

Cornerstones for Teachers and Parents

These Cornerstones enhance each game with spirit and inspiration. Through mindfulness and practice, teachers and parents will find success guiding students to understand new concepts. As students have fun with each game, their confidence blossoms and they retain their eagerness to learn.

- 1** Without assuming any prior knowledge, believe that every student is brilliant and can learn.
- 2** Provide students with the right environment for learning, and they will reveal great ability and intelligence.
- 3** Believe that joyous and satisfying learning is a natural part of life.
- 4** Successful learning occurs in many small steps rather than a few big steps.
- 5** If students seem confused, it means more repetitions or a different approach may be needed.
- 6** Happy and relaxed students hardly realize they are learning because they are having so much fun.
- 7** Students remember best what they discover and experience for themselves.
- 8** Help all students feel successful, and they will want to discover more.
- 9** Allow students to learn by providing interesting materials to challenge them without overwhelming them.
- 10** Strive to be kind, generous, and encouraging since mistakes are a natural part of learning.
- 11** Develop an endless capacity to improvise and create situations that help all students succeed.
- 12** Be cheerful, a bit of an entertainer, and have fun yourself.
- 13** Be kind, respectful, and preserve everyone's dignity by not embarrassing anyone. When students don't know an answer, guide them with useful information.
- 14** Maintain a quick pace to interest and challenge students since they are capable of learning quickly.
- 15** Help students to learn the concepts first, then commit them to memory through repetition.
- 16** The true objective of teaching is to inspire a love of learning and to help students to learn and remember well.





Cornerstones for Students



Teachers and parents, will you be good examples for us and be our gentle guides? When we are raised with kindness, joy, opportunities, and boundaries, we naturally demonstrate many of these Cornerstones on our own. We like to reinforce good habits and behave respectfully with goodwill toward ourselves and others.

- 1 I am brilliant, and I can learn anything.
- 2 I can be brave and try my best when I know what I'm supposed to do.
- 3 Learning new things can be really fun.
- 4 Learning a little bit at a time is easier for me.
- 5 When I'm confused, I like my teacher to demonstrate again or try another way.
- 6 I feel happy and have more fun when it's easier to learn.
- 7 When I discover something for myself, it's easier to remember it.
- 8 I can wait quietly for other students to figure out answers for themselves.
- 9 Neat materials get my attention and make it easier to learn.
- 10 It's okay to make a few mistakes when I learn something new.
- 11 I like it when my teacher thinks of fun ways to make learning easier.
- 12 I learn best when my teacher is cheerful.
- 13 It feels good when I'm kind to other students and respectful to my teacher.
- 14 I try to pay attention and be enthusiastic so my teacher knows I'm learning.
- 15 When I can't remember something, it helps to play a game again and again.
- 16 I enjoy learning new things and remembering them.

