



## Dolphin Class Newsletter April 2017

Hello Parents,

This month we will have a lot of time for speaking practice as the core material classes are set aside for review, so I will be bringing in flashcards and teaching the class some new vocab and sentence patterns.

### *Core Material*

This month's unit is called "our town" and talks about where people live. The vocab words are "could", "live", "one", "then" and "three".

This month is mostly a review month so I will try to get lots of drilling and speaking practice in since we won't have to spend so much time on the books.

This month's phonics sound is short U, There are a lot of three letter words which the class are very good at reading and also longer words starting sounds like "ST" and "SN". The stories in this book are about homes and building homes. The second story in the Reading Anthology is called "Homes Around the World" and has lots of interesting pictures of homes in other countries.

Week 1: Review

Week 2: Unit 2 Anthology

Week 3: Review

Week 4: Review

### *Writing*

We will have a new writing book this semester and the kids will have to write short sentences. Additionally there is also a monthly assessment and a grammar book which the kids will also use for writing. This semester we have a large grammar workbook which teaches things like plurals and has space for the kids to write with their own sentences so I am encouraging them to think of their own sentences.

### *Reading*

This semester's books are fairly similar to last semester's although some of them have slightly longer sentences. The books are a good way to expand the classes vocabulary and I like to Q&A about the books so that the story class can be also be a speaking class and an opportunity for the students to think about what is happening in the stories and develop their comprehension skills.

The books for the April are as follows:

Week 1: Review

Week 2: The Berenstain Bears Catch a Bus

Week 3 : The Berenstain Bears by the Sea

Week 4: Wake Up Sun

### *Math*

This semester is fairly will start out fairly similar to last semester with a focus on counting and matching. Later in the semester we will move onto pattern recognition and other things that will be new to the kids. This semester's MPM box has a lot of things inside that the kids enjoy playing with and using. The third week is more than/less than, so its a good opportunity for the kids to get some speaking practice with these words too.

Week 1: Matching and Categorizing

Week 2: Big Book

Week 3: More than/Less than

Week 4: Drama Practice

### *Physical Education*

I plan and implement activities for the classes each week. The students have a good mix of different games to play during PE classes, the students will have lots of fun. For PE I like to give the students obstacle courses and relay races and other activities that are fairly easy to understand.

Week 1: Relay Race

Week 2: 1,2,3 Stop

Week 3: Obstacle Course

Week 4: Grab the Baton

### *Thematic Activity*

The English teachers get an opportunity to plan a month of thematic activities. These can consist of art projects, a short field trip to the park, or a class project to be done within the classroom. April thematic lessons will be about Italy.

Week 1: Easter

Week 2: Mask

Week 3: Pizza

Week 4: Italian Flag

### *Song and Dance*

The school day starts with song and dance. The children get the chance to move around and have some fun before we start our first class. I also like to have them practice between classes or at the end of the day sometimes so that the students have the opportunity to move around and have some fun rather than sit for extended periods of time.

Week 1: I Will Follow Him

Week 2: I Will Follow Him

Week 3: I Will Follow Him

Week 4: This Little Light of Mine

See you next time!

Teacher Kevin



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親愛的家長，這個月我們有許多的時間可以練習口說，核心教材的課程進度為複習，我會帶單字卡並教大家新的字彙和句型結構。

### 主教材

這個月的章節為“我們的小鎮”，內容是關於人們居住地方，單字為“could”，“live”，“one”，“then”，“three”。此外，這個月份為複習月，我會嘗試許多的練習和口說練習，因為我們不用花太多時間在課本上。我們所要學習的發音為短音 u，許多三個字母的單字是大家很擅長念的字，還有較長字母的單字，開頭的發音為“st”和“sn”，在這本書裡的故事為“家”與“建造一個家”。閱讀選集中的第二個故事為“世界各地的家”，其中會有許多不同國家關於家的有趣圖片。

Week 1: 複習

Week 2: Unit 2 Anthology

Week 3: 複習

Week 4: 複習

### 書寫

在這學期我們會有書寫練習的書，孩子們要書寫短句，除此之外每個月會有一個評量，還有一本孩子們會運用在寫作上的文法書，這學期我們會有文法練習本，裡面的內容例如有複數，在書本上也有足夠的空間讓孩子可以自己書寫句子，我鼓勵他們可以自己造句。

### 閱讀

這學期的故事書和上學期的內容十分相似，故事中有較長的句子，閱讀這些書是一個很好的方式去增加課堂上的字彙，我也喜歡提出關於書的問題，所以閱讀課可以有會話課的練習，並讓孩子有機會去思考故事的內容並增加他們的閱讀理解能力。四月的故事為：

Week 1: 複習

Week 2: The Berenstain Bears Catch a Bus

Week 3: The Berenstain Bears by the Sea

Week 4: Wake Up Sun

## 數學

這學期的重點會與上學期類似，大家會練習數數字和配對，而之後我們會進入形狀認知及其他對於孩子而言較新的教材。這學期的 MPM 寶盒裡有許多物件孩子很喜歡玩和使用。第三週的主題是多於/少於，這對孩子來說是一個很好的機會去練習說這些字彙。

Week 1: 配對與分類

Week 2: Big Book

Week 3: 多於/少於

Week 4: 戲劇練習

## 體能

每週的課程我會計劃並實行活動，學生在體能課中有不同的遊戲融合一起玩，大家會玩得很愉快。體能課的部分，我喜歡讓孩子做障礙賽、接力賽，或是其他較易了解的活動。

Week 1: 大隊接力

Week 2: 123 木頭人

Week 3: 障礙賽

Week 4: 接力棒

## 主題活動

英文老師會計劃每個月的主題活動。這些活動中包含藝術，到公園戶外活動，或在教室中完成全班的任務，四月的主題為義大利。

Week 1: 復活節

Week 2: Mask

Week 3: Pizza

Week 4: 意大利國旗

## 歌曲音樂

每天上課前會從歌曲和舞蹈開始。孩子們有機會在第一節課開始前可以動一動身體並開心地享受。我也會請孩子在課與課中間或是一天課程結束前做一些活動，讓他們可以有機會動動身體並開心地享受這段時間，而不是再坐更久的時間。

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