

WEEK 1 **Welcome to Merryville**



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Manners have no social or cultural boundaries. Common courtesy and respect for others should be part of everyday living. *Manners of the Heart* is here to help you help your children become respectful youngsters who grow up to become respectable adults. Defining manners as an attitude of the heart that puts the needs of others ahead of their own, teaches children to respect others, and in the process, learn to respect themselves. Through storytelling, hands-on activities, and role-play, your child will learn the importance of manners, and so much more, this school year.

Each week, your child will bring you a **Home Connection** page. This is your recommended homework, which we call “Heartwork.”

You are the one who holds the key to unlock your children’s hearts so their minds will open to all they can learn in the classroom and at home. Our hope is that you will find time to do one or more of the suggested activities each week to reinforce the lessons your child is receiving at school. We can assure you, you’ll enjoy the time with your child, and even more, your child will enjoy the time spent with you!

In this week’s lesson, your child is being introduced to the wonderful little town of Merryville, where wise Ol’ Wilbur and his friends live. Through the story of Merryville, your child is learning that manners come from the heart.

Ask your child to tell you the story of Merryville tonight!

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