



## Unicorn Class Newsletter August/September 2016

Dear Parents,

Hello, My name is Mat and I am the new English Teacher in charge of Unicorn class. I am originally from Canada and I look forward to helping all the new students grow and learn. We are going to have a lot of fun in a safe and structured environment!

I will focus on making the classroom a fun environment that new students will enjoy while giving the kids the general skills they will need later on in life, from cleanliness and politeness to appropriate classroom behaviour. My goal is to create a comfortable and fun environment in which the students won't even noticed how much they are learning!

In the month of August we will be focusing on basic things such as the alphabet, phonics and songs as well as having a lot of fun in the classroom! August will be Aero science month and September will be about Chinese culture and Moon festivals.

Below is our current teaching plan for the months of August and September.

**Song and dance-** We will learn the actions and motions that go along with these songs.

August

Week 1: Walking walking, Good morning

Week 2: Walking walking, Good morning

Week 3: Head, shoulders, knees and toes, One two buckle my shoe

Week 4: Head, shoulders, knees and toes, One two buckle my shoe

September

Week 1: Teddy Bear, Where is the thumbkin

Week 2: Teddy Bear, Where is the thumbkin

Week 3: Color Songs

Week 4: Color Songs

Week 5: Little monkeys jumping on the bed

**Phonics-** We will spend a lot of time on letter recognition and the pronunciation of each sound.

August

Week 1: Letters and sounds Aa- Gg (Apple, ball, cat, dog, elephant, fish, gate)

Week 2: Letters and sounds Hh- Mm (hat, ink, jelly, kangaroo, lion, monkey)

Week 3: letters and sounds Nn- Ss (nose, octopus, pen, queen, rabbit, snake)

Week 4: letters and sounds Tt- Zz (tiger, umbrella, violin, watch, x-ray, zebra)

September

We will spend a lot of time on letter recognition and the pronunciation of each sound.

Week 1: Aa-Zz letters and sounds

Week 2: Bb (Ball, bed, bird,)

Week 3: Cc, Kk review (cat, cake, kitten, kite)

Week 4: Dd review (dog, dinosaur, draw)

Week 5: Ff review (fish, friend, flower)

**Reading-** Each week the students will look at a different book where they will learn vocabulary in which they can apply and use in their everyday school life.

August

Week 1: Book 1, School (crayons, scissors, books, desks, chairs, children, school)

Week 2: Book 2, Lunch (apples, sandwiches, bananas, pizza, cookies, milk lunch)

Week 3: Book 3, I like (wake up, eat, read, write, ride, hug, sleep)

Week 4: Book 4, I am (running, jumping, building, climbing, dancing, swinging, sleeping)

September

Week 1: Dogs

Week 2: I can see

Week 3: Review

Week 4: My Cats

Week 5: We Like Fruits

**Workbook**

August

Week 1: Letter Aa worksheets, students will practice tracing the letter Aa

Week 2: Letter Bb worksheets, students will practice tracing the letter Bb

Week 3: Letter Cc worksheets, students will practice tracing the letter Cc

Week 4: Letter Dd worksheets, students will practice tracing the letter Dd

September

Week 1: Students can practice tracing the letter Ee

Week 2: Students can practice writing the letter Ff

Week 3: Students can practice writing the letter Gg

Week 4: Students can practice writing the letter Hh

Week 5: Students can practice writing the letter Ii

**Physical education-** We will be joining Monkey and Lion class for some fun and healthy exercise which will help the students to improve their motor skills. We will set up activities such as tricycle races, ball games and obstacle courses.

August

Week 1: Running Race

Week 2: Tricycle races

Week 3: Parachute and ball

Week 4: Hopping Relay

September

Week 1: Parachute and ball

Week 2: Treasure Hunt

Week 3: Tricycle races

Week 4: Hopping Relay

## Week 5: Running Race

Thematic Studies - This month the theme will be 'Aero Science.' We will learn about Planes and have some cool activities for the kids. For September, the theme will be about Chinese culture.

