

## Rabbit Class Newsletter April 2017

Dear Parents,

April will be a mellower month compared with March. Last month the students schedule was a little tighter, as the students had a lot of activities to prepare for their graduation, as well as keeping up with their regular class. In March we took their graduation pictures, which took almost a full day, went on our friend trip, and also had our sports day all in one month. The workload was a little bit higher but the students did incredibly well and I am very proud of them. I think they enjoyed the opportunity to participate in these activities. This month we also have some smaller activities. On the 14<sup>th</sup> we will be having our small Easter activities, which normally don't last over half the day. We're also scheduled to have our earthquake and fire drill on the 19<sup>th</sup>. I'm sure the Rabbits are looking forward to these activities as they love any chance they get to get out of the classroom and do something fun. This month will also be continuing with our regular studies as usual. Everyone has been improving greatly and the children's reading and speaking skills continue to progress steadily. I am glad to see that, even while keeping up with their studies, the students continue to have fun and reinforce their friendships with one another.

### **Reading**

The first week of April we will be focusing on review. I will be picking a few books that I feel the Rabbits could dedicate a little more time on, as the books were either longer or on a week we only had a few school days. The books for this month are a little easier compared to some of the other books we've read this semester. Though they are still quite long they have easier concepts and story lines. The Rabbits should have no trouble keeping up with these books and I hope they continue to enjoy our selection.

April

Week 1- Review

Week 2 – The Great Race

Week 3 – Mice are Nice

Week 4 –Beef Stew

### **Core Material**

Previously this semester we started learning about long vowels and learned a\_e and i\_e. This month we will be continuing with the rest of the vowels and cover long o, u, and e. This is quite a lot for them to learn all at once so I will be taking extra time to review and practice their phonics. Besides this our topic in core material this month will be "life at home". We will be comparing the past and how people did things and lives to the present day. We will be learning a lot about compare and contrasts. I will let them practice this with different topics that are easy for them to think about and notice the differences.

April

Week 1- review

Week 2 – Unit 3 week 4 Workshop

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Week 4 –Unit 3 week 4 Anthology

### **Maths**

Recently we have started learning about time and how to read clocks. It's been very basic so far and we've mainly focused on reading the hours of a clock. This month we will start to do more in addition and practice adding bigger numbers. We'll also continue to focus on properties and separation of groups and objects.

April

Week 1- F2:P15-18 Recognizing and repeating patterns such as number, color, and shape patterns.

Week 2 – F3:P01-5 Recognizing digital numeral that appear on digital clocks and watches.

Week 3 – F3:P6-10 Single digit addition. Counting objects and finding the total

Week 4 –F3:P11-14 Counting objects in circles.

### **Physical Education**

Due to the weather condition, occasionally we have to have PE class in the waiting room or our classroom, especially during spring when it rains a lot and we can't go to the playground. When we are able to go to outside I try to them do more running and wide space activities and games. When we have to stay indoor, we play some group games and activities that don't require much space.

April

Week 1- Bicycle races

Week 2 –Group activities

Week 3 – Dodge ball

Week 4 –Duck duck goose

### **Song and Dance**

This month's song is quite catchy and the Rabbits are already quite fond of it when we play it during lunch or toy time. The verses are a little faster and upbeat while the chorus is quite easy to learn. The Rabbits will certainly have a great time singing this song though it might be a little challenging at first.

April

Week 1- Forever Young

Week 2 – Forever Young

Week 3 – Forever Young

Week 4 – Forever Young

## **Science**

This month we are learning about rocks, minerals, and natural resources. This is a little more complicated for them compared to our previous topics. We will be learning about different minerals, soil, water, and air. Besides talking about where these things are found on the earth we'll also discuss how we can use them to make things that we use in our everyday life.

April

Week 1- Lesson 1, 6-9 What are the properties of matter?

Week 2 – Lesson 2, E12-15 How can you measure solids?

Week 3 – Lesson 3, E18-21 How can you measure liquids?

Week 4 –Lesson 4, E24 – 25 What are gases?

## **Writing/ Workbook**

We will be doing our core material workbook along with others workbook and writing book. We have been learning a lot about sentences as well as plural and singular verbs. This takes quite a long time to cover all the rules when it comes to grammar even if it's only about something small. In class we also do spelling games and practices which the rabbits like a lot.

