



WONDER CHILD'S LEARNING EXPEDITION

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Certain teaching in the book of Proverbs holds a universal and biblical truth that says, *"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."*

This exactly encompasses the indispensable responsibility of parents in their child's early development. It serves as an initial imperative call for them to devote their child to a course of action leading to the right path in life. Training up a child in his early years is indeed a cultivating foundation that will eventually direct him to future success.

Remarkable beginning

Literacy is the bedrock for reading, writing, communicating, and socializing. Undeniably, it is a vital element of a child's overall development.

CLARON MEID C. DE LEON, or Ronron, began his literacy journey at a very early age. Being raised by philomath parents, it was an easy gateway for him to unfurl his fond adoration for literacy. With his young inquisitive mind, he was intrinsically motivated to discover his seemingly immense potential in reading and writing.

Ronron's early childhood revolved around books. His love for reading stemmed from his parents and sisters who were his greatest influences. Moreover, with the boons that technology provides, he was led to a self-discovery of his literacy skills. He learned the letters and sounds of the alphabet, nursery rhymes, and numbers on YouTube.

Surprisingly, he was able to read CVC words at age three and learned to write in cursive at age four by merely watching educational videos. His prowess in speaking the English language is also rooted in his exposure to such. With the guidance and support of his parents, Tatay Meds and Nanay Clara, he achieved independence in reading with basic comprehension. Ronron's zest for reading and writing is something that was not enforced by his parents, but rather an intrinsic motivation for him to unleash his potential.

Optimal Potential

When Ronron turned five, he started formal schooling at West Central Elementary School I as a learner of



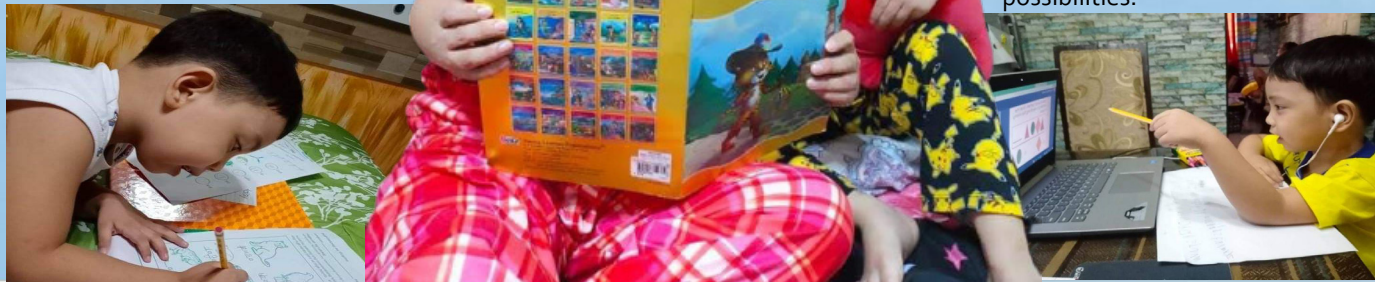
Ronron loves to read and write about the planets and the solar system.

the Special Education Program. His parents made sure that he was well-prepared before embarking on a new chapter of his life. However, the pandemic changed the conventional way of education. Face-to-face interaction is limited. Nonetheless, it did not hinder him to pursue his quest for knowledge. He reads books and watches informative videos on YouTube in the afternoon, while he does his modules at night. With his family's constant follow-up, he significantly improved.

Now that he is six, he can memorize poems and Christian songs, and write complete sentences. He even has good handwriting. With his age, he is fond of reading a variety of educational books especially about the solar system, and flags and capitals of different countries. This wonder child can also perform addition, subtraction, and basic multiplication. Without a doubt, Ronron has achieved more than kids of his age can do. This is a clear manifestation that the parents of this wonderkind put a premium value on education.

Numerous Possibilities

A child's future is indeed full of promises. Children grow in marvelous ways when they are trained at an early age. With Ronron's current potentials, it would not be surprising if he would be the next man to navigate space or the next artist to conquer the world. His bold imagination and intellectual inquisitiveness are certainly his keys to unraveling the infinity of opportune possibilities.



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