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Congratulations are in order for you having achieved the (President's) Honor Roll for the first semester of the 2010-2011 school year. You are certainly proud of your accomplishments I know I am.

If you have received one of these letters before you know that along with my congratulations comes some philosophical musings or words of advice. Today you will receive my reflections which I hope you consider carefully.

These bitter cold nights make me think of spring and planting. This is the season when I receive those glossy garden catalogs, bursting with the latest line up of colorful flowers and vegetables with quite vibrant names. This year's list includes: Zahora Raspberry, Lemonade Zinnia, Limelight Hybred, Summer Zucchini, Pow Wow White Echinacea, and King Kool Hybred Corh. With such names and powerful seeds how could you fail? Well it is completely possible! I have done it many times. Like life, if seeds aren't given proper nutrients; sunlight, and water, little is produced. With good soil, regular water, and lots of sun, flowers will grow profusely and vegetable will grow in overwhelming abundance.

This example works in our school life. No matter how smart you are (your seed) without the discipline of paying close attention to the teacher, doing your homework, preparing thoughtfully for exams, you will not flourish. As you have proven by achieving this Honor Roll, if you take care of your academic garden, it will produce a bountiful crop.

My other piece of homespun garden and life wisdom is to "grow where you are planted." Some folks are always comparing and never satisfied. Looking for the greener grass. They want another course, teacher or team. Grow where you are planted implies that you are in that class for a reason, so learn all you can. Suck the marrow from the class's bones. Maybe you are in Chemistry but don't love it. But with the right attitude you can still have a rich experience.

Grow where God had put you at this place in your life and nurture your body, soul, and mind wisely. The results will be a happy and well lived life.

Blessings and Kudos!

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