

启发儿童智慧的奥秘05

Other than "teaching each student according to his or her aptitude," Master Tai Chiang Ching held deep in his heart a "secret weapon experimental plan." He was preparing to make these beginners learning abacus and mental arithmetic his experimental class for the "two-handed" method. He had been a passionate researcher of this method for years. He hoped to test the revolutionary teaching method, which had never been taught in Taiwan, through these students.

Master Tai Chiang Ching was born in 1961 in Huwei of Yunlin County. In 1984, he founded CMA in Tainan City, and started "Yo Ming Publishing Company" which specializes in the publication of abacus and mental arithmetic teaching materials as well as personal growth manuals, time management related books and audio publications.

Strictly speaking, CMA is a professional children's mental arithmetic educational organization, thus whether in terms of teachers' qualification or teaching materials, everything is designed to suit students' needs to increase learning interest, inspire intelligence and enhance reflex so that children become livelier and smarter.

In the past ten years, CMA has cultivated numerous outstanding children and abacus and mental arithmetic contestants. From the award cups and banners filling Master Tai Chiang Ching's office walls and shelves, one can see that Master Tai Chiang Ching does in fact have an extraordinary teaching method.

Just 100 meters away from CMA, Tainan Municipal Degao Elementary School owes its many outstanding students of abacus and mental arithmetic to the teaching of Master Tai Chiang Ching. The most well-known example was in 1991 when Lin Tzu Yin, age eleven, a third grader at the school, placed first in the sixth world calculating ability contest in combined categories of first and second grade multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. She was awarded the "world champion" cup, and was honorably referred to as "Fu Cheng Mental Arithmetic Child Prodigy."

Lin Tzu Yin was the first student in Tai Chiang Ching's class to pass level ten in both abacus and mental calculation tests. She learns fast, has a good memory and is careful and hardworking, which have helped her to improve much faster than others, advancing to a new level in just two weeks, when it normally takes a month for other students.

In 1994, when Lin Tzu Yin was in the sixth grade, she placed first in the national contest for outstanding children in abacus arithmetic, marking it the highest honor as she said "farewell to childhood."

Starting phase: ask only how much we cultivate, not how much we will harvest

Su Wan Ting's motto:

Do not fear going slow, only fear standing still Good is good, but better carries it.

There is nothing in the world that can be attained without hard work. Hanging in the lobby of CMA Arithmetic is the famous quote by Hu Shih--"You reap what you sow," describing the truth behind success.

After Su Wan Ting started going to abacus and mental arithmetic classes, life in the Su family changed significantly, influenced by what Master Tai Chiang Ching said-- "If you do something, do it well. Be the best!" Other than accompanying her child to class as Master Tai had requested, Mrs. Su also made sure Wan Ting practiced an hour of abacus and mental calculation before school every day.

Before enjoying breakfast, Wan Ting always sat at the dining table, closed her eyes and told herself, "It's a whole new day. Today I have to be a little better than yesterday." Mrs. Su used supplementary abacus and mental arithmetic teaching materials to help Wan Ting train her listening and reading calculation skills.

In first and second grade, because school ended early, Wan Ting also practiced an hour or so of listening calculation before dinner at home.

If children get up early, they must also go to bed early. Mrs. Su thinks it's important for kids to be energetic for effective learning. As a result, staying up to practice or do homework never happened at the Su's.