



Rabbit Class Newsletter January 2017

Dear Parents,

This semester is coming to an end as this is the last month of this semester with Chinese New Year marking the last day. Throughout this semester the Rabbits have learned much and come a long way. As they began K5 it was a lot more work than they were used to, there was more work and expectations from them, they started having homework and lots of other work added onto their learning. Of course at first they weren't used to having to do a lot more work and having homework but now they are slowly getting used to it and starting to improve a lot. This semester we've learned many new things from phonic blends in phonics class, to starting to learn addition and subtraction in math. Though it has been a lot of work it has also been equally as fun for everyone. We've made sure to have many different activities and fun play time where everyone got to bond a lot more while doing the things they enjoy. This last month will be just as busy as the rest with learning and fun. Not only that, but we also having our upcoming reading contest this month. The Rabbits have been enjoying this semester's reading books a lot and they love the stories and concepts they teach. Now it's their turn to let you see a little bit of what we have been learning in class. We have to prepare and review a lot in the short time we have to prepare for the reading contest. I'm sure no matter how well they do or who wins everyone will have lots of fun being on stage again and showing off what they can do! I also hope you as their parents enjoy their performance and are very proud of the improvement they have made. Just shortly after our reading contest this semester will be at an end and I hope to see everyone next semester. I wish everyone and their families a wonderful Chinese New Year and a great year.

Reading

Part of this month's reading will be stopped for review and to prepare for the reading contest. We will have two last books this month, both part of the Critter series that the Rabbits have been enjoying throughout the most of this semester. To prepare for the reading contest everyone will need to take back their books from this semester and each day I will pick a book to review. I will also take some time in outdoor play time to call each student to come read a book to me individually so they can practice reading the books on their own.

January

Week 1- When I Get Bigger

Week 2 – I Just Forgot

Week 3 – Prepare for Reading Contest

Week 4- Review

Core Material

We are going to be finishing up the chapter that we have started last month and also be doing a review week on the last week. We have learned a lot of new phonic blends, words and their meanings, and reading short stories on core material. Most of the rabbits can read and remember the new words and their meanings that we have learned. However I've noticed they often forget what sounds some of the phonic blends we have learned make, especially "th" "sh" "wh" and "ch". During the review week I want to help them with this and focus on reviewing the phonic blends that they are not familiar with.

January

Week 1- Unit 3 Week 2 Anthology – The Big Yuca Plant story

Week 2 – Unit 3 Week 2 Anthology – How Plants Grow

Week 3 – Review + Assessment + Spelling – Spelling words, Sentence Patterns

Week 4- Review - Phonics, sentence pattern, spelling, reading

Maths

This month we will be continuing learning addition, subtraction, and coordinates. So far everyone has been doing well and is able to keep up. We are still just learning the basics of addition and subtraction and most of the work is counting objects then adding or subtracting a certain number from the total. I've noticed the Rabbits get rather confused when it come to coordinates and if we have extra time I will be helping them in this area.

January

Week 1- E5: P06-10 functions

Week 2 – E5: P11-14 set theory

Week 3 – E5: P15-18 set theory

Week 4- Catch up and review.- addition/ subtraction/ coordinates

Physical Education

As the Rabbit get bigger they are able to do a lot more activities and games. I am finding new games and things for them to do in PE class that they will enjoy and can do together. We also play some teamwork games such as relay races and activities where they need to work together two by two. Sometimes I take this opportunity to let two students who don't get along or often have trouble working together have some bonding time.

January

Week 1- Relay races

Week 2 – Soccer

Week 3 – Feet tied together

Week 4- Sack races

Song and Dance

A lot of the Rabbis come later in the morning so not everyone is here for song and dance time. However that doesn't stop the Rabbits that are there to have a great time and rock out to whatever song we are singing that morning. Everyone always laughs and has a great time when doing some simple actions and watching others and having a great time is always nice to have in class. Sometimes the rabbits are still tired in the morning but when that is the case we can all sit in a circle and sing a slower song that doesn't require so much energy and actions.

January

Week 1- When We Work Together

Week 2 – When We Work Together

Week 3 – A Goat in a Boat

Week 4- A Goat in a Boat

Science

I feel the rabbits have learned a lot in science class and they also enjoy talking about whatever we are leaning that day. The book we use has many different pictures and charts that I will show everyone and use to teach and they all love it. Sometimes I will give them little test about what we have been learning i.e.

animal groups or plants. Even though it can be a little hard for them to understand at times they still try their best and always learn something new.

January

Week 1- 16, 18-19 the planets

Week 2 – 22,23 chapter 5 review, the sky, stars, planets

Week 3 – C25, 26,28-31 weather and seasons

Week 4- Catch up and review

Writing/Workbook

We have been learning different grammar words and sentences. I've noticed when speaking everyone knows how to use the words we've learned and can make sentences as well as use what we have learned in their everyday conversations. However when it comes to having to write it down they seem to come to a block. I feel that writing is a big part of their learning so we will be working on this more in class. We also have a writing book that goes along with the phonics and sight words we've been learning in core material and I will be starting to test the rabbits on the 8 words we have per chapter from that book. As they have already learned the phonics and reviewed a lot if they remember to use what they have learned this should be easy and not too much for them.

