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Housechores should be equally distributed among family members, for it is the responsibility of all family members to maintain their home, overcoming laziness and prejudices. Laziness is in the core of human nature, but if housechores are not regarded as bothersome works, but as services to the entire family, laziness would be conquered by another human nature, responsibility. Another <sup>common</sup> reason that one would use to avoid housework is the prejudice that men should work outdoors and women should do housechores indoors, which is deeply rooted in the Chinese society. However, in the modern era, women work outdoors as often as men, so doing housechores should not be women's responsibility alone. Doing housechores is the symbol of devotion to the family, and in accomplishing tiny tasks such as washing dishes, doing laundry or sweeping the floor, one can

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feel more attached to his or her home. It is a feeling that no amount of money can match up to, so regardless of gender or job, housechores should be equally distributed among family members.

In my home, everyone does his or her assigned housechores.

My mom cooks dinner and my dad washes dishes. My brother and I take the garbage out. On Saturdays, we clean our house thoroughly. I am in charge of the fourth floor, where my room is located. I vacuum the floor and then mop it. Thankfully, my room is very clean, for I seldom stay in my room unless sleeping. The second floor, where the living room and <sup>the</sup> kitchen is located, is a mess. My father has to move about dozens of random objects to reveal the flat surface of the table, but on Sunday, the table is again covered with a cluster of things. Where there is people, there is mess. Through my experience of doing housechores, I learn that the essence of life lies in these small actions. No one would be willing to live in a dirty environment, so doing housechores is a ceremony that one ought to do repeatedly, to achieve the goal of acquiring a clean home. Doing housechores is like learning. No one should stop learning because someday those knowledge would be forgotten. In doing housechores and learning, we can accumulate, bit by bit, the meanings of life.