

启发儿童智慧的奥秘11

Of course, getting down the basics of mental arithmetic in kindergarten had made math familiar to Wan Ting, so that she was immune to the "fear of math" common in most students and naturally found it easy to learn math. Mrs. Su also says, due to basics and training in abacus and mental arithmetic, Wan Ting's logic and reasoning skills are stronger than the average kid, and that it was also easier for her to "think attentively," which is helpful when learning math.

As for other subjects, Wan Ting also likes Chinese, Science and Social Studies. Wan Ting finds exploring the secrets of knowledge engrossing. "In Chinese, we can learn the evolution of each character, the art of talking, the meaning and truth behind phrases, the way to treat people and do things."

"In science class, we can learn about insects, living organisms and the magic of mother nature. We can experience things we've never personally experienced, and realize that birth, aging, sickness and death exist in the natural world."

"In Social Studies, we get to know more countries, local customs and religious beliefs, as well as world geography, products, historic sites. East, west, south, north...it's all in the social studies text book."

An exuberant thirst for knowledge and curiosity are Wan Ting's motives for staying interested throughout her learning process. Mrs. Su, encyclopedia in hand, learning and growing with the children, served as the kids' best studying companion. Studying in enjoyment and growing in familial love--it's no wonder Wan Ting thinks counting numbers is like counting bills.

Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today

Su Wan Ting's motto:

More haste, less speed.

The smart man borrows from others' experience; the average man struggles and gains experience; the stupid man struggles but forgets the experience.

To teachers and parents, a smart child is not necessarily better than as a docile one; a talented child is not necessarily better than a polite one. Being an educated person is an average accomplishment, but sensibility is worthy of praise. Thus, "filial piety" has always been highly praised. As the saying goes, filial piety is the most important of all virtues.

In Mr. and Mrs. Su's eyes, Wan Ting and Hsiang Wen are a pair of daughters that are a comfort to their parents. Wan Ting says, "I've always been docile and obedient. I rarely make my parents angry and I listened to my teachers in school. I was a good student who follows school rules; I

took care of students younger than me and respected my teachers." Wan Ting is a self-conscious, considerate child. These kindhearted qualities make her talent and achievements seem even more valuable.

"My parents don't have to worry about me because I don't need to be urged to do the things I'm supposed to do, and I do them well. Like my teachers and mother would say, 'never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.' When Wan Ting got home from school, the first thing she did was has a snack. She says one must have a full stomach to have energy for things and to be focused.

"There aren't really many important things to do as a student other than to work hard." After practicing an hour of mental arithmetic at home every day, Wan Ting would then finish her homework, show her mother, and then check her book bag and organize the textbooks and notebooks needed for the next day's classes. Before bed, she reviews the lessons taught that day.

"In school, my classmates would always talk about what they were going to do after school, but my sister and I would just go home. When we got home, we read, then finished our homework. If we still had time, we practiced mental arithmetic together. I wanted to get better at it while I still had time, because in middle school, there wouldn't be much time." Wan Ting would say seriously back then, "We should work hard now and especially not waste the free time after school."