Idea Development in Persuasive Writing

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| **Writing Situation:** Your school is having an open house. There is a prize for the class that has the most parents attending this event.  **Writing Directions:** Write a letter to your parents persuading them to attend the open house so your class can win the prize. |

Dear Mom and Dad,

Our open house is coming up at school next week and the class with the most parents in attendance will win a prize! There are some really good reasons for you to come to school for this event. First of all, I would like to show you all the great work my class and I have done. Secondly, research tells us that kids whose parents are involved at school get better grades. Furthermore, I want to introduce you to all of my teachers.

**Flashback**

Let me tell you about what great work my class does. Just last week we did art projects in history class. I used clay to make a model of a Native American wigwam. You are going to love it! **Looking back, I remember when I was in first grade and you came to the open house to see my self-portrait painting. It was not nearly as nice as my wigwam. However, I will never forget how special it made me feel when you bragged about how cool it was.** If you would take the time to come visit school again next week, I know it would be something I will appreciate forever!

**Flashback**

Did you know that kids get better grades when their parents are involved in their education? That is a great reason for you to come to the open house. Parents who visit school at least 3 times a year have children who score in the top 10 percent of their class. That’s amazing**! I remember when I was struggling in math last year and you took the time to visit with my teacher about how we could work on it. It wasn’t long before I was doing better.** I’m not saying that I have bad grades or anything, but if you want to make sure I always keep doing well, it would be a good idea for you to come to our open house and stay involved at my school.

One more big reason to come to next week’s open house is to meet my awesome teachers! You must be wondering who they are and what they are like. It will be good for you to be able to put a name with a face and understand why I like them so much.

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Mom and Dad, you know that I am growing up and one day I won’t want you to visit my school so you better come with me while you have the chance! Remember, my class and I have a lot of great work to show you, research proves that parent involvement is important, and you will have a chance to meet all of my wonderful teachers. I hope you will make plans to come out and support my class as we try to win the school contest and get a prize next week!

Sincerely,

Your child