

## Learning with Nandita Das and son Vihaan , in Yale

### Lessons at home



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"I am onto my third month at Yale ...

"A few days ago, Vihaan got a bit cranky in the day, but didn't want me to talk about it then. So at bedtime, I told him we will do

"sorrays and thank yous" for the things we have done through the day. If I bumped into him while turning around, he would remind me that I need to add that to my list of sorrays. And if he was whining about something, I would tell him the same. A game we both look forward to! But two days ago, after we thanked each other for small gestures of goodness, we had nothing to apologise for. So he said,

**'Can we do funnys instead of sorrays on days like this ?'** This brilliant idea has not only helped decrease our list of sorrays but has also made us store away funny stories of the day to exchange at night...

"Today the two of us are learning almost as many lessons at home as in our respective schools. So the deeper learning for me has been that any new experience is more complex than it poses to be. And often in its crevasses are more hidden gems than those that initially glitter."

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"Last Word"

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