When life gives you lemons, make lemonade

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Have you ever heard the saying, “When life gives you lemons, you make lemon-ade?” Well, I certainly have because my mom says it all the time. This old-time saying means that bad things will happen, and you have to make the best out of it. That’s what happened to my family on the first day of school this year. My mom and I had just pulled into the parking lot when my dad called and said that he wouldn’t be coming to walk me to class. That’s when he told us that our new cabin had burned to the ground.
We lost everything. Nothing was left of our home-away-from-home. This was the place that I felt joyful and safe. My dad made sure of that because he built a ten-foot gate at the entrance of our property.
But as you can see, the gate did not protect our cabin. We found out that our cabin was robbed and burned. My mom and dad said that it would be okay since we were not there, and no one was hurt. I suppose they were right.
I went to school that day and had a wonderful first day back. I met my teacher, Ms. Travis, and played with my friends. I was happy to be at school. This year turned out to be great. Lots of exciting things happened that made me forget all about our bad luck.

I got to represent my school in the Red, White, and Blue parade. My friend Coleton and I threw lots of candy to the crowd and had a great time.
I even performed in my first dance competition with my team at the Mountain Arts Center. We won first place and took home the trophy for best costumes as well.
Lots of other great things have happened to me this school year too. What started off so badly, has turned out to be a great school year and one that I will never forget. So, as the old saying goes, “When life gives you lemons, make lemon-ade.” I know that I certainly will.