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### **Reaching your Dreams by Choosing Optimism**

Optimism is a good thing. Optimism is thinking positive about your dreams and things in your life.

You might have heard of “The Tortoise and the Hare: An Aesop Fable” My grandma told me about this story. The tortoise was optimistic and believed that he could win a race against the fast hare and he did win the race because he was optimistic.

You might have also heard of when life gives you lemons make lemonade this really means that when you do not achieve your dreams you can try again, do better, and make the thing in life that is sour sweeter, just like turning lemons into lemonade.

I was optimistic when I wanted a puppy and being optimistic was the reason that I finally got a puppy. Because I always talked of the good things that a puppy brings to your life, my dad finally agreed to get me one. My dog is also optimistic when she wants to get her treats and extra food, she finds a way to get them by always coming to me in a good mood and expecting to get a treat. That is how she always gets her treats and extra food from me. Every time I walk up to my dog she lies on her back and asks me for a belly rub. She is also optimistic in that way because she is always thinking that she will get what she wants, and she does. Just like me, every day my dog tries to be optimistic.

Reaching your dreams by choosing optimism is very important because optimism is the best way to reach your dreams. When you have a good mood in life you will do the best. That is why I think optimism is an important part in reaching your dreams.

I try to be a very optimistic person all the time. That is how I get to my goals. When I do something, I try to be optimistic to do the best. I do my best and use an optimistic mood to do my best. I learned at school to give my best and strive for excellence, using these good sayings in my life helps me be optimistic about my learning and a good student in school. At school when I am taking a test, I start my day thinking I will do great and always have an optimistic mood during the day, this helps me do my best.

In a book that I read, "Linus the Little Yellow Pencil"<sup>2</sup> by Scott Magoon, Linus is the tip of the pencil and always wants to draw but Ernie is the eraser and always wants to erase. They do not work together that well. But then they both become optimistic because they want to be in the Family Art Show, so they work together and use their optimism to achieve their goal of being in the Family Art Show. In this way, this book shows optimism and how reaching your dreams by choosing optimism is the right way to go. If the two ends of a pencil can reach their dreams by choosing optimism, then anybody can.

Also, in another book my teacher read to me, "The Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons"<sup>3</sup> by Natascha Biebow, the crayon man was determined to make good quality crayons to sell and make all the kids around him very happy. He tried a lot of different recipes and techniques to make the best crayon to sell, so that the kids could have good quality crayons to draw and have lots of fun coloring with. He was optimistic that he

would be able to make the best crayons and he did He made the “Crayola” crayons that we still use today. This is another example of reaching your dreams and getting the things you want in your life by choosing optimism. If the Crayon Man could also get to his dream which was the creation of his famous crayons, Crayola, by choosing optimism, then anybody can.

Overall, from all the evidence shown including my life, my dog’s optimism toward getting treats, extra food, and a belly rub, stories from very famous authors, and even the story that my grandma told me, reaching your dreams by choosing optimism is the best way to go.

1. The Tortoise and the Hare: An Aesop Fable
2. Linus the Little Yellow Pencil
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