

Becoming A New Learner

One of the main events that changed my narrative and perspective of school is being 4 year old and not really knowing the purpose of going to school because my mind wasn't focusing on waking up early and going to school and learning. In my mind it was for me to just play all the time and not really focus on learning until I get older to worry about getting an education. Ever since I started to get the full understanding of what school is and how you should approach it my mom would always tell me where we form. It wasn't like the U.S where you could get a free education to learn things that would potentially help get a job to provide for yourself and future and take you places. My grandma would always tell me that she worked so hard to bring me and my cousin and her kids to the U.S so we wouldn't have to be in the same predicament that she was growing up struggling so as me being younger I would always have the pressure on me to do good because she left everything back to make us have the life that she didn't have when she was young so she would always remind me and cousin the purpose of her bring us here and telling us that school is the key to everything . Hearing the same thing from mom about what my grandma told me started to sink in my head growing up because I started to realize they are just trying to motivate me to do better then they were growing up. My perspective of school started to change I started to be more wise and engaged with my academics and not have no distraction. I started setting a goal to

learn and understand the language to become a better reader and writer. So since my Grandma died i alway remind myself of what she always told me if I'm distracted in school or getting in trouble so I always try to remind myself to focus on my education and not focus on what's happening outside of school.

As a young kid who's new to the country, going to school everyday and learning things was very difficult because I didn't know how to speak english so everything was confusing knowing that the spotlight on me and other students looking at me everytime i didn't understand something could be tough on me sometimes. Also not being able to communicate with the teacher and asking for help when you don't understand what's happening was hard because I didn't really know how to confront teachers for help when I didn't understand something. It made school a little bit harder just being the only one in class that didn't understand what anybody was saying and in some classes sometimes it felt like a certain teacher would help you more than others and others wouldn't care as much so it made me feel like some teachers not trying to guide me to understand how to do the work.

Looking back at my experience on learning and understanding a new language was a little bit difficult but when you are engaged, motivated and have a goal you want to accomplish it took some pressure off me. For me to understand the language, words and different vocabulary words help me to have a better understanding to be a better reader and writer. Lastly, my perspective of school could be the same as people in the community because there's a lot of new young people who come from different countries every year who is not only trying to live a good life but trying to get gist and the understand of the purpose going to school and getting a education because being

new could sometime be difficult because you don't got someone to guide you to understand the language or purpose of getting a education to help you in life.