January

Week 1- Do want/ does want

Week 2 – Months

Week 3 – need/needs

Week 4- objects

Thematic

This month's thematic theme will be New Year and winter. Last month we did a few activities about winter like making a snow scene. This month we will be continuing more things about winter. Sometimes we will do individual activities where each student gets to make something small on their own with the help and guide of the teacher and sometimes we will go a group activity where everyone will work together or do a small part of the project and together they can make an amazing product that looks beautiful.

January

Week 1- New Year Banner

Week 2 – Chinese New Year Decoration

Week 3 – Chinese New Year Decoration

Week 4- Winter



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親愛的家長：

這學期已經要到最後一個月了，接著下來我們也要迎接春節，在這學期中，孩子們學了很多，大班開始孩子們學習的量增加了，大人也對他們有更多期待，現在開始也有回家作業，當然一開始他們不太習慣有這麼多作業，可是慢慢的孩子們也開始習慣了，也開始學習混合音的發音，數學方面也開始學習加法和減法，雖然有許多要學習的，可是孩子們也擁有很多的樂趣，我也會設計許多有趣的遊戲融入學習中，讓孩子感到很有趣，這個月我們仍然有許多事情需要完成，在這個月我們要迎接閱讀比賽，這一學期的閱讀書孩子們都很喜歡，故事也很吸引孩子們，所以接下來孩子會展現他們在課堂上所學習到的，短時間內我們需要開始複習並且準備閱讀比賽，我相信不管是誰贏了比賽，重要的是孩子們在準備的過程中擁有了許多樂趣以及有認真的努力，另外我也希望身為家長的各位，能夠欣賞他們的表現，並且了解孩子們的進步，閱讀比賽結束後，很快就是學期末了，希望能夠在下學期時再次的看到各位。

祝福您都能有個美好的春節假期。

Reading

這個月中的幾週我們會用來準備閱讀比賽，我們仍然還有二本閱讀書，是有關於 Critter 的系列，班上孩子都很喜歡，另外我也會請您讓孩子帶回閱讀比賽需要的書，我會和孩子一起複習，另外也會在戶外遊戲時請需要幫助的孩子來練習，每個孩子也會自己練習唸書。

一月

第一週：When I Get Bigger

第二週：I Just Forgot

第三週：閱讀比賽準備

第四週：複習

Core Material

我們將會完成這本教材，最後一週則是會複習，我們學習了許多的混合音、單字和他們的意思，也可以唸一篇短一點的故事，大部分的孩子都可以記住我們所學的新單字，也能夠唸的出來，也衣些孩子會容易忘記的，例如：“th” “sh” “wh” “ch”，在複習的那一週我會協助孩子這一部分，希望他們可以更熟悉。

第一週：單元三第二週故事集 - The Big Yuca Plant story

第二週：單元三第二週故事集 - How Plants Grow

第三週：複習 + 評量 + 拼字 - 練習拼字和句子練習

第四週：複習：發音、拼字、句子、閱讀

Maths

在這個月我們持續學習加減法和座標，目前為止孩子們都表現的不錯，我們還學習簡單的加減法，大部分時候我們會先利用積木來讓孩子進行加或減的動作，另外在座標方面，班上孩子會有些困惑，如果有多餘的時間，我會再協助孩子們的。

第一週：E5: P06-10 函數

第二週：E5: P11-14 集論

第三週：E5: P15-18 集論

第四週：複習 + 進度趕上

Physical Education

班上孩子現在可以挑戰比較多樣的遊戲，我找了一些可以大家一起玩的遊戲，我們也完比較多的團體競賽，例如：接力賽之類的，我也會讓平常比較不常相處的孩子同一組玩。

第一週：接力賽

第二週：足球賽

第三週：二人三腳

第四週：套袋跑比賽

Song and Dance

早上的歌唱律動時間不是每個孩子都到齊，不過班上孩子仍然是很享受這一段時間，在這一堂課班上總是很多笑聲，而在早上第一堂課伸展自己的身體，也可以充滿精力來迎接接下來的課程。

第一週：When We Work Together

第二週：When We Work Together

第三週：A Goat in a Boat

第四週：A Goat in a Boat

Science

在自然科學孩子們從中學到了很多，他們也喜歡討論相關的內容，我們所使用的教材裡面有很多圖片，我會讓孩子們上前觀看，孩子們也都很喜歡，另外我也會在課堂上問孩子們我們上過的內容，雖然有些內容對他們來說是比較困難的，可是孩子們還是努力的學習。

第一週：16, 18-19 行星

第二週：22,23 第五章複習

第三週：C25, 26,28-3 天氣和季節

第四週：複習

Writing/Workbook

我們學了許多不同的句子和句型，在口語的使用上孩子們都沒有太大的問題，可是當需要寫下來的時候，孩子們就有許多的地方需要協助，在這方面我會多多幫助孩子的，另外我們也有一本寫字本是練習我們在主題課所學到的新單字以及新發音，我會讓孩子練習寫，接著在給他們一些小測試，孩子們如果有使用學習到的發音並且也在複習時專心，相信對他們來說不會太困難。

第一週 - Do want/ does want

第二週 - 月份

第三週 - need/needs

第四週 - 物體

Thematic Activity

這個月的主題是新年和冬天，上個月我們也有製作一些冬天的作品，有時候我們會完成個人的作品，有些時候則是全班的團體作品，而孩子們的作品也都很漂亮。

第一週 - New Year Banner

第二週 - Chinese New Year Decoration

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第四週 - Winter