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Literacy Changes Lives

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I've been away from school for about 40 years. I took a couple of classes, one was Orientation for Women. The other one was Daycare. I love to take care of children, which I did for many years at a very young age. Now I'm older and my children are all grown up. My youngest daughter, Star, is 19 years old. Being able to go back to school and finish where I left off, takes a lot of time and commitment for me and others.

When I came to school a few years ago, I imagined I couldn't read or spell very well either. I'm currently learning a variety of subjects. My favorite subject is math. I have had some difficulty in subtraction, solving written-out questions, percents, fractions, decimals, and prisms. I struggled for a little while trying to solve these, then I learned how to do it the right way. I have learned a lot of math, and I am heading into algebra.

English has always been a very hard subject for me because there is so much to learn. Before I couldn't write sentences without using small words.

I've learned to write a few short stories about some of the things that happen throughout my life. Other different tests help you to find out how you are doing so you can continue onto a new level.

Having the ability to read and write gives you a great deal of satisfaction, and confidence to go on, achieve more goals in your life. Once you know what you want to do with your life your progress gets you to focus your mind on your lessons you have to learn.

It is a wonderful experience to learn something new every day.

Seeing for the first time others trying so hard to learn and succeed, knowing with their achievements makes every thing complete, it is so awesome.

Goals in life are taking very seriously, when ambitious ones, "come in" do what they have to do, and get it done.

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