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One day, Mrs. Wu saw her friend's child carrying the backpack with the CMA logo printed on it. She then asked, "Where are you going?" Her friend answered, "We are going to CMA to learn abacus mental arithmetic, it is helpful to children's skill in calculation, math and memory. My child is really interested in learning it and having a good performance."

After Mrs. Wu learned more about CMA, she brought Jianhui to CMA to enrol in a trial class. Mrs. Wu also stayed in the classroom to observe the class and how the teacher taught the children. When Mrs. Wu saw the teacher teaching the children and their reactions through playing games in a very lively way, by showing children the world of image and numbers, she started to think that this institute may help Jianhui.

After one hour of trial class, Jianhui was very happy and told his mother he wanted to attend CMA to learn abacus mental arithmetic. However, Mrs. Wu wanted to talk about it with her husband first. But Jianhui insisted in enrolling for the class immediately. Mrs. Wu finally allowed Jianhui to enrol. Afterwards, Jianhui always attended the class on time and was never late. After he attended 20 classes, his skill in calculation had great progress.

Mrs. Wu was very surprised, because before Jianhui went to CMA, he didn't even know how to calculate "two plus three" after learning half a year of mathematics. Now he'd only attended CMA for three months, he'd learned how to calculate the addition and subtraction in combination up to 10, such as two plus eight, nine plus one. Besides, his skills in calculation had improved a lot, so he didn't have to count on his hand to get the answer.

Mrs. Wu was very satisfied by Jianhui's learning results. Mr. Chen Cai then recommended her, "You can accompany your child to practise online. Compared to those children who don't practise online, those children who practise online can have two to three times better effect." Although Jianhui didn't want to practise online at the beginning, under the teacher and his mother's supervision, he started to practise online. When Jianhui saw his practice results were

improving, he started to practise actively. Later he also earned first place on the online practicing for few times. Now it's easy for him to calculate numbers after ten months of learning abacus mental arithmetic. He could also calculate the numbers in three digits by using the methods of "Moving the Beads in the Air" and "Imagery Memorisation."

Jianhui's parents were satisfactory with his progress. Now Jianhui is attending an excellent school in Xiamen, and his school performance is so outstanding that his teachers and classmates are very surprised.

Online Competition in Mental Arithmetic, August, 2008 World Champion's Winning Remarks

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In August 2008, I won the first place on World Online Competition in Mental Arithmetic. I was very happy. I wanted to thank my parents, and Principle Chen and the teacher, Chang, from CMA. They encouraged me and helped me to gain the ability and confidence in learning. Every night when I practised online, my mother would accompany me and help me to practise every question to see if I made mistakes.

I remembered when I started to learn abacus mental arithmetic, I chose to attend the advanced class. My mother was afraid I couldn't handle the workload of the advanced level, so she attended the class with me and observed the teaching and my learning. Since the class was not big, on the first day, I got second place in the class performance. I was very happy. The teacher then told my mother and me, "Zhang Yi is great and will be successful in learning abacus mental arithmetic."

After the first class, I was more interested in learning abacus mental arithmetic. Every time I finished the class in CMA, I would do my homework immediately after I got home. Gradually I earned the first place in the class. I was quickly promoted to "level 10."