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Since April is National Poetry Month and to continue my Motivational Monday message from last week, I'm here to present to you another poem. You may have heard or read this poem before. It is called "The Road Not Taken" written by the famous poet Robert Frost, published in 1916.

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay

In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

This is a poem that argues for the importance of all our choices. For Robert Frost, the “important” choices aren’t always the ones that we spend the most time thinking about. Like what high school or college to go to, what our future careers should be, and even saying yes or no. Instead, we should really look into the value and consequences of the choices we make in our everyday lives. This can include choosing which task to do first, what to eat, or who you want to be friend with. Although they may be considered as minor choices, each has a direct impact on our future. Just like in the beginning of the poem the speaker is stuck within two choices- or two roads

to be exact- and only one road can be taken. The speaker stands at the crossroads for a long time and try to look into depth of each road as far as possible. Finally, the speaker chose one path over the other. While there are no right or wrong answer yet. One thing is clear; no matter what choice you make you have to understand that this is the path you will follow. With careful and wise thinking, we hope everyone can make choices that are beneficial.

Thanks for listening and have a Make a Wise Choice Monday 😊

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