



Tiger Class ESL Grades 3 and 4 November Newsletter

Welcome to the Tiger Class monthly newsletter for November 2016. Tiger Class are progressing well. Every week they are given challenging new vocabulary in the form of their wordlists.

We have continued to read new and interesting stories and articles. As well as the grammar workbooks, the students have been enjoying producing their keynote presentations.

We will continue to read and learn new words together and hopefully have some fun doing it too. So let's take a look at what's to come in the month of November...

Core Material - Reading

We read the reading book everyday. I am very strict when it comes to reading time. Everyone sits down and we read together following the words with our fingers.

Often the kids will have questions about the story and about words they don't understand. I positively encourage questions about the reading material and make sure they understand.

Alongside the reading material, the students have a word list each week. The words from the list are selected from the reading material. When the students are first introduced to the new vocabulary most of them are unsure how to pronounce the words let alone understand their meanings. So as a class we go through the wordlists and explain what they mean. Sometimes this can be done on the big TV via Google. I have found this to be a fantastic tool to help the students understand more easily.

Weeks 1 and 2 - Unit 4 week 2 - Skills and Talents and a story called The Impossible Pet Show - A story about a boy called Daniel who has to host a pet show. The only problem is he gets nervous in front of crowds and he feels uncomfortable around animals. This story is about Daniel realising his talents and overcoming his fears to become more confident.

Weeks 3 and 4 - Keynote

Grammar

The majority of our lesson time is spent reading the Core Material reading book. However, a portion of the lesson will involve completing a grammar exercise using their grammar workbook.

Grammar lessons usually involve a discussion about the task, accompanied by some examples. Students complete the task and help and feedback is given.

November - Unit 4 Week 2 - How to use contractions and apostrophes e.g. does not – doesn't. Tasks include rewriting sentences and fill in the blanks exercises.

Composition

Composition Class is a fantastic opportunity for the students to do some creative writing. It's quite a short class, just once per week but it gives them a chance to think for themselves and write creatively.

A topic is chosen for them such as 'What I Want to Do When I Grow Up', after which we have a discussion and suggestions are made as to what they might write. After the initial draft is finished, their compositions are marked and returned ready for the rewrite the following week.

October - Being Famous

The students can talk about if they would like to be famous and why. This is a great chance for them to think about putting themselves into a situation and discuss how they would handle it. It also gives them the chance to talk about how they would feel and what they might like to do in the future.

Weeks 1 - 3 - Unit 4 week 1 - My Secret Garden

Week 4 - Unit 4 week 3 - An Encounter

November will be another great month for Tiger Class. We have lots of interesting stories to read and lots of new vocabulary for the students to learn.

As always feel free to leave your comments in the English communication book.

Until next time, see you soon.

Teacher Rich.



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歡迎來到老虎班十一月份的月報！老虎班目前的學習都很不錯，每一週我們透過單字表來挑戰新的單字。我們持續閱讀我們的新單字和有趣的故事，文章。學生們都很樂在其中的去學習完成他們專

題報告和文法的這個部分。我們將繼續學習新的字彙以及希望可以透過有趣的方式來讓孩子開心學習，以下是我們十一月份的專題報告。

核心教材- 閱讀

我們每天都會有閱讀課，當他們在閱讀時我會比較嚴格一點點要求他們，每個孩子要乖乖坐好以及唸課文時會要求小朋友手指頭比著字來唸，一方面可以訓練孩子專心以及增加其認字的能力。

當孩子用心閱讀時，他們可以發現故事裡自己有疑問的地方及他們自己不了解的地方，我會正向的鼓勵他們問問題及確認他們是否都完全了解內容。

依循著閱讀教材，每週孩子們會有一張單字表，這些單字都是從我們的月讀課文中的故事挑選出來的，當孩子拿到單字表的時候，面對新的單字他們可能不是很懂，甚至不知道如何唸出來，所以我會透過單字表來解釋給他們聽，有時候我們會透過我們的大電視連結 google 來搜尋字義或透過圖片來解釋給孩子們理解，我發現這個是一個很棒的工具來幫助小朋友更加容易理解單字的字義。
第一週和第二週 - 單元 4 第 2 週 - 技能 和天賦：一個故事叫做不可能的寵物秀 - 一個故事關於一個男孩 Daniel 他主持一個寵物秀。但唯一問題是他對於面對群眾和他與動物互動讓他感覺有點不舒服和有點緊張。這故事 Daniel 相信他的天賦可以克服他的恐懼，然後變得更有自信。
第三週和第四週 - Keynote 專題報告

文法

我們大部分的課程都是花在閱讀核心教材，不過我們有一部分的課程會有關於完成我們文法練習本的一些文法練習。

文法課程通常會先有一個主題討論及運用一些例子來說明，之後再請學生完成他們的練習，再針對孩子不會的部分再做一個複習。

以下是我們十一月份的課程複習

如何使用縮寫和標點符號 例如 does not ----> doesn't

練習包括重寫一次句子及把正確的縮寫及標點符號寫上去。

作文

寫作課對我們的孩子而言是一個很棒的機會，可以讓孩子有一個自我創作的機會，這是一個很短的課程，一週才半個小時，但是可以給他們一個機會思考及創意寫作。

我們會先選訂好主題，例如 'What I Want to Do When I Grow Up'。在這之後，我們會先討論及給予他們一些建議，因此他們會有一些想法來寫作，初稿完成後，我會批閱他們的寫作，之後再請他們訂正，並在下週再重新謄一次。

十一月份主題

第一週-第三週：單元四第一週 My Secret Garden

第四週：單元四第三週- An Encounter

十一月對他們而言，將會是另一個忙碌的大月，我們有很有趣的故事及單字等著他們來探索。

若您有任何孩子學習上的問題，請您在聯絡簿上留言，我會盡快回覆您！

Teacher Rich