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PHOTOS: 'You gotta love parents' essay winners



Jarra Humphrey, a sixth grader at Croghan Elementary, won third place in the grades 5-6 category for this essay: "You gotta love your parents, I mean they care for you and feed you and love you. Your parents work hard for these things. Their job is to take care of us and respect them like they do you. Your parents will always love you when the hard times get rough. When the hard times get rough you might throw some stuff. You fight, you yell, you scream, then maybe make up real soon or you can get over it in a day or two. Kiss and makeup. What more could a kid want you know? Respect others, pass it on."



Reagan Reau, a second grader at Otis, won first place in the K-2 category with this essay about her father: "My dad is an important part of my life because he teaches me so many things. My dad is a very patient man. He always teaches me by example how to be a good person. My dad has taught me to be responsible, work hard, be kind to all and have fun. I am a better person because he is my dad!"