**What Makes Being an Acton Academy Parent Different?**

There are many things about Acton Academy that are different than a traditional school. We are quick to point out that Acton is just not just another way of doing school, but rather a revolution in learning!

At Acton, a parent’s job is to support your child’s growth AND actively restrain the impulse to rescue your child from failure, struggle, and pain.

The job of an Acton parent is complex because the current parental culture favors rescue and over-involvement. It is one thing to believe in a strategy of “non-rescue” of children in general, but it is a wholly different matter when you see your own child failing. Being at Acton actually requires a parent to have enough emotional intelligence to recognize that failure, struggle and pain are not life-threatening. Growth and strength most often occur when we allow our child to experience failure, so that the child can then learn to get back up.

**Here are a few things we have done as a family to support our children in their Acton Journey:**

1. We have developed a family mission statement- so that our values are clear!
2. We often talk about the Hero’s Journey! At the dinner table, while we are watching movies, when we talk about the day at school.
3. We have developed a family contract, so that our expectations are clear at home, just like they are in the studio.
4. We have a family motto of “Have Fun and Do Hard Things”, and refer to it often when talking about perseverance or resilience
5. We celebrate success! Both in the “progress” and in the big achievements!