

M1 chooses to empower families

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To empower the family

To consider the family as the first and essential place of education.



Grade M1 at Gonzaga International school chooses to empower families. In the months leading up to the Jesuit Education Network’s audience with the pope, M1 students have dedicated their time to studying the Global Compact on Education as set forth by Pope Francis. From the 7 Commitments, they have chosen the fourth one as their object of inquiry and investigation. Discussing and debating the role of the family in our modern society, the reflections below are testimonies to the growing importance of the family, expressing not only lived experiences but also wishes for the futures of our families.

Family is important because they educate us and they teach us important lessons in our life. Family is important because they want us to be at 100% all the time and because they help us grow. They help us grow mentally and physically by wanting us to do sports, be our best, and eat healthier. Family educates us, and encourages us. We could appreciate our families by spending time together, celebrating together, assisting them at home, treating them well, telling them we love them, making them some gifts, and saying THANK YOU even for nothing because they always make sacrifices for us.

Family is important because they have the responsibility for our education, they are the ones who love us, they empower us, and they appreciate us. Our family helps us grow mentally and physically by encouraging us to do things, educating us, and helping us with our decisions. We can appreciate our families by telling them daily that we love them, encouraging them, and doing activities together.

Family is important because they welcome and keep you in your home forever. Most of the families feed you 3 times a day, sometimes more, but other times people don’t have the possibility. They bring you to school to receive an education and the possibility of work in the future. They punish you so that you can learn the next time and be better. Family gives you lessons that can help you every time. They can help you physically and mentally because they make us do sports and make us eat healthier. They give us advice for the future that can help us in our everyday life. To appreciate our families, we can spend time with them and help them on every occasion. We can help them with chores. We need to be gentle and we need to understand and appreciate all of the things they’ve done for us.

Family is very important because it helps you to understand how to behave and act in different situations. They also are important because they teach you everything from the beginning. They always care for you and they want only the best for you. Family helps us grow by seeking out better relationships, having better communication and social skills,

helping us be prepared for school, and helping us get ready to experience success in our lives. To empower our families we can respect them, listen to them, care for them, help them in our own way, love them, do some house chores, appreciate them, do our homework and even express your emotions to them.

I think that family is important for all human beings because family makes us who we are. They teach us everything we need to know about society and how to behave in the outside world, but also they are the first environment for us. Family helps us grow mentally and physically. They make sacrifices for us to have the best experiences and a good future. Even when they criticize us they just want us to do our best. To appreciate our families, we should love them as they love us, and understand when they make sacrifices for us so we don't waste the opportunity they gave us.

Family is important because they stimulate our growth and take care of us in many ways. They make sacrifices for us and they are the first educators of our life. Family helps us grow mentally and physically. They make us eat, they encourage us to do sports. They help us when we are not ok and they encourage us to do things we don't want to do. We can empower our families by making them more included and by making them a bigger part of our life.

Family is important because they let you grow better by educating us, giving us food to eat, buying us essential things, and the most important thing is that they love us. They help us grow by educating us and a lot of other things. We can empower families by creating an environment at home that values learning in everyday moments and emphasizes problem-solving.

Family is important because they give love, they educate us, they support and care about us, and they feed and punish us. Our family helps us grow by feeding us and educating us so that we can handle different situations. We can empower families if we spend time together, speak together, and do activities together.

Family is important because they have a crucial role in our social and educational development. They teach us the first things like responsibility for our education and socialization with other children as well as teaching us the values of citizenship and belonging in a society. They help us grow. A happy family who shares a good bond will have a strong connection. They can teach us the importance of empathy, compassion, and togetherness. As we grow, the family becomes our monetary and emotional support. A supportive and understanding family will make us live a successful and happy life. To appreciate our families we should: tell them what we love about them, do house chores, tell them 'thank you', do the things they like and make special time for them.