



FROG CLASS 2017 April Newsletter

Welcome to the Frog Class monthly newsletter for April. March was a busy month. We had the sports day and the school trip. In April, we will have the annual Easter activities. We will also have an earthquake and fire drill.

So let's take a look at what's to come in the month of April.

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.

Week 1 - Review

Week 2 - Beef Stew - Nicky's mom is making so much stew that he is allowed to bring a friend home for supper. But his best friend Alec can't come, and Carla won't come--she hates beef stew. So Nicky begins a funny, frantic quest for someone to share his favorite dish.

Week 3 - Mice Are Nice - These are just three of the reasons why mice are nice. It is indisputable that mice make the best pets of all. The other pets in Babette's pet store will drop feathers everywhere, growl, hide inside their shells, chew your favorite socks, and maybe even make you sneeze! So, it's clear that mice are the only pet you will ever need!

Week 4 - The Great Race - The animals on the farm want to have a race. Who will win?

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.

Week 1 - Review

Weeks 2 & 3 - Unit 3 Week 4 Workshop - *'Life At Home'* This unit teaches the students what life was like long ago before we had such things as cars, TV, computers, or even electricity.

Week 4 - Unit 3 Week 4 Anthology - 'Long Ago and Now' Similarly to 'Life At Home', this unit also teaches the kids about life over 100 years ago. It teaches them to value their modern day luxuries such as refrigerators and drinking water.

MPM Math (Multiple Practice Module)

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

Week 1 - Recognizing and repeating patterns such as number, color, and shape patterns.

Week 2 - Recognizing digital numeral that appear on digital clocks and watches.

Week 3 - Single digit addition. Counting objects and finding the total

Week 4 - Counting objects in circles.

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 E6-9 - What is matter? What are the properties of matter?

Week 2 - Lesson 2 E12-15 - What are solids? How can you measure solids?

Week 3 - Lesson 3 E18-21 - What are liquids? How can you measure liquids?

Week 4 - Lesson 4 E24-25 - What are gases?

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 - Forever Young.

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 1 - Easter

Week 2 - Mask

Week 3 - Pizza

Week 4 – Italian Flag

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 April.

Soon we will be practicing for the graduation ceremony and drama plays. The kids will be busy practicing their line for the play and their dance moves too. Frog Class are graduating and they will all have to do individual speeches during the ceremony. I will prepare their speeches for them and give them to them to practice at home too.

See you soon.
Teacher Rich.



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你好，歡迎來到四月的資訊，三月是一個忙碌的月份。我們有運動會和校外教學。四月份，我們將舉辦復活節活動。我們也會有地震和消防演習。

所以我們來看看 4 月份會發生什麼。

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。

Week 1 - Review -複習

Week 2 - Beef Stew - 尼基的媽媽做了很多的燉煮，讓他可以帶一個朋友回家吃晚飯。但他最好的朋友 Alec 不能來，Carla 不會來 - 她討厭燉牛肉。所以尼基開始一個有趣的，瘋狂的尋找一個人分享他最喜歡的菜。

Week 3 - Mice Are Nice - 小鼠很好的三個原因。小鼠是最好的寵物，這是不爭的事實。Babette 寵物店內的其他寵物會隨處掉羽毛，咆哮，藏在貝殼內，咀嚼您最喜歡的襪子，甚至會讓你打噴嚏！所以很顯然，老鼠是你唯一需要的寵物！

Week 4 - The Great Race — 偉大的種族 - 農場上的動物想要參加比賽。誰會贏？

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。

第一周和第二周 Unit 3 Anthology — “大宇宙工廠” 這個故事是以腳本形式寫的。首先我們介紹一下角色。這是一個有趣的故事，教會學生重視團隊的每一個成員，無論他們是多麼小。

第 1 週 — 複習

第 2 周和第 3 週 - 第 3 週第 4 週 workshop - “生活在家” 這個單位教學生在我們有汽車，電視機，電腦，甚至是電之前很久以前的生活。

第 4 週 - 第 3 單元第 4 週選集 — “長老與現在” 類似於 “在家生活”，這個單元教導孩子們關於 100 多年前的生活。它教他們重視現代奢侈品，如冰箱和飲水機。

MPM Math (Multiple Practice Module)

新的 MPM 數學書更先進，並且基於從以前的數學書籍獲得的知識。

第 1 週 - 識別和重複數字，顏色和形狀圖案等圖案。

第 2 週 - 識別在數字時鐘和手錶上出現的數字數字。

第 3 週 - 單位加法。計數並查找總數

第 4 週 - 計數圈子中的對象。

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。

第 1 週 - 第 1 課 E6-9 - 什麼是物質？物質的屬性是什麼？

第 2 週 - 第 2 課 E12-15 - 什麼是固體？如何測量固體？

第 3 週 - 第 3 課 E18-21 - 什麼是液體？如何測量液體？

第 4 週 - 第 4 課 E24-25 - 什麼是氣體？

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 - Forever Young.

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。

第 1 週 — 復活節

第 2 週 - Mask

第 3 週 - Pizza

第 4 週 — 意大利國旗

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。

以上是青蛙班四月份的資訊，不久我們將會畢業典禮和戲劇演習。孩子們將忙著練習他們的戲劇，他們的舞蹈動作也是。青蛙班畢業時都將在儀式上做個別演講。我會準備他們的演講，並給他們在家裡練習。

我們很快會再見

Teacher Rich.