



K3 Panda Class August 2017 Newsletter

Welcome to the first Panda Class monthly newsletter.

Let me introduce myself. My name is Teacher Rich. I am from England and I have been living in Taiwan for about 6 years. I have been teaching at Marshall School for 5 years and I have a TESOL teaching certificate (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages).

Last semester I finished teaching K5 Frog Class. I taught them for 3 years all the way from baby class K3 to graduation.

I am looking forward to teaching a new baby class. I plan to stay at Marshall School for several more years.

I am a very approachable teacher. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to speak to me or leave a comment in the weekly communications books.

Let's take a look at what's to come in August...

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 - Lunch

Week 2 - School

Week 3 - I Can See

Week 4 - We Like to Play

Week 5 - Kittens

Core Material

Weeks 1 - 4 - Letter recognition A - Z

Week 5 - Start Smart

MPM Math (Multiple Practice Module)

MPM math is great fun for the new students. It teaches the kids the basics of mathematics in fun and interesting ways. Their new MPM boxes are full of stuff to help them learn.

Week 1 - A1 P1-5 - Shapes and colors.

Week 2 - A1 P6-10 - Shapes and colors. Learning to draw vertical and horizontal lines and how to write check marks and circles.

Week 3 - A1 P11-14 - Shapes and colors. Learning to draw vertical and horizontal lines and how to write check marks and circles.

Week 4 - A1 P15-18 - Learning to draw vertical and horizontal lines and how to write check marks and circles. Learning about shapes, quantities, and order of 1, 2, and 3.

Week 5 - A2 P1-5 - Learning about shapes, quantities, and order of 1, 2, and 3. Learning about shapes and colors of real objects.

Phonics

This semester we will be using a new phonics book. The book has many fun activities for the students. It teaches the kids letter recognition and the different sounds they make.

Week 1 - P8-10 - Learning the names of objects and finding objects with similar sounds. Learning about syllables.

Week 2 - P11-13 - Recognizing words that start / end in the same sound.

Week 3 - 15-17 - Similar sounding words. Changing letters to make other words.

Week 4 - 23-25 - Recognizing objects that begin with a specific letter. Practice writing lower and uppercase letters.

Week 5 - P26, 28, 29 - Recognizing words objects that begin with the letter 'f'. Recognizing and writing lower and uppercase letter 'm'.

Conversation

This is a chance for the students to practice speaking. It teaches them to ask and answer questions using full sentences to show off their speaking abilities.

Weeks 1 and 2 - Unit 1 - Learning the names of animals and naming them.g. 'A dog.'

Weeks 3 and 4 - Unit 2 - Learning about vowels, consonants, and nouns. How we use 'an' in front of nouns beginning with a vowel, e.g. An orange, An apple.

Week 5 - Review

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 and 2 - 'Walking, Walking' and 'Good Morning'.

Weeks 3 and 4 - 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes' and 'One, Two, Buckle My Shoe'.

Week 5 - 'Teddy Bear', 'Where is Thumb Kin?'.

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 – Solar System Map

Week 2 – Model Airplane

Week 3 – Model Rocket

Week 4 – Earth and Moon

Week 5 - Space

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.

Courtesy, Health Habits and Safety.

The students are reminded of the school rules that keep everyone safe and healthy. We review many of the rules e.g. washing our hands with soap after we go to the bathroom, no running in the school, and putting our chairs in under the table.

I am really looking forward to meeting all the new students in Panda Class. I understand that the new students will be very nervous and possibly a bit sad.

But don't worry, Teacher Jane is a fantastic Chinese teacher and she is very experienced. Together we will make an excellent team and we will help the kids learn English in a caring and enjoyable environment.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Teacher Rich.



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親愛的家長：

歡迎來到 Panda 的第一封給家長的信，容我向您自我介紹，我是 Teacher Rich，我來自英國，我在台灣已經住了六年，而我在瑪歇爾的教學經驗有五年，另外我也擁有 TESOL 的證照 (向非英語的人教導英文)。

在上學期我才剛帶完一班畢業班 Frog 班，我是從小班時就帶他們到畢業。

我非常期待可以教導新小班，我也希望能夠待在瑪歇爾再多幾年。

我是一個很隨和的老師，若是您有任何疑問、建議或是疑慮，都歡迎您可以利用聯絡簿和我聯繫。

接下來讓我們來看看在八月我們將會學什麼：

Reading

每一天我們會閱讀好幾次的閱讀書，在孩子們閱讀時我會比較嚴肅，我也會要求孩子坐好，用手比著字。

通常孩子們會對故事內容感興趣或是想要知道單字是什麼意思，我也鼓勵孩子在課堂上盡量發問。大家一起唸完後，我會讓孩子個別唸，這樣我也可以聽到孩子的發音，也可以糾正孩子不對的發音，有些時候在戶外遊戲時間我也會要求需要協助的孩子來和我一起唸。

第一週- Lunch

第二週 - School

第三週- I Can See

第四週- We Like to Play

第五週 - Kittens

Core Material

第一~四週：字母 A~Z

第五週：Start Smart

MPM Math (Multiple Practice Module)

MPM 對孩子來說是非常有趣的，利用有趣的方式教導孩子學習基本的數學概念，孩子也會有一盒 MPM 的寶盒，裡面有許多輔助學習的工具。

第一週：A1 P1-5 -形狀與顏色

第二週：A1 P6-10-形狀與顏色，學習畫直線和橫線，以及打勾和圓圈

第三週：- A1 P11-14 -形狀與顏色，學習畫直線和橫線，以及打勾和圓圈

第四週：A1 P15-18 -學習畫直線和橫線，以及打勾和圓圈，認識形狀，以及數數

第五週：A2 P1-5 -學習畫直線和橫線，以及打勾和圓圈，認識形狀，以及數數，以及實物的形狀和顏色

Phonics

這學期我們使用的是新教材，裡面有許多好玩的遊戲代入學習，會教導孩子們字母和它的發音。

第一週- P8-10 學習物品名稱和相似音以及音節

第二週-P11-13 辨別相同的起始音和結尾音

第三週- 15-17 相似音，交換發音變成別的字

第四週- 23-25 辨別以特定字母為開頭的單字，學習書寫大小寫字母

第五週- P26, 28, 29 學習 f 開頭的字，辨別大小寫 M

Conversation

這堂課可以讓孩子多練習口語，會讓孩子練習用完整的句子來發問和回答問題。

二週：學習動物名，和 them 的用法，以及“a”的用法，“A dog.”

第三、四週：學習母音、子音和名詞，在名詞前面如何加上“an”，An orange, An apple.

第五週：複習

Song and Dance

這堂課是在早上第一堂，可以藉由律動來增進孩子的自信心，也能夠為一整天的課程展開美好的開始。

二週：‘Walking, Walking’ 和 ‘Good Morning’.

第三、四週：‘Heads, Shoulders, Knees, 以及 Toes’ and ‘One, Two, Buckle My Shoe’.

第五週：‘Teddy Bear’, ