



Tiger Class / ESL Grades 3 and 4 2017 February Newsletter

Welcome to the Tiger Class monthly newsletter for February 2017.

January was a busy month for Tiger Class. The students practiced very hard to memorize the presentations. They all did an excellent job and they performed very well under pressure.

February will be a short month for Tiger Class because of the Winter vacation. So let's take a look at what's to come in the short month of February...

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 & 2 - Winter Vacation.

Weeks 3 & 4 - Unit 4 Week 4 - Amazing Animals On The Mojave - An interesting article about how animals have adapted to survive in such a harsh habitat.

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 the 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.

Weeks 1 & 2 - Winter Vacation.

Week 3 & 4 - Unit 4 Week 4 - Complex sentences - A complex sentence includes an independent and one dependent clause that is introduced by a subordinating conjunction. And how to use commas correctly.

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.

Weeks 1 & 2 - Winter Vacation.

Weeks 3 & 4 - Something I Treasure. The students must think of something in their room that is important or valuable to them. It could be a book, a piece of clothing, a game, or anything they treasure.

They must write about this precious object. Describe what it is, and explain why it is valuable or important to them.

So as you can see a short month. Tiger Class will return to the usual schedule. they will have a new word list each week with new vocabulary selected from the core material reading book. We will also continue with the grammar workbook and they will have a short lesson each week for composition class.

Until next time, see you soon.

Teacher Rich.



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歡迎來到我們老虎班二月份的月報告。

一月份是一個非常忙碌的一個月份，主要是因為演講比賽的準備過程，孩子們很認真的準備他們的專題報告，他們也都有很精湛的表現及他們也承受了很大的壓力為了這次的比賽。

二月份將會是一個很短的月份，因為我們有兩週寒假接下來我們來了解在新的學期我們有哪些課程要進行呢？

所以讓我們來了解未來二月的課程規畫上的細節：

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。

第一週及第二週- 寒假週

第三週及第四週 – 第四單元第四週

主題 - Amazing Animals On The Mojave – 一篇很有趣的文章在探討動物們如何適應他們嚴苛的生存環境。

文法

在我們的課程裡主要的課程仍以我們閱讀為主，儘管如此我們每週仍會花一點時間來完成他們的文法練習本。

文法的課程我們通常會先討論一下學習的內容，運用一些例子來讓小朋友了解並完成他們的練習及檢討不會的地方。

依照內容的長度會有些變化,所以大部分的課程我們會讓孩子先完成一頁的內容在他們的練習本之後再進行下一頁。

第一週及第二週- 寒假週

第三週第四週 – 單元四第四週- 複合句子 – 複合句子是包括獨立的句子和非獨立句子來介紹連接附屬子句與主要子句，以及如何正確的使用逗號。

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重新騰一次在未來一週裡。

第一週和第二週 – 寒假週

第三週及第四週 – 主題：Something I Treasure.

學生們必須要想想在他們自己的房間裡，有哪些東西對他們而言是很重要或具有一些價值性的東西，這些東西可能是一本書或一件衣服或一個遊具或者任何東西他們想收藏的。

他們必須寫出他們很珍惜的東西，試著去描述那個東西及解釋為什麼對他們而言是很珍貴的呢？

就如同你所看到的二月份是一個非常短暫的一個月，老虎班的小孩將回歸到他們正常的課程，他們如同上學期一樣，會每週會有單字表從我們的小本書出來，我們也將會完成他們的文法練習以及他們每週也會有半小時來完成他們的寫作課程。

Until next time, see you soon.

Teacher Rich.