



Rabbit Class Newsletter December 2016

Dear Parents,

This is going to be another busy month. Not only do we have our upcoming Christmas show, but as some of our students are going to be taking the test to go into dual language schools after they graduate from Marshall we have a lot of preparation to do. The Rabbits have been going well and are improving at a steady rate. It is great to see how much they've learned and improved so far in this semester. For the upcoming test I want to help them focus more on their writing and phonics as this will be a big part of the test. Everyone's basic phonics skills are very good and they can spell and read most simple words without any problems. In this semester we started learning some phonics blends i.e. th, sh, ng, nt, etc. This is a lot harder for some of the students to remember as some of the phonic blends are quite a challenge for them. I have been using simple games to practice with everyone as it is a fun way to review and everyone enjoys it very much. Another thing I've noticed this semester as we have more writing books is that when learning some grammar patterns or sentence patterns verbally the Rabbits have almost no problems and can catch on fast, however when they put these into writing they become rather confused and forgot what to do. I want to do some more writing practices to improve this as well as giving them some simple tests about writing and phonics. In their other subjects such as math and reading everyone is doing well and enjoy these classes. This month may be a little less exciting for everyone as it has a lot of work in store for them but it will be good for their learning and will help them a lot. I will still use games and activities as a way to make their studies more exciting and enjoyable for everyone. The rabbits are also super excited for Christmas and they always love dressing up in their costumes and dancing on stage. I hope everyone will be able to make it to our Christmas show and have a wonderful time and enjoy the show.

Reading

Everyone has been enjoying the reading book a lot. The critter series is fun and the rabbits have also been learning a lot of new words and things about everyday life. From things about winter and learning about time, to growing a garden and saving money, this series has much to learn. Some of the books are starting to get longer and have more complicated words as we go deeper into the series. This month we will be learning about families and including people in what we're doing and being kind.

Week 1- Just Me and My Dad

Week 2 – What a Bad Dream

Week 3 – Just Me and MY Mom

Week 4- Just Me and My Little Brother

Week 5 – Me Too

Core Material

Last month we took a lot of time for drama play, however in the time that we weren't practicing we did some review. I focused a lot on reviewing the phonic blends that we learned in the core material book that we just finished along with the new words meaning and pronunciation. As we have finished this book I have sent it home with everyone and I encourage the rabbits to study and review at home. This will help them to remember what we learned and also practice and become even more familiar with the phonic blends and words we learned. In the new book we are starting for phonics we will begin to learn more about long vowels, soft C and G, and "oo" and "u" sounds. The concept of this book is learning about changes over time such as plants growing, cause and effect, how things are made etc.

Week 1 – Unit 3 week 1 Anthology – On the Way to School: Read about the funny things that make a boy late for school.

Week 2 – Unit 3 week 1 Anthology – It's about time: Read about ways we can tell the time.

Week 3 – Review + Assessments + Spelling

Week 4 – Unit 3 week 2 Workshop – Time to Plant: Words to Know – green, grow, pretty, should, together, water

Week 5 – Unit 3 week 2 Workshop – Time to Plant: Phonics – likes, white, five, whines, wide, size...

Maths

Math is a fun subject that the rabbits like a lot, though it can be challenging sometimes they love the fun materials that come with the books. This month we will be starting to learn more about addition as well as measurements and coordinates. For addition at first we will count objects and add them together, once they understand the concept we will move onto just having numbers. For measurements we will be arranging objects into different groups and counting them or rank them, for example which one has more, less, etc.

Week 1 – E4:P1-5 – Addition and counting

Week 2 – E4:P6-10 – Combining two numbers to get a total of ten

Week 3 – E4:P11-14 – Shapes and colours correspondence

Week 4 – E4:P15-18 – Coordinates on a 3 x 3 grid

Week 5 – E5:P1-5 – Subtraction and counting

Physical Education

Everyone loves physical education because we get to have class on the playground and play fun games. I make sure that everyone tries and does their best. I will pick fun games that let them do running, obstacles, and team work.

