

Monkey Class Newsletter August 2017

Dear parents,

It has been an absolute pleasure working with Monkey Class in their first year. They have surpassed my expectations in reading, phonics and conversation, and they have a good foundation for writing. More importantly the children have enjoyed the syllabus and while they have been having fun they have also been growing in confidence and becoming very vocal in our every day conversations.

The children are beginning to think for themselves and with the all the vocabulary they have picked up from the reading books and other sources we are having some really good discussions recently and I'm sure they will only get better from here on in.

There has been a slight reshuffle in the layout of the new timetable with some new books and classes working their way in while we are also introducing one extra playtime, so I hope the new approach will be to everyone's liking!

I will be away on my annual holiday in August and returning in September but Monkey Class will be in the capable hands of Teacher Travis who has subbed here many times and built up a great reputation over the years and the new co-teacher Teacher Linda.

Best wishes,
Teacher Sam

Reading

Reading class is something we take a lot of pride in here at Marshall and we always aim by the end of the first year and certainly at the end of the second year to have a class of independent readers with a full grasp of phonics and the pronunciation of words. This class is also great for building up their vocabulary which in turn benefits their conversation skills. I find this class feeds the student's imagination, inspires children to read stories in their own time and usually by the 3rd year they are wanting to write their own stories! As reading is a personal favourite pass time for me I take a lot of care bringing out the best possible results for the children in this subject and I hope you will all see a steady improvement in your child's ability.

August 1st – August 4th: What Lila Love/ My Mum
August 7th – August 11th: Snow Joe
August 14th – August 18th: I Can Do It All
August 21st – August 25th: I Love Trees
August 28th – September 1st: Joshua James Likes Trucks

Core Material

This class is an all encompassing lesson for the children's reading, grammar and phonics skills. In these classes children are asked to analyse stories, practice vowel sounds and use a selection of keywords for sentence making and grammar. This year we are using both the Anthology and Workshop books which will also exercise the children's comprehension and grammar skills!

August 1st – August 4th: Unit 1 Week 1 Workshop: At School
August 7th – August 11th: Unit 1 Week 1 Workshop: At School
August 14th – August 18th: Unit 1 Week 1 Workshop: At School
August 21st – August 25th: Unit 1 Week 1 Workshop: At School
August 28th – September 1st: Unit 1 Week 1 Anthology: At School

Math

We are using the MPM books and boxes for our maths class. They really have a unique and interesting way of delivering common mathematical concepts to the children often by using animals, colours and objects that children associate with fun and games! This month we will focus on...

August 1st – August 4th: C1: P01 – 05: Properties (shapes and colours)
August 7th – August 11th: C1: P06 – 10: Writing Practice
August 14th – August 18th: C1: P11 – 14: Reciting Numbers
August 21st – August 25th: C1: P15 – 18: Reciting Numbers
August 28th – September 1st: C2: P01 – 05: Set Theory

Workbook (spelling and conversation)

Workbook class covers two of our scheduled classes featured in our timetable. In this class we enhance the student's reading and writing ability while also reinforcing their grammar learnt in conversation class. The workbook for this year should be a lot of fun for the children with plenty of multiple choice quizzes to get them thinking and plenty of chances for them to exercise their writing skills while not being too difficult. This book also has a friendly, colourful layout making it easy for the student's understanding.

August 1st – August 4th: P06 – 07: Animals
August 7th – August 11th: P08 – 09: It's a...
August 14th – August 18th: P10 – 11: It isn't a...
August 21st – August 25th: P12 – 13: a/ an
August 28th – September 1st: P14 – 15: a or an

Phonics

In our phonics class we are using the Sadlier Phonics Level A book which is a great colourful book with an easy layout for the children to practice their alphabet sounds. The students have already done an amazing job in the first year at getting used to reading phonetically and sounding out words but this class will give everyone a chance to practice old and new sounds while also reinforcing some first year material for the children who need the extra support.

