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金色年华

Golden age



1

A bag of potatoes

如果你把怨恨积郁于心,负累的人是你,而不是你怨恨的人。所以,学会原谅才能轻松生活。

A teacher let her class play a game. The teacher told each child to bring a bag containing a few potatoes. Each potato will be given a name of a person that the child hates, so the number of potatoes that a child will put into his / her bag will depend on the number of people the child hates.

Some children had two potatoes; some

Many hands make light work.

众人拾柴火焰高。

had three and others had up to five potatoes. The teacher then told the children to carry the bag wherever they go for a week.

As the days went by, the children started to complain because of the unpleasant smell coming from the rotten potatoes. And the students with five potatoes also had to carry heavier bags.

After a week, the teacher asked, “how did you feel?” The children started complaining about the trouble they had to go through, when they had to carry the heavy and smelly potatoes everywhere they went.

Then the teacher said, “This is the

situation when you carry your hate for somebody inside your heart. The smell of hate will pollute your heart and you will carry it with you wherever you go. If you cannot bear the smell of rotten potatoes for just one week, can you imagine what it is like to have the smell of hate in your heart for your lifetime?”

Books are like medicine; correct reading may cure foolishness.
书犹药也，善读可以医愚。

2 / A boy's wish

渴望知识、渴望上学的孩子在我们身边比比皆是。

During the summer holiday, my parents took me back to my hometown. It was a very beautiful mountain village and I was curious about everything there. Every afternoon, I went to the stream nearby and played with my 8-year-old cousin.

One afternoon, we went there again. I saw beautiful flowers smiling along the

river banks, fish swimming in the water and butterflies dancing among the flowers. I was so attracted by the beauty of nature there that I began picking flowers and chasing butterflies. However, my cousin seemed a little quiet. He sat on the bank “building” something with sand. I wanted to play a joke on him, so I walked quietly behind him and covered his eyes with my hands. He started to get up and we both fell to the ground. I laughed loudly, but to my surprise, my cousin seemed sad. With tears in his eyes, he murmured, “My school! My school!”

Suddenly I understood. My cousin was

Love me, love my dog.

爱屋及乌。

old enough to go to school, but he would have to go to one several kilometers away. He wished there had been a school in his own village. I felt sorry. What could I do?

Seven days passed before I knew it. Though I couldn't tear myself away from the beautiful scenery there, what I will never forget is a little boy's wish in a small mountain village.

3

An unforgettable experience

四个中学生一次突发奇想的难忘的经历——勇敢地尝试冬泳。

It was an afternoon in the winter, some friends and I were talking at a restaurant. We talked and talked and soon swimming became the topic. Suddenly I hit upon an idea. "Wouldn't it be interesting if we went swimming? Others went swimming in winter, and why couldn't we? Besides, we could be stronger if we did." I told them about this and they all said it was a good

Losers are always in the wrong.

胜者为王，败者为寇。

idea indeed.

Three days later, we four started. The sky was clear, the sun was shining, but it was very cold. Even our heavy overcoats were not enough to keep us warm. We all felt that we should go back, but no one wanted to speak out.

We soon reached the sands. There was nobody there, but we were not discouraged. Instead we were proud that we were the only ones that dared to challenge the weather. Besides, the sun could keep us warm. So we changed ourselves quickly.

But things were not going to be so nice as we thought. The sea wind was blowing,