

Reading Street Sleuth

Unit 1

In Harmony

Come one! Come all! The circus is in town. In St. Louis, Missouri, it's Circus Harmony that is under the big top. You don't want to miss this circus! This circus isn't just about entertaining. More importantly, it teaches harmony and peace among children from all different kinds of backgrounds. Circus Harmony is for children of different ages, races, genders, and religions.

Since 2001, Circus Harmony has been teaching children all kinds of circus tricks. Children don't just learn to juggle or build human pyramids here. They also learn to work together as they perform circus acts. They learn to cooperate and to connect to each other no matter where they are from, what color their skin is, or if their families are rich or poor.

Circus Harmony teaches children skills that they use here at the circus, but also in life. Children learn how to take control over their own bodies, minds, and emotions. They also learn that it is more important to focus on the similarities among them than to point out the differences. Can you believe it? Children learn all these important skills as they practice performing circus acts!

Circus Harmony performs circus acts in front of hundreds of people every year. Circus Harmony has even joined Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus when in St. Louis. Circus Harmony is definitely an act that deserves a standing ovation!