Week 1 – Teamwork races

Week 2 – Obstacle course

Week 3 – Dodge ball (with a soft ball)

Week 4 – Bicycle races

Week 5 – Taking the bacon

Song and Dance

As it is December this month, we will be learning a Christmas song. It's a cute song about Santa Clause. The Rabbits love and are very excited for Christmas and I'm positive they will enjoy this song a lot. We will also be learning the song The Lion Sleeps Tonight which is a catch song that everyone has sung and danced along to.

Week 1 – Must be Santa

Week 2 – Lion Sleeps Tonight

Week 3 – Lion Sleeps Tonight

Week 4 – Lion Sleeps Tonight

Week 5 – Lion Sleeps Tonight

Science

Science is a short class each week however the rabbits still get to learn a lot in this class. We have been learning about animals and how they are the same and what are their needs. I also am talking with them about how different animals change over time as we are learning about changes in our core material.

Week 1 – 38, 40-43 - Where Animals Live

Week 2 – 44, 46-49 - Staying Safe

Week 3 – 52,53 - Review

Week 4 – C3 4, 6-9 – The Sun

Week 5 – 10, 12-15 – The Moon and the Star

Writing/Workbook

The writing in our new book is quite a challenge for everyone. I've noticed when learning the new grammar patterns or words verbally the rabbits understand everything with no problem, however when they need to put it onto paper they seem to be a little more confused. They may need some time and practice but slowly they will improve and be able to do it without much help.

Week 1 – competitive words

Week 2 – do...like/does...like

Week 3 – want/wants

Week 4 – writing about your family

Week 5 – Months

Thematic Activity

Thematic Activity is a wonderful opportunity for the teachers and students to bond over a fun project that might be a group or individual activity. Normally every month we will pick a theme to go with that month. Last month was November so the theme was Thanksgiving; this month's theme is easy to guess, Christmas! Everyone in our class loves Christmas and we have prepared a lot of fun and creative activities about Santa, winter snow, Christmas trees and other. I'm also excited about this month's theme and am looking forward to doing the activities with the Rabbits.

Week 1 – Santa Face

Week 2 – Snow Scene

Week 3 – Handprint Tree

Week 4 – Gingerbread House

Week 5 – Fire Work



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親愛的家長：

在這個月我們依舊迎接忙碌的一個月，不僅僅是聖誕節活動的練習，另外也有些孩子會參加私立小學的入學考試，班上的孩子在這學期都進步許多，接著下來我會更加著重在書寫和發音的練習，每個孩子的發音技巧都不錯，他們可以自己唸出簡單的句子，在這學期開始，我們開始練習連聲音：i.e. th, sh, ng, nt, 等等，對班上孩子來說這是一項挑戰，我利用簡單的遊戲來讓孩子練習，也可以藉由遊戲複習發音，另外在書寫方面，我們練習了句型時孩子們都是沒問題的，但是如果將練習的問題寫成句子，孩子們則需要許多協助，我會給孩子許多練習並且也會進行一些小測試，讓孩子有更多的機會加強，在這個月對孩子來說會有更多學習的機會，還有數學和閱讀孩子們都很喜歡，班上的孩子對於聖誕節的活動很期待也很興奮，而且他們也喜歡穿的很漂亮上台，希望能夠在活動當天見到您，並且也期許您可以享受這個美好的節日。

Reading

孩子們都很愛閱讀書，Critter 系列的書很有趣，孩子們也從中學到許多新的單字，從有關於冬天的事物到學習時間的概念，植物的栽種和儲蓄的概念，有些書的內容越來越長也越來越困難，在這個月我們會學習有關家庭和家人在做甚麼，以及待人親切的態度。

