



## Kangaroo Class Newsletter March 2017

Dear Parents,

As we get closer to the middle of the semester the kids will start to prepare for several events. The first will be their kindergarten graduation test, and their graduation drama. As both of these are very significant events to this chapter of their learning, I would like that all the kids have ample time to review at home. As after the winter holiday several of the kids have gotten a little behind and they seem to be having a difficult time catching up. So in order to be well prepared for these two occasions I hope they can have all the help they can get to do a good job.

### *Reading*

Our reader this month all have to do with a different topic. From learning how to find your way home in “Scat cat” to being on time in “Catch the bus”. We can learn how different everyday lessons are very important and how if we don’t follow them, they can sometimes have difficult consequences and make it harder for us in the long run.

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### *Core Material*

In these upcoming weeks, we will be learning about the main idea or topic of a paragraph or story. As finding out the main idea of a passage is important, as it will help you will find what the article is talking about and then you can find the information you need. In addition to the main topic, we will also have to find out key details, as a paragraph may discuss several things, these supporting ideas will help to organize what the main topic is.

Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup> – March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	U5 Week 2	Main topics
March 6 <sup>th</sup> - March 10 <sup>th</sup>	U5 Week 3	Finding the main topic of a paragraph
March 13 <sup>th</sup> – March 17 <sup>th</sup>	U5 Week 3	Finding key details of a paragraph
March 20 <sup>th</sup> – March 24 <sup>th</sup>	U5 Week 3	Writing an outline
March 27 <sup>th</sup> -- March 31 <sup>st</sup>	U5 Week 3	Review

### *Math*

As the kids get ready to enter elementary school, the MPM math problems are getting more and more difficult. From learning to “borrow” and “carry” numbers in addition and subtraction, the kids will be learning how to work with numbers larger than 30 and how to work with different type of story problems.

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup> WB F1 P11-P14 Practice counting by 1’s and 10’s

March 6<sup>th</sup>- March 10<sup>th</sup> WB F1 P15-P18 Composition and decomposition of numbers and values of coins.

March 13<sup>th</sup> – March 17<sup>th</sup> WB F2 P1-P5 Region-to-region correspondence.

March 20<sup>th</sup> – March 24<sup>th</sup> WB F2 P6-P10 Topological and color correspondence.

March 27<sup>th</sup> -- March 31<sup>st</sup>WB F2 P11-P14 The positions of clock hand on whole numbers.

### *Physical Education*

After a week of no lessons during winter vacation some of the kids have fallen a little behind in their endurance. As having strength and energy is not only important to outdoor play, but also to class time where they may need to hold a pencil or marker. As a result this month's PE times will be used to do some hand and finger exercises as well as different games.

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### *Thematic Activity*

This month we will be working on different cultures around the world. From landscapes to maps, food and customs. We will be exploring countries like, Japan, Brazil, USA, England, Australia, and Italy. We will learn how certain actions might be ok in one country but not appropriate in another. We will also learn about different festivals and traditions that everyone can share and talk about

March 6<sup>th</sup>- March 10<sup>th</sup> France

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March 20<sup>th</sup> – March 24<sup>th</sup> England

March 27<sup>th</sup> -- March 31<sup>st</sup> England

### *Song and Dance*

Some of the songs that we will be singing in the upcoming months will be used in our graduation drama.

Therefore I would like all of the kids to be able to listen and review them at home, that way when it comes time to start to learn the drama, the kids will be well versed in the lyrics and beat of the song and will be able to learn the actions more easily.

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### *Library/Storybook*

Each week the children and myself visit the library for story time and to exchange books. It’s fun to see the interesting choices of books that the kids make. It’s also fun as I will choose a story to read to them. They always laugh when I characterize each person’s voice in the book to match the story line. All the kids have fun and it’s a good experience for all

Thank you for reading!  
Tr. Tim.



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親愛的家長們您好：

學習的腳步已經越來越靠近學期中了，孩子們要為幾個活動做準備。一是他們的畢業考試，一是他們的畢業戲劇。在學習上這是兩個非常重要的活動，希望孩子們在家能有充足的時間做複習。在寒假結束後，有幾個小朋友學習出現落後，在趕上課業進度上有一點吃力。因此，為了充分準備這兩個活動，我期望孩子們能得到家長所有的協助，讓他們能有很好的表現。

### 閱讀

本月的閱讀小書在認識不同的主題。從 "Scat cat" 知道如何找路回家到 "Catch the bus" 要準時，從閱讀小書中學習每一天是如此的不同的課程，而如過沒有記取故事中的經驗，有時候會有糟糕的結果，而這會讓我們的結果越來越糟糕。

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### 主教材

在接下來的幾週我們將從一個小段落或一個小故事中學習大意或是主題的概念。學會從段落中找出大意是很重要的，它能幫助我們了解文章在說甚麼，我們也能從中發現需要的訊息。此外，我們也會學習找出主要細節，主要細節會在文章中說到好幾次，這些有用的概念能幫助小朋友架構出文章的主題。

- 2月27日-3月3日 U5 Week 2 主題
- 3月6日-3月10日 U5 Week 3 在段落找出主題
- 3月13日-3月17日 U5 Week 3 在段落找出重點
- 3月20日-3月24日 U5 Week 3 寫大綱
- 3月27日-3月31日 U5 Week 3 複習

## 數學

因為他們即將進入小學，MPM 的數學問題也變得越來越難，在加法和減法的運算上學“借位”和“進位”，也會學習到如何運算大於 30 的數量和不同題型的應用問題。

- 2 月 27 日-3 月 3 日 WB F1 P11-P14 學習計數各個領域的對象。
- 3 月 6 日-3 月 10 日 WB F1 P15-P18 硬幣的數字和價值的組成和分解。
- 3 月 13 日-3 月 17 日 WB F2 P1-P5 區域到區域的對應。
- 3 月 20 日-3 月 24 日 WB F2 P6-P10 幾何和顏色的對應。
- 3 月 27 日-3 月 31 日 WB F2 P11-P14 時鐘的位置在整數。

## 體能

經過一個星期寒假沒有上課的關係，有些小朋友的肌耐力有些退步。擁有力氣和能量的重要不僅僅是可以在戶外玩遊戲，也因為他們需要在教室裡握筆書寫及畫畫。因此體能課時間將進行不同的遊戲來運動他們的手部和手指。

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## 主題活動

這個月我們將介紹世界上不同的文化。從環境景觀、地圖、食物到風俗習慣。我們將探索日本、巴西、美國、英國、澳大利亞和義大利等國家。我們會學習到某些動作在一個國家是可以的但在另一個國家是不被允許的。我們也會學到相關的節慶活動和傳統活動，小朋友也可以一起分享和討論。

- 3 月 6 日-3 月 10 日 法國
- 3 月 13 日-3 月 17 日 法國
- 3 月 20 日-3 月 24 日 英國
- 3 月 27 日-3 月 31 日 英國

## 歌曲和舞蹈

在接下來的幾個月所唱的一些歌曲也會用在我們的畢業劇中。所以我希望所有的小朋友都能在家多聽多練習，這樣的話，在學接下來的舞台劇，他們的歌詞和節奏才會流利，也才能在舞台動作上學得更好。

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## 圖書館/故事時間

每個星期我和孩子們有圖書館說故事時間和借閱書籍。孩子們會看到有興趣的書籍並從中得到樂趣。我會選擇一個故事和他們一起閱讀。當我做出書中人物的聲音特效，他們總是笑開懷。孩子們會很開心，這是個美好的經驗。

感謝您的閱讀！

Tr. Tim