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Have you ever had something taken away from you, and wanted it back; however, you never got it. Well, such is life you will always have things taken from you; however, there is one thing people can never take from you...your education. Students of Jonas Salk you must stay in school, and get your education so you can grow up to be something great.

Salk students one thing absolutely nobody can take away from you is knowledge. Everybody, people can take away your house, your car, your job, and all your belongings, but you can get right on your two feet if you have knowledge. Because when you have knowledge you have power! Knowledge is the key to life. Without it you are nothing.

Don't think for one second that school is nothing but a waste of time, because without it people wouldn't know how to run the country, and your parents wouldn't even know how to cook. If you think about it education is truly the way of life.

My fellow classmates, without education, knowledge, etc. this world would be a disaster! We are the future. We need knowledge so this world will be great. Knowledge truly has an impact on our lives. And to get knowledge you need an education. You want to know something interesting, every day, every second you learn something new. So, you already are a lifelong learner.

As Socrates said "There is only one good that is knowledge; and there is only one evil, that is ignorance." What its truly saying is knowledge is the true good thing, and ignorance is bad. You can get ignorance for thinking your too good to learn. And your not, your never too good or too old to learn.

Salk students I come to you as a friend, telling you the truth education is power. So be powerful and learn. Ignorance isn't healthy, and bad for your mind, and body. As for education is like a sweet box of chocolates.