

ANTHONY THE WANNABE ASTRONAUT

ANTHONY LOVED TO LEARN ABOUT OUTER SPACE. HE HAD LOTS OF BOOKS ABOUT ASTRONAUTS, SPACE SHIPS, AND SATELLITES. HIS PARENTS EVEN BOUGHT HIM A FANCY TELESCOPE FOR HIS BIRTHDAY. HE TOLD EVERYONE THAT HE WANTED TO BE AN ASTRONAUT WHEN HE GREW UP.

BUT ANTHONY DIDN'T ALWAYS TRY HIS BEST IN SCIENCE CLASS, EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW ASTRONAUTS HAD TO BE VERY GOOD AT SCIENCE TO JOIN NASA. WHEN HE GOT HIS REPORT CARD BACK, HIS DAD WAS DISAPPOINTED TO SEE THAT ANTHONY'S SCIENCE GRADES WERE FALLING.

ANTHONY'S DAD ASKED IF HE WAS HAVING TROUBLE WITH HIS TEACHER, AND IF HE WAS STUDYING FOR HIS TESTS LIKE HE WAS SUPPOSED TO. IT TURNED OUT THAT ANTHONY HAD A GOOD TEACHER, BUT ANTHONY HADN'T BEEN DOING ALL OF HIS HOMEWORK. INSTEAD, HE HAD BEEN SPENDING HIS

HOMEWORK TIME DRAWING PICTURES OF SPACE SUITS.

"IF YOU REALLY WANT TO BE AN ASTRONAUT," HIS DAD TOLD HIM, "YOU NEED TO LEARN THE SCIENCE MATERIAL THAT ASTRONAUTS ARE REQUIRED TO KNOW."

ANTHONY STARTED SPENDING MORE TIME ON HIS SCIENCE HOMEWORK, AND HE REALIZED THAT HE ENJOYED LEARNING ABOUT SCIENCE A LOT. HE STARTED MAKING BETTER GRADES, AND WHEN HE GRADUATED UNIVERSITY YEARS LATER, HE WAS ABLE TO JOIN NASA AND BECOME AND ASTRONAUT.