Summer of Gratitude



Week 3 - Gratitude Improves Health

- Better Sleep
 - Writing in your Gratitude Journal at night could improve your quality of sleep.
 - Instead of mentally fretting about the day, writing down positive notes before bed can help calm the brain.
 - A 2009 study looked at over 400 adults quality of sleep after keeping an evening journal. It was found that the participants were able to fall asleep faster and for a longer duration.

- More Exercise
 - In this 2003 study, it was determined that those who kept a gratitude journal instead of a "hassles" or "life events" journal exercised an average of 40 more minutes each week.
 - The grateful group expressed more optimism about the upcoming week and reported less complaints about physical pains compared to the other two groups.

Need ideas for your gratitude journal? What positive things help you to fall asleep or improve your exercise participation?