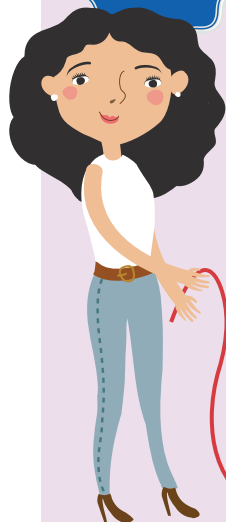


We've Got Mail!

from practitioners

Parents and an early childhood educator talk about local customs, traditions and values they want to pass on.



My grandfather made it a point to celebrate all our birthdays at home. I have never missed celebrating my birthday since I was a year old. Even though my grandfather has passed away, I continue to host my family members' birthdays at my home every year. I hope my children will carry on this tradition. To me, creating happy memories as a family is important. I want my children to know they are loved and that family is an integral part of our lives.

Kis Quek

Principal, Bibinogs @ Kings Arcade



I would like the younger generation to understand the value of compassion. I tell my children, "Life is not a bed of roses. People may run into difficulties at any point of their life. If we help them, it doesn't mean we will get something in return. But we help to enhance their life and who knows, we might need their help in future." I make it a point to donate where I can, and give up my seat to people in need on public transport so that my children will follow my example. As parents, we have to be good role models for our young, because they are the future of Singapore.

Catherine Chew

Mother of two aged 3 and 4

Singapore is a multi-racial country, and I want my children to be proud of their multi-cultural heritage. During Chinese New Year, I invite my non-Chinese neighbours to our home and treat them to hand-made pineapple tarts and love letters. Our children play together while the adults catch up with one another. Likewise, during Malay or Indian festive occasions, the neighbours invite us to their homes and we will bring gifts. I hope my children grow up embracing our country's rich cultural diversity, and know that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Grace Sim

Mother of three aged 2, 4 and 5

from parents



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