Dear Mom and Dad

Essential Question: What are some common careers and what role does education play when discussing the future?

Materials: “My Future” Student Worksheet C; pencils

Time Required: 40 minutes

Directions:
1. Ask students to name several careers.
2. Write these careers on chart paper.
3. Have students explain and name some responsibilities for each career and write them on chart paper.
4. Ask your students if they think these careers require a lot of schooling. Explain higher education and its importance by outlining the academic path of one or two careers named.
5. Ask students: What do you want to be when you grow up? Write their answers on chart paper.
6. Display chart paper with students’ answers in the classroom.
7. Have students think critically about the role education plays when thinking about their futures.
8. Have students write out their goals.
9. Distribute “My Future” Student Worksheet C and have students write a short letter telling their parents about their aspirations and how they can accomplish their goals. Review the format and parts of a letter with students. You can visit scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/letters-advice-and-encouragement for a letter-writing lesson.
10. Encourage students to use new vocabulary learned during discussions (e.g., college, higher education, career, etc.) when describing their goals.

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