



Celebrating the Strengths of Black Youth
Building on Black Communities' Strengths Through Unified Efforts



Family Handout

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The Scholar in Me: Success in School

Today, we discussed learning styles and study strategies. Children were asked questions and, based upon their responses, identified their personal learning styles. Learning styles are the ways in which we process information. The three types are: auditory, visual, and tactile. A person's learning style can be only one or a combination of the three. We discussed these differences and ways to study based on learning style. Children were taught a variety of studying strategies. They were encouraged to try the ones that work best for them. The concept of "acting White," based on their scholarly achievements was also discussed. By linking scholarly achievements, with their ancestors and people of today, children were urged to "own" being scholarly, because that is really being Black.

The message of today's lesson was to appreciate individual learning styles, utilize study strategies that work best, and take pride in being scholarly.



Home Activities

Your child has two Home Activities to complete before the next session.

Our Ancestors: The Scholars

For this activity, we ask you to read with your child all of the different scholars listed on the worksheet. In class, we learned that being scholarly is another way of embracing our African American heritage. We request that you encourage your child as he writes down the areas he will work toward strengthening. Children should see themselves as future scholars working to reach their goals.

Strengths I See

Explain to your child the concept of “goals.” Discuss and define the difference between short-term and long-term goals. For example: A short-term goal is studying daily for the test being given this week. A long-term goal is passing this grade and going to the next one. Use this opportunity to learn some of your child’s goals and help him find ways to achieve them.



Optional Home Activity

Interview about School Success

Have your child interview someone in your family or community who did well in school. Have your child ask all five questions on the worksheet and record the responses. Talk to your child about the words of wisdom that she learned through the interview about doing well in school.

Next session...



Race to Your Dreams

Themes: Dreams and Achievement

**Parents are requested to be in attendance for the last 10 minutes of the final session. Children will receive certificates of CSBY completion.*