August 1st – August 4th: Unit 1: P07 – 10: Consonants
August 7th – August 11th: Unit 1: P11 – 14: Consonants
August 14th – August 18th: Unit 1: P15 – 18: Consonants
August 21st – August 25th: Unit 1: P19 – 22: Consonants
August 28th – September 1st: Unit 1: P23 – 26: Consonants

Physical Education

P.E. Class is a great chance for the children to let off steam and get the blood flowing. It is very important for children to exercise for their physical and mental health but while we take this seriously we also have a lot of fun. Games range from racing; either by running, using the tricycles or cars, to chasing Frisbees, balloons or one of their favourites, 'The Gladiators Game', where they need to hit each other with the inflatable hammers!

August 1st – August 4th: Long Jump

August 7th – August 11th: Gladiators

August 14th – August 18th: Tricycle Race

August 21st – August 25th: Frisbee Challenge

August 28th – September 1st: Cross Country

Thematic Activity

Each month a different foreign teacher is assigned to plan and arrange activities of a given theme. This can be anything from small art projects, short field trips near the school or even a party in the classroom! The themes are often related to different festivals around the world so it really helps them to understand different cultures while having fun at the same time.

August 1st – August 4th: Solar System Map

August 7th – August 11th: Model Airplane

August 14th – August 18th: Model Rocket

August 21st – August 25th: Earth and Moon

August 28th – September 1st: Space

Song and Dance

This is a great opportunity for myself and the students to bond and enjoy some songs together. In addition to the scheduled songs I will be teaching the children further songs from the Disney catalogue, musicals or simply just any songs I find that are good for children!

August 1st – August 4th: Say Hello

August 7th – August 11th: Say Hello

August 14th – August 18th: Say Hello

August 21st – August 25th: We Will Rock You

August 28th – September 1st: Down By The River

Library/Storybook

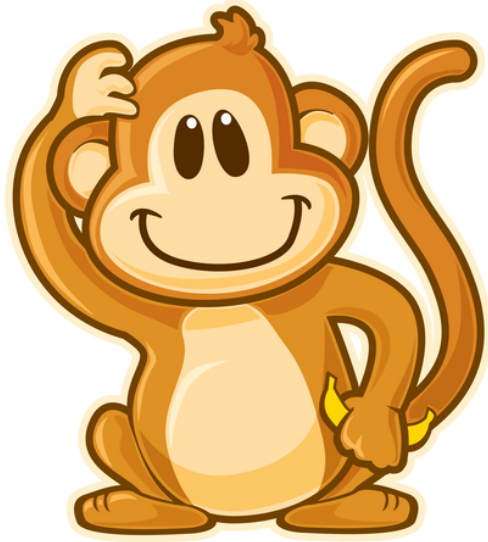
Each week the children and myself visit the library for story time and to exchange books. It's lovely to see all of them listening to the stories and taking an interest! They really get involved with the stories and I believe it's good for their listening and their imagination!

I hope this has been an insightful newsletter for you all,

Thank you for reading!

Best wishes,

Tr. Sam



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親愛的家長，

在第一年，和猴子班一起工作是絕對很有樂趣的。他們在閱讀，自然發音和對話都超出了我的期望，他們有著很好的寫字基礎。更重要的是，孩子們很享受課程內容，在玩樂的同時，他們也在增加信心，並且讓我們每天的對話都變得很有聲。

孩子們開始思考自己，並從閱讀書籍和其他來源獲得的所有詞彙，最近我們有一些非常好的討論，我相信他們會從這裡變得更好。

在新時間表佈局方面進行了一些輕微的調動，一些新的書籍和課程讓我們也引進了一個額外的遊戲時間，所以我希望新的方法將會讓大家喜歡！

我將在八月份度過假期並於九月返回，但猴子班將會在 Travis 教授的掌握之中，他曾有多次代課的經驗，多年來一直在建立良好的聲譽，以及新的合作教師 - 琳達老師。

祝順心，
山姆老師

閱讀

閱讀課是我們瑪歇爾在這裡感到非常自豪的一件事，我們始終瞄准在第一年年底，當然是在第二年年底在班上能有獨立讀者可以充分的掌握文字的拼音和發音。這個課程也很有助於建立自己的詞彙，從而有利於他們的會話技巧。我發現這個課堂提供學生想像力，激發孩子們在自己的時間閱讀故事，通常在第三年他們會想要寫自己的故事！由於閱讀對我個人來說是最喜歡用來消磨時光的，所以我非常關心在課程上能夠讓孩子們有最好的成果，我希望你們都能看到孩子能力的提升。

