



Weekly Progress Report

Lesson: Recap {Introduction | Magic Words}

About This Lesson:

Today was our first Manners 4 Minors lesson and, for most of the children, their second year of their Manners journey! I was thrilled to see all my favourite little faces (and a few new ones). This year both the Monkey and Puppies will follow the senior program. And I was sooooo proud of how much my returning children remembered after such a long break! In this lesson I let the children introduce the puppets to the new children – they love to explain that Rodney Rude has VERY Bad Manners!! This week and next week will be a recap of some key lessons from last year and then we will move onto new exciting subjects!

Key Concepts:

- Meet The Puppets: Princess Penny and Caring Kurt have very Good Manners and are lovely children to be around but Boastful Betty and Rodney Rude don't have nice manners and are not pleasant to be around. Understanding the difference between the puppets helps them to identify with the puppets and to recognise good and bad behaviour in their actions (and to make the right behavioural choices in the future).
- Where are our Manners and how do they make us feel? We remembered that Good Manners come from our heart and always make people feel good. It is essential that children identify Good Manners with feeling good and Bad Manners with feeling bad or sad or unhappy. This helps them to make the correct behaviour choices in the future. We also threw out all our Bad Manners and heard about how the Good Manners Fairy will turn them back into Good Manners and fill up our hearts with Good Manners. We remembered one of our favourite songs (to the tune of Ring-a-ring-a Rosies).

*Where are my Manners? I must remember Manners
No Thank you, No Please... we all feel SAD
Where are my Manners? I must take out my Manners
May I please, and Thank You... we all feel GLAD!*

- The Magic Words: we remembered that Good Manners work just like MAAAAAGIC! I did a magic trick to remind them that Good Manners are Maaaaaaaagicccc! They had to use all their Good Manners to make magic happen – but it worked!

Parent Tips:

- In the week ahead, when you would like to encourage better behaviour, try the following lines "Are you being a Princess Penny?" or "How would Caring Kurt behave" or "Are you being a Rodney rude?" - You may be surprised how a simple comparison inspires your child to want to change his/her behaviour and make the right decision!

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The children LOVE the magic tricks and had great fun “throwing” (hence all the blurred arms) Good Manners to make magic happen – you see... having Good Manners is like having our very own magic inside us!



We did our usual THUMBS UP and shiny happy faces for Good Manners – this reminds us that Good Manners makes people feel good inside!



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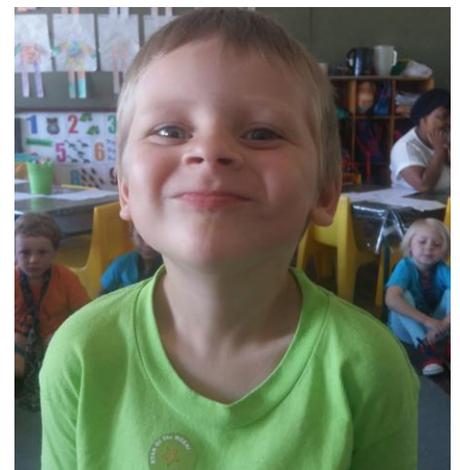
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We also did THUMBS DOWN and SAD faces for Bad Manners – because Bad Manners make other people feel sad inside.



For the first week I don't usually give a Star of the Week or stickers as the idea is that they throw away all their Bad Manners in the first class and Miss Manners and The Good Manners Fairy fill their hearts with Good Manners. But this week, I was SO proud of one child who showed all the others how to make Smart Choices. Chase was being bothered and distracted by someone sitting next to him and (instead of being drawn in) he very calmly stood up, removed himself from the situation, and went to sit somewhere else. It was exactly the kind of behaviour we try and teach in Manners and I was bursting with pride! Well Done Chase!



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