

Obama's Speech to Students

Tuesday was the first day of school in many places. President Obama made a speech especially for children in school.

Obama said it was the students' responsibility to work hard. He said he knew they might have problems at home, but that was no excuse for behaving badly in school.

However, Obama also said that, when he was in school, he sometimes acted badly because of problems in his life (like being lonely and not having a father at home). He said, "I did some things I'm not proud of, and I got in more trouble than I should have."

He told students, "I know that sometimes you get that sense from TV that you can be rich and successful without any hard work -- that your ticket to success is through rapping or basketball or being a reality TV star. Chances are you're not going to be any of those things."

Obama told students to set goals and ask for help with them.

You can read the whole speech at:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/Remarks-by-the-President-in-a-National-Address-to-Americas-Schoolchildren/

