

Personal Progress & Family Proclamation Celebration

Opening: Tonight we are celebrating your achievements in Personal Progress. Some of you are just getting started, others are almost finished, and most are in between. Hopefully you have used your summer vacation to set and accomplish goals in at least a few of the value areas. If so, give yourselves a round of applause! You will be rewarded tonight! If you still have some work to do, hopefully this night will motivate you to do better.

First, we will get to know our Personal Progress books. Let me read an excerpt from the overview:

The Personal Progress program uses the seven Young Women values to help you understand more fully who you are, why you are here on earth, and what you should be doing as a daughter of God to prepare for the day you go to the temple to make sacred covenants. It will help you prepare for your future roles as a faithful woman, wife, mother, and leader in God's kingdom. The program teaches you to make commitments, carry them out, and report your progress to a parent or leader. These are patterns you will use throughout your life to learn and improve as a woman.

Keeping that thought in mind, we are going to play a fun game called Personal Progress Basketball. We'll divide into two teams, each with a mix of Beehives, Mia Maids, and Laurels. Half will take turns shooting baskets from the free-throw line. That team will get a point for each shot while the other team searches for specific value experiences in their Personal Progress books. I will give a clue, and then every team member will find that experience in the book. Every person must have her finger on the right experience in order to stop the other team from making baskets. After searching for five experiences, we'll switch.

After the game, we'll go through some value stations, where you will be rewarded for the goals and projects you have completed since June 1, 2006. After the stations, we'll meet back in the Primary room for a final thought and a closing prayer.

Closing: Who learned something today about the value of the Personal Progress program? Did you enjoy your rewards? I hope so. In closing, I'd like to share another message from the Personal Progress book. You can read this welcome letter from the First Presidency on the first page.

You are a beloved daughter of Heavenly Father, prepared to come to the earth at this particular time for a sacred and glorious purpose. You have the noble calling to use your strength and influence for good. Your loving Heavenly Father has blessed you with talents and abilities that will help you fulfill your divine mission. Through personal prayer, scripture study, obedience to the commandments, and service to others, you can develop these gifts.

Use your influence to lift and bless your family, other young women, and the young men with whom you associate. Honor womanhood, support the priesthood, and treasure faithful motherhood and fatherhood.

As you participate in Personal Progress, you join with thousands of other young women who are striving to come unto Christ and “stand as witnesses of God at all times and in all things, and in all places” (**Mosiah 18:9**). Counsel with your parents, and prayerfully choose goals that will help you cultivate feminine virtues, grow spiritually, and reach your divine potential. Take advantage of your time in Young Women by preparing to receive the sacred ordinances of the temple, to be a faithful wife and mother, and to strengthen the home and family.

The First Presidency

I hope you will remember these words, continue setting goals, and allow the Personal Progress program improve your lives.

The end!