Math- Students will learn about colors and shapes using colorful stickers and plastic shapes.

### August

Week 1: Workbook pages A1 P1-5 (shapes and colors, show and tell)

Week 2: Workbook pages A1 P6-10 (shapes and colors)

Week 3: Workbook pages A1 P11- 14 (Writing practice)

Week 4: Workbook pages A1 P15- 18 (reciting numbers)

### September

Week 1: Workbook pages A2 P1-5 (Shapes and colors)

Week 2: Workbook pages A2 P6- 10 (shapes and colors)

Week 3: Workbook pages A2 P11-14 (reciting numbers)

Week 4: Review

Week 5: Workbook pages A2 P15-18 (shapes and colors)

## Courtesy-

### August

Week 1: Students will learn 'please' and 'thank you' and 'good morning'

Week 2: Students will learn how to walk nicely and walk around the school.

Week 3: Students will learn 'may I.....?'

Week 4: Students will learn how to take care of their classroom.

### September

Week 1: Students can learn how to be good friends

Week 2: Students can learn how to sit beautifully

Week 3: Students can learn 'good afternoon'

Week 4: Students can learn table manners

Week 5: Students can learn 'I'm sorry' and 'excuse me'.

Outdoor Play - Students will be allowed to play outside in the playground with Monkey and Lion class to let go of some energy and enhance their social skills.

I understand the first month can be difficult for kids to be away from their parents for the first time. I hope to get to know the students well and make them feel at home in the classroom. If there is anything I can do to make it easier for the students to get used to and have fun at school, please let me know I will try my hardest!

Thank you,  
Teacher Mat



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### 親愛的家長

大家好，我是 Mat 很榮幸可以擔任獨角獸班的英文老師，我來自加拿大，期待孩子們在我的帶領下學習和成長，我們將會在安全有秩序的環境中，提供孩子們許多有趣的活動。

在這第一個學期，我的重點放在~~~孩子們能夠在一個有趣又舒服自在的環境下，學習到生活自理能力及整潔、禮貌等好的行為。我的目標是創造一個能讓孩子自然、自在學習的環境！

另外我們也將開始進行基本的字母、發音練習及歌曲教唱，在主題的活動將進行天文科學方面的認識，九月則是中國文化及節慶認識。

以下是八、九月的課程進度~~~

**歌謠律動方面** ~ 以下為每週的歌曲進度，在教唱的過程中我們會加上一些動作，讓孩子們覺得更有趣，也請家長們多重覆播放歌謠讓孩子們聆聽！

### 八月~~

Week 1: Walking walking, Good morning

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Week 3: Head, shoulders, knees and toes, One two buckle my shoe

Week 4: Head, shoulders, knees and toes, One two buckle my shoe

### 九月~~

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Week 2: Teddy Bear, Where is the thumbkin

Week 3: Color Songs

Week 4: Color Songs

Week 5: Little monkeys jumping on the bed

**自然發音方面** ~ 將著重在字母的認識和每個字母的發音。

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Week 1: Letters and sounds Aa- Gg (Apple, ball, cat, dog, elephant, fish, gate)

Week 2: Letters and sounds Hh- Mm (hat, ink, jelly, kangaroo, lion, monkey)

Week 3: letters and sounds Nn- Ss (nose, octopus, pen, queen, rabbit, snake)

Week 4: letters and sounds Tt- Zz (tiger, umbrella, violin, watch, x-ray, zebra)

### 九月

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Week 2: Bb (Ball, bed, bird,)

Week 3: Cc, Kk review (cat, cake, kitten, kite)

Week 4: Dd review (dog, dinosaur, draw)

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**閱讀方面** ~ 每週將提供一本讀本，在這些讀本中將學到許多學校的相關語詞及生活中的相關字彙。

八月

Week 1: Book 1, School (crayons, scissors, books, desks, chairs, children, school)

