



ESL Grades 3 and 4 Tiger Class 2016 December Newsletter

Welcome to the Tiger Class monthly newsletter for December 2016.

Tiger class have enjoyed the month of November. The students had a lot of fun and exciting topics and they have learnt many new and interesting words.

As you know, they particularly love to research their keynote presentations. I have been preparing a guide/notes for them to help them understand what information is required. We also have fun looking at ideas together, some of the topics they have never even heard of such as wing suit base jumping.

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 December...

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 1-4 - Unit 4 Week 3 - Adaptations - Grey Wolf Red Fox - An interesting and informative article about different foxes in America and why they are the colours they are.

(Weeks 3 and 4 will also be Keynote weeks with topic to be decided)

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.

The tasks vary in length. Most lessons comprise of the students completing a page in their text books. Once they have completed the task they can move on to the next page.

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.

December – People to Travel with - Do you like to travel? Do you think people whom you go traveling with make any difference to your experience?

December will be a busy but interesting month for Tiger class. There will be lots of new vocabulary for the students to learn in their word lists and I know they will really enjoy making their keynote presentations.

Please feel free to leave your comments in the communication books.

Until next time, see you soon.

Teacher Rich.



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歡迎來到老虎班的十二月的月報告

老虎班的小朋友在十一月份的學習是非常開心愉悅的，在課堂上孩子們都得到很多的樂趣也很興奮及期待在學習新的主題。他們也很願意學習新的課程及一些有趣的單字。

如同你所知道的，他們也都樂於學習 keynote 專題報告，我也準備一些講義來幫助他們能了解到主題所要的資訊，孩子們也很樂於討論一些想法及他們的點子，有些主題是他們從來沒有接觸過的例如飛鼠跳。

我們將繼續學習及閱讀新的單字及樂於學習，讓我們來看看接下來一個月的課程規劃：

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念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成了解。

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，甚至不知道如何念出來，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。

第一週到第四週- 單元四第三週-適應-主題是- Grey Wolf Red Fox

是一篇很有趣也富有知識性的在探討在美國的不一樣的狐狸及他們身上的顏色怎麼來的。

第三週及第四週我們也會做專題報告的部分

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。

文法的内容長短不一,大部分的學習在於孩子們要完成他們的文法練習本,在他們完成了一頁後,在老師批閱後就往下頁移動練習另一個小主題。

以下是我們十二月份的課程規劃：

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後再請他們訂正並再重新謄一次在未來一週裡。

十二月份主題

十二月 – People to Travel with – 你喜歡旅遊嗎?你覺得你的旅遊夥伴會對你的旅行有不一樣的經歷嗎?

十二月對他們而言,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以及他們樂於學習有關他們的 Keynote 專題報告。

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