十二月

第一週：Just Me and My Dad

第二週：What a Bad Dream

第三週：Just Me and MY Mom

第四週：Just Me and My Little Brother

第五週：Me Too

Core Material

在上個月我們花了很多時間在練習戲劇表演，不過我們也有做了一些複習，我們複習的一些混合音，也學完了長母音的單字和發音，我希望孩子們將書本帶回家也可以在家裡複習，這也會幫助孩子更熟悉發音，在新的書中我們會學習 soft C 和 G, 和 “oo” 和 “u”，另外在書中我們也討論時間的轉變，例如：植物的生長，物品的製程等等。

十二月

第一週：單元 3 第 1 週讀本 - On the Way to School: 閱讀一個有關一個男孩遲到去學校的故事。

第二週：單元 3 第 1 週讀本 - It's about time: 閱讀一個我們如何知道時間的故事

第三週：複習 + 評量 + 拼音

第四週：單元 3 第 2 週練習本 - Time to Plant: 單字 – green, grow, pretty, should, together, water

第五週：單元 3 第 2 週練習本 - Time to Plant：自然發音 – likes, white, five, whines, wide, size...

Maths

孩子們都很喜歡數學，雖然有時候對他們來說很有挑戰性，可是利用教具來學習，孩子都很愛，這個月會學習較多的加法，在加法的學習方面我們會先利用實物來讓孩子學習，等孩子都了解後再利用數字學習，在測量方面我們會比較不同物品的長度，利用積木來測量，讓孩子了解什麼比較多，比較少。

十二月

第一週：E4:P1-5 – 加法和數數

第二週：E4:P6-10 - 練習 10 以內的加法

第三週：E4:P11-14 – 形狀和顏色的對應

第四週：E4:P15-18 - 在 3x3 的方格上練習座標

第五週：E5:P1-5 – 減法和數數

Physical Education

體能課也是孩子們很愛的課程之一，我也會鼓勵孩子努力嘗試，另外設計讓孩子可以活動大肢體的遊戲。

十二月

第一週：團體遊戲

第二週：障礙賽

第三週：扔擲球

第四週：腳踏車比賽

第五週：Taking the bacon

Song and Dance

在十二月這個月我們會學有關聖誕節的歌曲，是有關聖誕老公公的，我相信孩子們都會非常喜歡的，另外還有“The Lion Sleeps Tonight”這首歌，孩子們可以邊唱邊跳舞。

十二月

第一週：Must be Santa

第二週：The Lion Sleeps Tonight

第三週：The Lion Sleeps Tonight

第四週：The Lion Sleeps Tonight

第五週：The Lion Sleeps Tonight

Science

自然科學課雖然比較短，可是孩子們都很喜歡，我們在學習有關動物的事情，另外也學習有關動物的成長。

十二月

第一週：38, 40-43 – 動物住在哪裡

第二週：44, 46-49 – 留在安全的地方

第三週：52,23 – 複習

第四週：C3 4, 6-9 – 太陽

第五週：10, 12-15 – 月亮和星星

Writing/Workbook

寫字對孩子來說是項新的挑戰，學習句型或是句子的詞性對孩子來說沒有太大的問題，但是要求孩子寫在紙上的時候，他們就會寫錯，或是有點困惑，孩子們需要多點練習，但相信練習之後他們一定會進步的。

十二月

第一週：競爭性單字

第二週：- do...like/does...like

第三週：want/wants

第四週：家庭

第五週：月份

Thematic Activity

主題活動是很好的機會讓老師和學生都能擁有很多樂趣的課程，每個月都會有當月的主題，上個月的主題是感恩節，這個月的主題則是聖誕節，班上的孩子都喜歡聖誕節，而我們也會準備很多和聖誕有關的活動來進行，冬天、下雪、聖誕樹等等，我也感到很興奮能迎接這個月分，也期待可以和孩子一起進行許多有趣的活動喔。

十二月

第一週：聖誕老公公的臉

第二週：下雪了

第三週：小手聖誕樹

第四週：薑餅屋

第五週：煙火畫