



FROG CLASS 2016 December Newsletter

November was a very busy month. The majority of November was dedicated to practicing for the drama play. It is tough for the kids to practice for the show everyday. I think they put on a very good show and I hope you all enjoyed watching it too.

In December we have the Christmas show to look forward too. Both Teacher Simone and myself will be hosting the show once more. The kids have been practicing their musical and dancing performances so it should be a good show.

Let's take a look in more detail at what's happening in December.

Reading

We read the reading books several times every day. I am very strict when it comes to reading time. Everyone sits down on the floor 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.

After reading together, individuals are chosen to read to the whole class so their pronunciation can be checked and corrected if necessary. Sometimes during outdoor play I will give extra reading practice and attention to those who need it.

Week 1 - Just a Mess - Little Critter cleans up his messy room to try to find his baseball mitt.

Week 2 - Just Me and My Mom - Little Critter goes on a trip to the city with his mom and encounters so problems along the way.

Week 3 - What a Bad Dream - As the title suggests, Little Critter has a nightmare but he wakes up and is comforted by his parents.

Week 4 - Me Too - Sharing with one's little sister can be an awful bother, but it has its rewards too. A story about Little Critter and his baby sister.

Week 5 - Just Me and My Little Brother - Little Critter can't wait until his little brother gets big so they can do everything together.

Core Material

The Core Material books this semester are very good with nice pictures and many useful words. There are three books, a reading/writing Workshop workbook, a writing workbook and a Literature Anthology reading book.

Weeks 1-2 - Unit 3 Week 1 Anthology - On My Way To School - A fun rhyming story about why a kid is late for school and all the interesting characters he meets along the way.

Week 3 - Review + Assessment + Spelling

Weeks 4 & 5 - Unit 3 week 2 Workshop - The Big Yuca Plant - This is an unusual story in that it has characters and its presentation is in the form of a script or dialogue similar to how the students studied for the drama play. A family and their friends learn to work together to complete a task.

MPM Math (Multiple Practice Module)

The new MPM math book is more advanced and builds upon the knowledge acquired from the previous math books.

Week 1 - E4 P1-5 - Practice addition, region to region correspondence, sorting, counting and practice writing numbers.

Week 2 - E4 P6-10 - Practicing combining two numbers to get a total of ten. Numerical comparisons of length and height.

Week 3 - E4 P11-14 - Shapes/colours correspondence, practice writing numbers and ranking numbers. Numerical comparisons of volume and practicing ranking numbers.

Week 4 - E4 P15-18 - Practicing coordinates on a 3 x 3 grid. Shapes/colours correspondence. Practice designing problems. Practicing forward/backward thinking.

Week 5 - E5 P1-5 - Part and whole subtraction, sorting and counting objects, practice writing numbers and comparison subtraction.

Science

This is a new subject that is exclusive to K5 classes only. Just one short class per week. It's a chance for the kids to learn something new and interesting. We usually conduct some sort of experiment or study something from nature.

The students also read from their new science books.

Week 1 - 38, 40-43 - Where Animals Live e.g. desert, grasslands, forest.

Week 2 - 44, 46-49 - Staying Safe e.g. How animals have evolved to use camouflage to evade predators.

Week 3 - 52, 53 - Chapter Review and a review of the vocabulary associated with the topics previously studied.

Week 4 - C3 (Vocabulary) 4, 6-9 - The Sun - We look at what does the sun do, what is temperature and how does the sun affect temperature.

Week 5 - 10, 12 - 15 - The Moon and Stars - We talk about the different phases of the moon and how people observe stars.

Song and Dance

We have song & dance classes in the mornings to create a group bond & promote confidence.

Song & dance is also a great way to wake the kids up in the mornings and get them ready & energised for the day's lessons.

Week 1 - Must Be Santa

Weeks 2 - 4 - Lion Sleeps Tonight

Week 5 - When We Work Together

Thematic Activities

Thematic studies are a series of lessons that focus on a country or festival. Thematic studies lessons are once a week and last for one month on the same subject. The kids get to learn about other cultures, countries and events from all over the world.

Week 1 – Christmas: Santa Face

Week 2 – Christmas: Snow Scene

Week 3 – Christmas: Christmas Tree

Week 3 – Christmas: Gingerbread House

Week 4 – Christmas: Firework

Library

Once a week the class will visit the library to read a storybook. This is a popular lesson with the kids because they love to listen to the teacher read them a good story.

The class will sit and listen to the teacher, enjoying looking at the pictures in the book as the story is read to them.

They also have the opportunity to borrow a book for the week to take home and read by themselves or with mummy & daddy.

Outdoor Play & Small Group Speaking Training

This is a great opportunity to interact with the kids and discuss general topics and conversation with them. We can talk about a variety of topics that are of interest to the kids such as games, cartoons, sports and also use this time to practice some of the topics we have been learning in lessons.

This concludes Frog classes month newsletter for December. As you can see we have lots of fun and interesting books and material to cover in December as well as the Christmas show to look forward too. Until then, take care.

Teacher Rich.



