

# WEEK 1 **Welcome to Merryville**



Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **For Your Heart**

Common courtesy and respect for others should be part of everyday living. Defining manners as an attitude of the heart that puts the needs of others before your own, Manners of the Heart is here to help you help your child develop respect for others, and in so doing, gain self-respect. You are the one who holds the key to unlock your child's heart. Once the heart is unlocked, your child's mind will open to all that can be learned in the classroom.

Through storytelling, hands-on activities, and role-play, your child will learn the importance of manners and so much more this school year:

- Manners are the foundation for morals.
- Manners are not a set of rules to be followed, but rather principles that guide behavior.
- The attitude behind the action determines the action.

## **For the Heart of Your Child**

At the beginning of each week, your child will bring home a **Home Connection** page. This is your recommended homework, or as we like to call it, "Heartwork". We hope you will make the time to do the suggested activities that reinforce what your child is learning at school. We are confident you'll enjoy the time spent with your child, and even more, your child will enjoy the time spent with you!

This week, we're introducing your child to Merryville, the enchanted town where the Wise Ol' Owl, Wilbur, and his friends live and learn. Through the stories of Merryville, your child will discover that manners come from the heart.

- Ask your child to share this week's Heart Attribute and the definition.
- Encourage your child to say hello to folks you meet.
- Encourage your child to look for the good in others.

Working together, your child can become the lady or gentleman each is meant to be.

From our hearts to yours,



PS Ask your child to share the definition of this week's Heart Attribute, MANNERS, with you.



**MANNERS**—An attitude of the heart that puts  
the needs of others ahead of my own