

Advance

Speaking Up

This week, several students took part in English interviews for the trip to One Stone High School in Boise, Idaho. I was very impressed by everyone who challenged themselves. They all did a great job!

However, during the interviews, I noticed a pattern. Multiple students said the exact same thing: "I am not good at English."

I actually hear this a lot in our regular classes, too. It made me realize that many of you do not see how much you have improved since April!

I want to tell the whole class today: you are actually doing very well. If you can take part in our lessons, understand the instructions, and try to share your ideas, you are communicating successfully. You have continued to build a very strong foundation this year, and you should feel much more confident in the skills you have!



It's normal to feel unsure about speaking when you think you're not perfect, but really it's at this point when speaking becomes the most important. You don't need perfect English to study abroad. Challenges like going to America are exactly what will make your English better! A trip like this takes the English you already know and helps it grow in the real world.

During regular school too, at SOLAN you have the chance to speak to many native English teachers every day, so don't miss your chance to practice!

As we enter our final month of Grade 7, I want you to trust your abilities a little more. Please be proud of your progress, and try not to worry so much about making mistakes.

Have a great weekend!



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