

Avanti Trust PRE Curriculum

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- b. Because I am human.
- c. Because I read many books
- d. Because my parents and family are all intelligent
- e. Because I have *always* been intelligent
- f. Because my vocabulary is excellent
- g. Because my best friends tell me so
- h. Because I get the highest school grades every year
- i. Because all my close friends are intelligent
- j. Because no one has seen me do anything foolish
- k. Because I like PRE
- l. Because I enjoy all the subjects we study at school
- m. Because I am good at many different things
- n. Because people who say otherwise are stupid, obviously!

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