

PRESIDENT STARK - THE STATE OF OUR UNION IN 5S

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Alpha Executive Director Noah, members of our 5S Congress and fellow citizens of room 302. It is February - the month that contains the birthdays of both George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, black history month, Chinese Lunar New Year, the somewhat commercial but still heartfelt Valentine's day, Secret Amigos and February vacation. We have a lot to celebrate.

As I look around, I see a magnificent group of people who are willing to try what's hard and perform great feats and fitness dances in front of a large audience. I have seen you bravely tackle what's difficult, and I am in awe of your willingness to apologize and own up if a mistake has been made.

Think of all you have learned since that first day of school! You know 5S jobs. You understand Monday Muse, Tuesday News, Webnesdays, FSC's and FABS. You know the names of our classroom furniture and the numbers of your classmates. You can estimate time without looking at the clock and you sing our jingle to the Bin Numerator report. You know how to meditate and breathe easier. You feed birds, you peer through binoculars, you recycle, you can be loyal and you can fight for a cause. Your morning meeting topics and responses are stunning in their depth and imagination. With you around, there is less plastic and pollution clogging up our earth. With you around there is more laughter and less loneliness.

So on this 7th day of February, I say to you the *state of our union in 5S* is strong and getting stronger!

Do we have work to do? Each of us knows the answer is yes. There are times when people have side conversations or ignore the speaker. There are moments when people interrupt or criticize others without realizing how their words can hurt. There are days when people do not pitch in so jobs aren't done, and there times when people make demands and forget to show appreciation for what they've been given.

Are your mistakes carved in stone? Do not fear because even rocks can change. That is why, on this day of our state of the union, I place a beach stone in your hand. It's there as a talisman to remind you that when life is stormy and you feel knocked about, do a small good deed for someone and you will see that even the roughest of edges can become smooth. Do not wait! But if you do, it's not too late. If you missed the train - try again and then try again. (427 words)

Francesca Stark - 2019

For P.S. Work; You must write your own state of 5S union as *a response* to my speech.

- First read over my speech. Read it more than once.
- Write tracks of your thinking next to each paragraph.
- Next, start your response with the following words;

“Thank you Madam President for your speech. After reading over what you said, I would like to respond with my own State of the Union address.”

Then, please do the following:

Greet your fellow congress.

Focus on what is positive about your year or about the state of 5S. Be specific.

Give examples that are true for you.

-- Next, focus on how you are changing or how you have seen the class change.

- Last, you should focus on goals for yourself and/or the class. Remember to use specific details to support your ideas.
- End with words of encouragement.
- It must be written in paragraph form
- It must be written using complete sentences. It must be at least two paragraphs or at least 250 words. It is due Monday.