Erica scribbled her third New Year’s resolution down on her homework sheet and smiled. “Done!”

“Really? That was quick,” her mother said. “Can I hear what your resolution is?”

“I have three,” Erica said. She held the paper up and read, “Do my homework right after school, don’t wait until the last minute to finish my chores, and get an A in math.”

“Wow,” her mom said, sounding a little concerned.

“What?” Erica thought she’d done a great job coming up with resolutions. Why wasn’t her mom happy?

“You know the point of a resolution is to change something in your life for the better and to stick with it. For example, if you say you’ll do your homework right after school but you don’t, that’s not sticking to a resolution.”

“Then maybe you should find a resolution that is achievable and something you can benefit from.”

“Like what?”

“You’ll come up with something,” her mom said, as she started to fix dinner.
Erica sat at the table, staring at her list of resolutions. She really wanted to try to make these things happen. It would be nice to have more time in the evenings, so doing her homework after school and not leaving her chores until right before bedtime made sense. And if she planned some study time in each night, she might be able to get an A in math or at least a B+.

“How could I plan my time better to make these things happen?” Erica thought aloud. Plan! That was the answer. “Mom!” Erica jumped up from the table.

“What is it?” her mother asked.

“I’ve got it. In order to do all these things, I need to stick to a schedule. So my New Year’s resolution should be to schedule my time after school so I can do my homework, get my chores done, study for math, and still have time to relax.”

Her mother smiled. “I think coming up with a schedule and sticking to it is a great resolution.”

“Me too,” Erica said, and she sat back down to start planning her schedule for the New Year.

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