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十一月是一個很忙碌的月份，主要是練習戲劇表演，對孩子來說每天練習是很辛苦的，我想他們有一個很棒的表演，而我也希望你們喜歡這次的表演。

十二月我們會有聖誕節表演，我和 Simone 老師會主持這次的活動，孩子們練習音樂及舞蹈表演，那會是一個很棒的表演。

讓我們看看十二月份的細節。

Reading

我們每一天閱讀讀本許多次，當涉及到閱讀時，我是很嚴格的。每個人坐在地板上且我們跟隨我們的手指一起閱讀。

往往孩子們會有一些故事或是他們不懂的語詞問題，我會積極鼓勵他們對於閱讀的問題以確保他們了解內容。

經過一起閱讀後，選擇一個人閱讀給全班聽，可以檢查他們的發音在必要時修正。有時在戶外遊戲時，我會進行額外的閱讀練習。我會留意哪些人是需要的。

Week 1 - Just a Mess –

Little Critter 清理他髒亂的房間，並試著找出他的棒球手套。

Week 2 - Just Me and My Mom –

Little Critter 和媽媽去旅遊路上遭遇到的問題。

Week 3 - What a Bad Dream –

像書名說的，Little Critter 做了惡夢，但當她醒來，是舒服地在爸媽身邊。

Week 4 - Me Too –

和妹妹分享可怕又麻煩，但又有獎勵，一個有關 Little Critter 和他妹妹的故事。

Week 5 - Just Me and My Little Brother - Little Critter 等不及弟弟長大，和他一起做所有事的時候。

Core Material

本學期的 Core Material 很好，裡面有很棒的圖片和許多有幫助的語詞。我們有閱讀/寫作的練習本、寫作的練習本以及文學選集閱讀，共三本書。

Weeks 1-2 - Unit 3 Week 1 Anthology - On My Way To School – 一個有關為何孩子遲到及路上他遇見的所有有趣角色的押韻故事。

Week 3 – 複習 + 評量+ 拼字

Weeks 4 & 5 - Unit 3 week 2 Workshop - The Big Yuca Plant -這是一個特別的故事，有角色和頭像，就像一個劇本的對白，讓學生學習戲劇表演。一個家庭和他們的朋友學會共同努力完成一項任務。

MPM Math (Multiple Practice Module)

新的 MPM 數學有許多進階且建構在之前學得的數學知識上。

Week 1 - E4 P1-5 – 練習加法，對應空間、排序及練習寫數字。

Week 2 - E4 P6-10 – 練習 10 以內的加法，長度和高度的比較。

Week 3 - E4 P11-14 – 形狀/顏色對應，練習寫數字及排列數字，數字的大小及排列。

Week 4 - E4 P15-18 – 在 3x3 的方格上練習座標，形狀/顏色的對應。練習設計問題，練習前/後空間概念。

Week 5 - E5 P1-5 -部分和整體減法，排序和物件數量，練習寫數字和比較減法。

Science

這是只有 K5 課程才有的新科目，一星期只有一堂課，這是一個能讓孩子學習到有趣新事物的機會，我們會進行一些實驗，或者學習關於大自然的一切。

學生也能閱讀他們新的自然課本。

Week 1 - 38, 40-43 – 動物住的地方：沙漠、草原、森林

Week 2 - 44, 46-49 – 動物如何進化、使用偽裝逃避捕食者保持安全

Week 3 - 52, 53 – 章節複習，複習和主題有關的單字

Week 4 - C3 (Vocabulary) 4, 6-9 – 太陽 – 太陽如何運作，溫度及太陽如何提供溫度

Week 5 - 10, 12 - 15 – 月亮及星星 – 我們探討月亮的不同階段即人們觀察到的星星

Song and Dance

我們每天早上有唱歌和跳舞的課程創造出團結與增進信心。

唱歌和跳舞是早上喚醒孩子的一個很好的方式且讓他們準備一整天的精力。

Week 1 - Must Be Santa

Week 2 - 4 - Lion Sleeps Tonight

Week 5 - When We Work Together

Thematic Activities

主題研究是一系列的課程，主要是重視一個國家和節慶。主題研究課程一個星期一次，同一個主題持續一個月。孩子們從世界各地了解其他文化、國家和活動。

Week 1: 聖誕老公公的臉

Week 2: 下雪了

Week 3: 聖誕樹

Week 4: 薑餅屋

Week 5: 煙火

Library

一週一次的課程將會去參觀圖書館並且閱讀故事書，這是孩子們熱愛的課程，因為他們喜歡聽老師閱讀故事。

班上會坐著聽老師說故事，享受著看故事中的圖片讀著故事書給他們聽。
他們每星期也有機會借書回家，自己閱讀或是和爸爸媽媽一起閱讀。

Outdoor Play & Small Group Speaking Training

這是一個很好與孩子互動、討論和談話的機會，我們可以討論各種他們有興趣的話題，像是遊戲、漫畫、運動，也會利用這段時間練習我們在學習的課程。

這些是十二月份青蛙班的資訊，像你所見的有許多有趣的書及主題還有聖誕節表演活動，保重。

Teacher Rich.