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weekend."

One reason the family is so involved is because they can see the obvious benefits Dominic and his brother, Anthony, are receiving. From the study of kenpo karate (a martial art form from Okinawa, Japan), Dominic says he has learned some lessons that will help him the rest of his life.

"Mr. Grossman has taught

in the classroom."

Dominic's improvements have impressed his principal at Parkway Junior High in San Francisco. The principal has asked Grossman to visit Parkway with six of his students, including Dominic,

He has won several karate tournament titles with near-perfect form.



Dominic also teaches two classes per week.

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me how to respect myself and other people instead of teasing them," he said. "At home it's helped me to obey my parents right away, instead of complaining about it or saying, 'I'll do it later.'"

His mother can see a big difference in her son since he started karate lessons. "He's not rebellious and mentally he is much tougher," she said. "His improvements in concentration have really helped him

to perform feats of karate and then to talk about the benefits of studying the martial arts.

One thing Dominic might mention to his fellow students at Parkway is the difference between the martial arts in real life and in the movies.

"*The Karate Kid* is not what it's really like," he said. "In the movies you learn all the moves in three months. It's taken me five years to get my black belt."



And five years is only the beginning, because for the world of karate, Dominic has some good news and some bad news. He said, "I want to compete nationally" — bad news for his competitors. "And I want to keep teaching" — good news for his students.

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