



## FROG CLASS 2017 February Newsletter

Hello. Welcome to the Frog Class newsletter for February. January was all about the reading contest. Frog Class did an excellent job of remembering all the reading books. I am very proud of their progress and it is amazing to see how far they have come since K3.

February sees us return to normality. The students will have lots of new reading books and interesting things to do. February will be a shorter month because of the new year vacation.

### 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.

Weeks 1 & 2 - Mary Clare Likes to Share - Mary Clare loves to share. If there's food around, Mary Clare fairly divides it up and shares it with her friends and family, no matter how many there are!

Week 3 - Hiccups for Elephant - It was nap-time. All the animals were asleep, but not Elephant. He had the hiccups!

Week 4 - Two Crazy Pigs - Two pigs who drive the farmer and his wife crazy with their silliness and pranks decide to move to a new farm, only to be missed by all the other animals when they leave.

### 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 and 2 - Unit 3 Week 2 Anthology - 'The Big Yuca Plant' This story is written in script form. First we are introduced to the characters. This is a fun story that teaches the students to value each member of the team, no matter how small they are.

Weeks 1 & 2 - Review Unit 2 Week 4-5 -

Weeks 3 & 4 - Review Unit 3 Week 1-2 - On My Way To School, The Big Yuca Plant.

### MPM Math (Multiple Practice Module)

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

Weeks 1 & 2 - F1 P1-5 - Learning to count objects in various areas. Regional correspondence, sorting and counting, and counting more than 10 objects.

Week 3 - P6-10 - Learning to count from 1-50 and from 50-1 and any segment in between.

Week 4 - P11-14 - Learning to count and find the values of various coins.

#### Science

This is a new subject that is exclusive to K5 classes only. Just one short class per week. Its 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 - Lesson 1 D6-9 - What are rocks and minerals? What are rocks and minerals important?

Week 2 - Lesson 2 D12-15 - How do soils compare? What is soil? Why is soil important?

Weeks 3 & 4 - Lesson 3 D18-21 - What happens to rain? Where is Earths water found? Why is water important?

#### 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 & energized for the days lessons.

Weeks 1-4 - Dancing Queen

#### Thematic Activities

Thematic studies are a series of lessons that focus on a country or festival. Thematic studies lessons are once 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 2 – Presidents Day

Week 3 – Hamburger

Week 4 – Hot Dog

#### Library

Once a week the class will visit the library to read a storybook. This 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 the Frog Class newsletter for February. A shorter month than usual thanks to the vacation. We will be doing a lot of reviewing and catching up. In March we will have the school field trip so I look forward to that.

See you soon.

Teacher Rich



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你好，歡迎來到二月的資訊，一月份的閱讀比賽，青蛙班記住所有的閱讀書表現的很好。我為他們的進步感到非常自豪，看到他們自 K3 以來的進步令人驚艷。

2 月我們回到正常的課程，學生將有很多新的閱讀書和有趣的事情要做，由於新年假期，2 月將是一個較短的月份。

### 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。

Weeks 1 & 2 - Mary Clare Likes to Share - Mary Clare 喜歡分享，如果有食物，無論有多少，Mary Clare 把它與她的朋友和家人分享！

Week 3 - Hiccups for Elephant - 這是休息時間，所有的動物都睡著了，但大象沒有睡著，他有打嗝！

Week 4 - Two Crazy Pigs - 兩個豬的愚蠢和惡作劇使得農夫和他的妻子瘋狂，所以決定搬到一個新的農場，當他們離開時被所有其他動物想念。

### 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 and 2 - Unit 3 Week 2 Anthology - 'The Big Yuca Plant' 這是一個劇本形式的故事，首先我們介紹角色，這是一個有趣的故事讓學生都能當故事裡的成員，無論大小的角色。

Weeks 1 & 2 - Review Unit 2 Week 4-5 -

Weeks 3 & 4 - Review Unit 3 Week 1-2 - On My Way To School, The Big Yuca Plant.

### 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。

Weeks 1 & 2 - F1 P1-5 -學習計數各個領域的對象。區域對應，排序和計數，以及超過 10 個對象的計數

Week 3 - P6-10 – 學習 1-50 的數

Week 4 - P11-14 - 學會計數和找到各種硬幣的價值

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 - Lesson 1 D6-9 - 什麼是岩石和礦物？什麼是岩石和重要礦物質？

Week 2 - Lesson 2 D12-15 - 土壤如何比較？什麼是土壤？為什麼土壤很重要？

Weeks 3 & 4 - Lesson 3 D18-21 - 雨怎麼樣？地球的水在哪裡找到？為什麼水很重要？

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。

Weeks 1-4 - Dancing Queen

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 2 – 美國總統

Week 3 – 漢堡

Week 4 – 熱狗

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。

以上是青蛙班二月份的資訊，因為假期而比較短的一個月，我們會做很多複習已追趕進度，我期待在 3 月，我們將有的校外教學。

我們很快會再見

Teacher Rich.