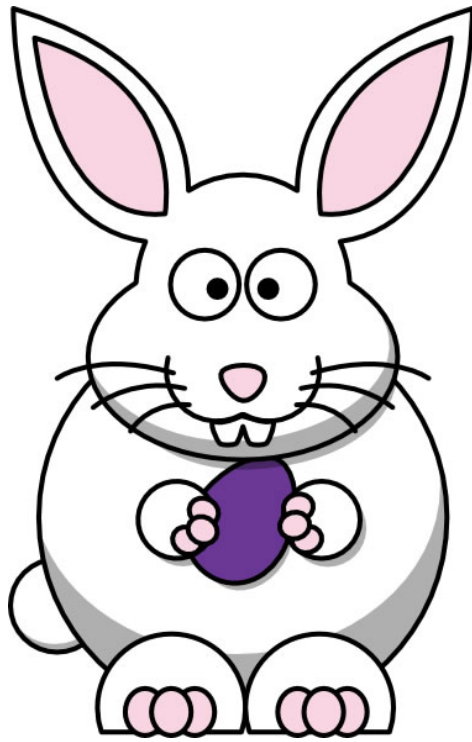
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Week 1- Yes/ No questions

Week 2 – Core material phonics

Week 3 – what questions

Week 4 – Singular/Plural pronouns



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親愛的家長：

四月將會是美好的一個月，上個月的進度表有些緊湊，我們除了必須要準備許多畢業相關的事宜，還要跟上進度，三月我們拍攝了畢業照，以及戶外教學和運動會，雖然有這麼多的活動，但孩子們還是盡力的完成需要完成的事情，我對他們感到很驕傲。我想孩子們都很享受這些活動，在這個月我們仍然有一些小活動，在 4/14 我們將會有復活節活動，另外在 4/19 我們也會有地震和消防演習，我相信孩子們也是依舊很期待這些活動的，在這個月我們還是會進行進度，孩子們在這方面進步許多，不論是閱讀能力或是會話能力，他們也在持續學習中，彼此互動，並且加強彼此的友誼。

### Reading

四月第一週我們會著重在複習，我會選擇幾本書可以讓孩子帶回來多做練習，這個月的閱讀書會比較簡單，不過故事內容仍然比較長，但故事內容和概念是比較淺顯易懂的。對孩子們來說是沒有問題的，也希望他們可以享受這些閱讀書。

第一週：複習

第二週：The Great Race

第三週：Mice are Nice

第四週：Beef Stew

### Core Material

在這個學期開始時我們學習長母音，例如：a\_e, i\_e，在這個月我們會持續學習長母音 o、u、e，對孩子來說需要很多時間來學習，所以我也會利用多餘的時間來進行複習，另外在讀本方面的主題是“life at home”，我們會比較以前和現待人生活的相異處，我們也會學習比較和對比，我會讓孩子練習這方面的話題，也讓孩子試著思考。

第一週：複習

第二週：單元三第四週作業

第三週：單元三第四週作業

第四週：單元三第四週讀本

## Maths

最近我們開始學習時間和看時鐘，對孩子來說不會太難，所以我著重於唸時間，這個月我們會練習比較多加法，我們也會學習物品的集合和分類。

第一週：F2:P15-18 識別和重複數字，顏色和形狀圖案等圖案。

第二週：F3:P01-5 識別在數字時鐘和手錶上出現的數字數字。

第三週：F3:P6-10 單位加法。計數並查找總數

第四週：F3:P11-14 計數圈子中的對象。

## Physical Education

由於最近天氣不穩定，所以我們有時候會在 **waiting room** 或教室舉行，特別是四月，當我們去操場上課時，我會盡量讓孩子們可以盡情的奔跑，當我們待在室內，也會玩一些團體遊戲。

第一週：腳踏車比賽

第二週：團體活動

第三週：Dodge ball

第四週：Duck duck goose

## Song and Dance

這個月的歌很好聽，我們在早上及午餐時間都有聽了，節奏雖然比較快但歌曲對孩子來說很適合他們，在唱歌時一定會很有趣，雖然有一點有挑戰性。

第一週：Forever Young

第二週：Forever Young

第三週：Forever Young

第四週：Forever Young

## Science

這個月我們學習了岩石，礦物和自然資源，和以前的主題相比，是有些許難度，我們會學習不同的資源，泥土、水和空氣，也會討論這些資源是從哪裡來的，另外也會討論在日常生活中怎麼使用。

第一週：第 1 課, 6-9 物質的屬性是什麼？

第二週：第 2 課, E12-15 如何測量固體？

第三週：第 3 課, E18-21 如何測量液體？

第四週：第 4 課, E24 – 25 什麼是氣體？

## Writing/Workbook

除了主教材的練習本，我們也有 **workbook** 跟 **writing book**。我們也學習句子還有複數跟單數動詞。雖然有些看起來很簡單，但是因為有規則，所以還是需要花很多時間學習另外在教室我們也會玩有關拼音的遊戲，孩子們都很愛玩。

第一週：Yes/ No 問題

第二週：發音

第三週：what 問題

第四週：單數/ 多個代名詞