





道我要寫這篇感言，忙在一旁督促：「記得要寫我喜歡紫雲洞，還有幼學苑……。」

跟一般幼稚園不一樣的，這裡教的不止是知識上的東西，更注重孩子們的身心品德，比如他們每天都禮佛、靜坐、讀經，在不知不覺中接受著禮義廉恥的熏陶，自然而然地應用在生活中。我和源澤的爸爸從來沒法想像她會背誦經典如弟子規、常禮舉要、大悲咒、心經等。有一次她在我們夫婦爭執時突然冒出一句：「媽，開罪於人須求解，開罪於我應加恕。」使我們好笑又好生氣，結果不得不趕快收兵言和。

上了幼學苑，源澤也瞭解更多佛理，她會因自己是胎裏素而感到開心，拿到紅包會帶妹妹一同去放進福田箱而不是去買糖果。雖然孩子依然頑皮愛搗蛋，可是卻因學校環境的影響而增長了慈悲心，有一天柏羽（源澤的表哥兼同學）在草地上發現一隻死了的蚱蜢，他竟然把一些花放在蚱蜢旁邊，叫我的小女兒子淳（3歲）一起為它念誦大悲咒，真是一個莊嚴的小葬禮。一次她看到戰爭的電視新聞，不解地問：「我們有這麼多佛菩薩，怎麼不請一些去幫他們呢？」他們的善根在〈幼學苑〉得以堅固成長，全靠法師與老師們給予愛心和耐心的教導，這是我們所有家長最感激不盡的。阿彌陀佛！

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文中3個小孩都是胎裡素，完全不碰肉的。午餐第一次吃素糕時，他們說裡面有蛋都不敢碰；只有家裡做的才是無蛋素糕——對小朋友來說這真是有定力！



The children are not only taught knowledge, but virtue which is emphasized even more. For example, every day they bow to the Buddhas, sit in meditation and recite the Sutras. Propriety, righteousness, incorruptibility and a sense of shame are gradually imprinted in their minds and naturally applied in their daily lives. Yuan Ze's father and I never imagined that she could memorize the *Standards for Students*, the *Book of Common Essential Manners*, the Great Compassion Mantra, the *Heart Sutra*...etc. Once, when my husband and I were arguing, suddenly Yuan Ze said, "Mom, we have to reconcile after we have offended others; when offended, we should practice

forgiveness." Feeling embarrassed and silly, both of us ended up making peace right away.

After attending the Young Learners' Meadow, Yuan Ze understands more Buddhist principles. She is happy that she has been a vegetarian since she was in the womb. When she receives red packets, she and her sister put the money in the donation box, instead of going to buy candies. Even though she can still be naughty, under the school's influence her compassion has developed. One day Bo Yi (Yuan Ze's cousin and classmate) found a dead grasshopper in the grass; he put some flowers by the grasshopper and with my three-year-old daughter, Zi Zhun, recited the Great Compassion Mantra—it was an elaborate funeral. Once when we were watching the TV news about a war, she asked, "There are so many Buddhas and Bodhisattvas; how come people don't request some of them to go help?" Their good roots are growing bigger and firmer at the Young Learners' Meadow, which relies on the love and patient guidance of the Dharma Masters and teachers. All the parents feel very grateful.

Note: All three children are vegetarian from birth and have never touched meat. The first time they were offered cake for lunch, they dared not touch it, saying that cakes have eggs—only the ones at home have no eggs. It takes real "samadhi" for young children to say that!

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