Week 2: Book 2, Lunch (apples, sandwiches, bananas, pizza, cookies, milk lunch)

Week 3: Book 3, I like (wake up, eat, read, write, ride, hug, sleep)

Week 4: Book 4, I am (running, jumping, building, climbing, dancing, swinging, sleeping)

九月

Week 1: Dogs

Week 2: I can see

Week 3: Review

Week 4: My Cats

Week 5: We Like Fruits

**練習本方面** ~ 將讓孩子們動手塗畫各個學習的字母加深印象及樂趣。

八月

Week 1: 字母 Aa 的學習單，孩子們練習用蠟筆描描看。

Week 2: 字母 Bb 的學習單，孩子們練習用蠟筆描描看。

Week 3: 字母 Cc 的學習單，孩子們練習用蠟筆描描看。

Week 4: 字母 Dd 的學習單，孩子們練習用蠟筆描描看。

九月

Week 1: 字母 Ee 的學習單，孩子們練習用蠟筆描描看。

Week 2: 字母 Ff 的學習單，孩子們練習用蠟筆描描看。

Week 3: 字母 Gg 的學習單，孩子們練習用蠟筆描描看。

Week 4: 字母 Hh 的學習單，孩子們練習用蠟筆描描看。

Week 5: 字母 Ii 的學習單，孩子們練習用蠟筆描描看。

**體能課方面** ~ 我們將和獅子班、猴子班一起進行，這課程將幫助孩子們的大肌肉發展，也將由我們三班老師來設計課程，內容將包括腳踏車的比賽或球類等活動。

八月

Week 1: 賽跑

Week 2: 三輪車比賽

Week 3: 氣球傘

Week 4: 兔子跳

九月

Week 1: 氣球傘

Week 2: 尋寶遊戲

Week 3: 三輪車比賽

Week 4: 兔子跳

Week 5: 賽跑

**主題活動方面** ~ 每個月都會指定一位外國老師計畫安排一個主題活動。主題形式不限，這個月的主題將與天文科學有關，九月則規劃中國文化與節慶的相關活動。

**數學方面** ~ 這學期的數學課我們採用 MPM 的教材，MPM 的教材有一些獨特有趣的方法，運用在一般數學的概念上，這個月我們將進行顏色和形狀的認識。

八月

Week 1: Workbook pages A1 P1-5 (形狀和顏色，展示和說明)

Week 2: Workbook pages A1 P6-10 (形狀和顏色)

Week 3: Workbook pages A1 P11- 14 (書寫練習)

Week 4: Workbook pages A1 P15- 18 (數字背誦)

九月

Week 1: Workbook pages A2 P1-5 (形狀和顏色)

Week 2: Workbook pages A2 P6- 10 (形狀和顏色)

Week 3: Workbook pages A2 P11-14 (數字背誦)

Week 4: 複習

Week 5: Workbook pages A2 P15-18 (形狀和顏色)

禮貌學習方面

八月

Week 1: 教孩子們說“請”、“謝謝”、“早安”。

Week 2: 教孩子們好好的走路和認識學校。

Week 3: 教孩子們說“我可以...”

Week 4: 教孩子們怎樣愛惜教室

九月

Week 1: 教孩子們如何交朋友

Week 2: 教孩子們如何好好的坐在椅子上

Week 3: 教孩子們說“午安”

Week 4: 教孩子們餐桌禮儀

Week 5: 教孩子們說“對不起”和 “Excuse Me”

*戶外活動方面* ~ 我們每天都有戶外活動時間，將會和獅子班、猴子班一起進行，除了可以讓孩子們盡情的奔跑外，還可以認識不同班級的朋友喔！

我能理解，八月對孩子們來說將是很有挑戰的一個月，孩子們第一次離開父母的身邊，獨自面對團體環境。我希望能夠知道更多孩子們的狀況，讓他們能夠像在家中一樣自在，如果有任何需要我協助的請告訴我，我將試著盡力配合。

Thank you,  
Teacher Mat