Little House in the Big Woods ch. 1</i>			
Daphne	Bryan	Riley	Cade
Alyssa	Megan	Roisin	Zachary
Matthew			

<i>Upcoming Tests</i>		
<i>Religion</i>	<i>Ch. 2</i>	<i>Mon. 9/27</i>
<i>Reading</i>	<i>Little House Ch. 2</i>	<i>Wed. 9/22</i>
<i>Spelling + Vocab</i>		<i>Friday 9/17</i>
<i>Math</i>	<i>Ch. 1A</i>	<i>Wed. 9/15</i>
<i>Language</i>	<i>Parts of a sentence</i>	<i>Thu. 9/16</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>Unit A, Ch. 1</i>	<i>Thu. 9/23</i>
<i>Soc. Studies, Spanish, Music, Comp.</i>		<i>Check Planner</i>

Weekly Giggle

A man in a hurry taking his eight-year-old son to school made a turn at a red light where it was prohibited. "Uh-oh, I think I just made an illegal turn!" the man said. "It's okay, Dad," the boy said, "The police car right behind us did the same thing."

Upcoming Events

- Wed. 9/15:** Back To School Night 6:30 PM
- Fri. 9/17:** Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 PM
- Mon. 9/20:** Hawaiian Day
Sally Foster sales end
- Tue. 9/ 21:** Lunch Orders for Oct. Due
- Fri. 9/ 24:** Mercy Mass 10:00 AM
- Thu., 9/30:** School Picture Day.