

Schooldays with Wade and Wally

By Marshal Myers

Wade and Wally Peterson were twin brothers. On the first day of kindergarten, they came home.

"What did you learn in school today?" Their mother asked. "I learned my shapes and colors," said Wade. "I did too," said Wally.

On the first day of first grade, Wade and Wally came home. "Welcome home guys," Mom said. "What homework do you have?" "I have to learn the days of the week," said Wade. "I have to read the story 'Let's Walk over the Rainbow' in my reader," said Wally.

On the first day of second grade, Wade and Wally came home. "What did you learn today?" Their mother asked. "I learned about shapes," said Wade. "I learned that there are seven continents," said Wally.

On the first day of third grade, Wade and Wally came home. "What do you have to do tonight?" Mother asked. "Color this picture of a dog," said Wade. "Find pictures of the different lizards that live in the desert for my collage," said Wally.

On the first day of sixth grade, Wade and Wally came home. "What did you do today?" asked Mom. "I learned my colors," said Wade. "I learned the formula for the area of a right triangle," said Wally. "I have 12 problems to do in the workbook."

On the first day of 10th grade, Wade and Wally came home. "What are your assignments tonight?" Mom asked. "I have to draw a picture of Ms. Lorenzen's classroom," said Wade. "I need help." "Coach Evans gave me a semester-long research project on the spontaneous combustion probability of sawdust in our area," said Wally. "I'll have to work on it every night. It includes the molar value of carbon dioxide. It's worth half of my semester grade." Throughout 12th grade, Wally just went to his room to do lots and lots of hard homework. He was somebody very important at the high school, called, "Student Body President". He was going to get a special piece of paper because he was a very good student called the "Valedictorian."

On the last day of school, Wade and his mom and dad went to Wally's graduation, the special meeting where the seniors said goodbye and were given a piece of paper saying they went to high school. Wally had a special pin on his robe

because he was going to a special school for really smart people called MIT.

He got up to make a special speech in front of everybody. He said a lot of things Wade didn't understand, but then he said " ... the subject of my senior essay was 'Who has influenced you most during your years of school?' The person who influenced me is someone very close to me. He is my hero.

Even when the going gets tough and the pressure's on, he is still smiling and enjoying life. I present to you my hero: my brother, Wade Peterson." Everybody started cheering. Wally started clapping and tears rolled down his cheeks.

"Stand up, honey," Mom told Wade, "they're cheering for you." She was crying too.

Wade stood and smiled and waved. Right then, he was the best student in the whole high school. ■

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