

開學典禮演講



尊敬的 Ann 校長，各位法師，老師，各位家人們，大家早上好，阿彌陀佛：

時光飛逝，轉眼間就來到了 2023 年。明德學校也已經開辦有一年 6 個月了。很高興看見今年又有新的學童入學，有新的家庭。相信家長把孩子送到這所學校來，都有著一個共同的目的：那就是培養自己的孩子成為孝子賢孫。

可以說每一位家長都非常重視教育，尤其重視孝道的教育。有的家長在孩子身上花了大量的時間和精力，但卻收效甚微，不知道該怎麼辦？我也時有聽到家長提問，說如何能讓自己孩子在德行上快快進步，快快變得孝順懂事。

其實，在明德的校歌裡面有一句話說的很好：孝順自有孝順子，孝順子弟必明賢。意思是說，孝道圓滿了，自然便有孝子賢孫。所以，要在家里的長輩身上花心思，花時間，盡孝道。老人如樹根，孩子如果實。天天將心思和精力花在老人身上，就如同天天在給大樹的樹根澆水施肥。樹根吸收到足夠的水分營養，樹上的果子會長得又

大又甜。我們的下一代就如同這些果子一樣，變得孝順懂事。所以重點在樹根，因為枝葉花果不需要我們澆水施肥，只要適時的修剪就可以了。

我嘗嘗羨慕那些三代同堂的家庭。在這樣的家庭裡，父母的孝行能夠完完全全被孩子學習到。比如吧，出門買東西時候，父母如果能第一個先想到爺爺奶奶，外公外婆，先問他們需要買什麼，專買他們喜歡的東西？孩子就會將父母的孝行看在眼裡，記在心裡，就會學着先想到長輩的需要，把長輩放在第一位了。你讓他們先考慮自己，他們反倒覺得不習慣。因為他們已經養成了長者先的習慣，已經有了明辨是非的能力。

我知道有些家長們在遇到孩子不聽話的時候，會覺得孩子太難教了，甚至有些灰心。其實教孩子沒有這麼難，就是在家裡的長輩那兒下功夫。無論他們是否與我們同住，無論他們在世或者是已經離世。時時將他們放在心上，做一切能夠利益他們的事，等做上一段時間，再回頭看看自己的孩子，您會發現孩子們已經在不知不覺中有了很大的進步。

所以，榜樣的作用是不可思議的，這不僅僅體現在孝道方面，還涉及到其他的方方面面。要想讓孩子尊師重道，就需要我們的家長和老師做出尊師重道的榜樣。要想讓孩子謙虛有禮，就需要我們的家長和老師做出謙虛有禮的榜樣。要想讓孩子專心讀誦，就需要我們的家長和老師做出專心讀誦的榜樣。要想讓孩子只看好樣子，只說好話，就需要家長和老師做出只看好樣子，只說好話的榜樣。孩子們就像一面鏡子，能夠百分之百的反射出大人們的言行舉止。孩子們又像一張白紙，你做什麼說什麼，他們就吸收什麼。這些也和老法師提出的童蒙養正的教育理念相應，與我們一條龍學校的教育宗旨相應。

希望在新的一年裡，我們這個大家庭的每一個成員，都能德日進，過日少。這個大家庭中的每一個小家庭都能夠把日子過的和和美美，幸福快樂。阿彌陀佛，

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Dear Miss Ann, venerables, teachers, families, good morning, Amitabha,

Time flies, and in a blink of an eye, 2023 has arrived. Ming-De is now one and half year old. It is very nice to see that we have new students enrolled this year and having new families join the community. I believe that all the parents send their children to this school with a common purpose: that is, to get their children the best education, and to get them to become filial piety and virtuous children.

Parents of our school put great efforts on their children's education, especially the education of filial piety. There are parents who spend a lot of time and energy on their children but have little effect. I sometimes hear from parents asking how to improve children's moral behavior immediately.

In fact, from the Ming-de school song: filial persons will have filial children. That is, putting effects on the child's grandparents with filial piety. The elders are like the roots of a tree. Being filial to them is like watering and fertilizing the root. When the harvest comes, the fruit on the tree will be large and sweet. Our next generation will be like these fruits, with their parents being filial to grandparents, they will become filial and kind.

Therefore, the focus is actually on the roots, the elders, not always the children. As we all know laborious job of watering and fertilizing are only

effective on the roots not on the branches or fruits. And the minor job of pruning fruits on the branches only needs to be done at some of the right time.

I envy families who live together for three generations. In such a family, the filial piety of parents can be fully learned by children. For example, when parents going out to buy something, if the first thing they think of is what the grandparents need to buy and always put them as priority? The child will see what parents did and get used to puts his grandparents first as well. When these children enter the supermarket, he will naturally think about what grandparents or parents need? With such a habit, they will feel unused and uncomfortable if you let them only think about themselves.

I know that some parents feel that teaching their own children is hard. Some of the parents will even be a little discouraged when they find their child not disobedient or does something wrong. In fact, teaching children filial piety is not that difficult. Being filial piety with the elders in the family. Whether they live with us or not, whether they are alive or have passed away. Always keep them in mind, do everything you can to benefit them. After you work on it for a while, look back at your children, and you will find them making huge progression.

The role of role models is incredible, not only in filial piety, but in other aspects. If we want children to respect their teachers, we need our parents and teachers to set an example of respecting teachers. If we want children to be humble and courteous, we need our parents and teachers to set an example of humility and courtesy. If we want children to be humble and courteous, concentrate on reading, we need our parents and teachers to make examples of concentrating on reading. If we want children to learn appraising others, we need our parents and teachers to set an example of appraising others. Children are like mirrors that reflect 100% of the words and deeds of adults. Children are like a blank piece of paper, absorb what you do and speak. And all these correspond to the philosophy by Master Chin Kung, and correspond to the educational purpose of Ming-De school.

I hope that in the new year, each member in the community can make progress. And all the families are having harmonious and beautiful lives, happy and happy. Amitabha, thank you.