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主教材

這個課程是兒童閱讀、文法和拼音技巧的全面技能。在這些課程中，孩子會被要求分析故事，練習母音，並使用選擇的關鍵字進行造句和文法。今年我們會使用選集和 Workshop 的書，這些書也將運用孩子的理解能力和語法技巧！

8/1-8/4: Unit 1 Week 1 Workshop: At School
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8/14-8/18: Unit 1 Week 1 Workshop: At School
8/21-8/25: Unit 1 Week 1 Workshop: At School
8/28-9/1: Unit 1 Week 1 Anthology: At School

數學

我們會在數學課程中使用 MPM 書籍及盒子，他們真的有一個獨特及有趣的方法，通過使用動物，顏色和對象，孩子們與樂趣和遊戲相結合，向孩子們傳遞常見的數學概念!這個月我們會專注於...

8/1-8/4: C1: P01 – 05: 屬性 (形狀和顏色)
8/7-8/11: C1: P06 – 10: 寫字練習
8/14-8/18: C1: P11 – 14: 朗誦數字
8/21-8/25: C1: P15 – 18: 朗誦數字
8/28-9/1: C2: P01 – 05: 設定理論

練習本 (拼寫與對話)

工作書課程涵蓋了我們時間表中列出的兩個預定行程。在這個課程中，我們會提升學生的閱讀和寫作能力，同時也加強了他們在會話課上學到的文法。今年的工作書有大量多項選擇測驗，對於孩子來說應該是非常有趣的，讓他們思考並且有很多機會練習，豐富他們的寫作技巧不會變得很困難。這本書還有一個友善的地方，豐富多彩的版面編排，使學生的理解變得很容易。

8/1-8/4: P06 – 07: 動物
8/7-8/11: P08 – 09: It's a...
8/14-8/18: P10 – 11: It isn't a...
8/21-8/25: P12 – 13: a/ an
8/28-9/1: P14 – 15: a or an

自然發音

在我們的自然發音課上，我們使用了 Sadlier Phonics Level A 這本書，這本書是一本具有豐富色彩的書，為孩子們練習字母表的聲音提供了一個簡單的設計。學生在第一年已經做了一個驚人的工作，習慣了閱讀拼音和發音，但這個課程將給每個人一個機會，練習舊的和新的聲音，同時還加強了一些第一年的教材給需要的孩子額外支持。

8/1-8/4: Unit 1: P07 – 10: 子音字母
8/7-8/11: Unit 1: P11 – 14: 子音字母

8/14-8/18: Unit 1: P15 – 18: 子音字母

8/21-8/25: Unit 1: P19 – 22: 子音字母

8/28-9/1: Unit 1: P23 – 26: 子音字母

體能課

體能課是一個讓孩子們發洩鬱悶以及讓血液流動的好機會。運動對孩子的身體和精神健康來說是非常重要的。然而我們認真的對待也讓變得很有趣。遊戲範圍從賽車; 通過運行, 使用三輪車或汽車, 玩飛盤, 氣球或他們最喜歡的“鬥劍者遊戲”, 他們需要用充氣的鐵槌中打擊彼此!

8/1-8/4: 跳遠

8/7-8/11: 鬥劍者

8/14-8/18: 三輪車賽

8/21-8/25: 飛盤越野賽

8/28-9/1: 越野國家

專題活動

每個月, 分配一名不同的外國教師來規劃和安排給定主題的活動。這可以是小型藝術項目, 學校附近的短期旅行, 甚至在教室裡的聚會! 這些主題通常與世界各地的不同節日有關, 所以它真的有助於他們在同時玩樂的同時理解不同的文化。

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唱歌跳舞

這是一個很好的機會, 讓我和學生一起聯繫和享受一些歌曲。除了預定的歌曲, 我將會向孩子們傳授迪斯尼目錄, 音樂劇中的更多歌曲, 或者是我發現對兒童有好處的任何歌曲!

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圖書館/故事書

每個星期, 孩子們和我有參觀圖書館的故事時間和交換書籍。看到所有的人都聽著這些故事, 感興趣的是很可愛的! 他們真的參與了這些故事, 我相信這對他們的聽力和想像力都有好處!

我期許這一封具有深刻見解的信, 感謝您的閱讀!

祝順心,

山姆老師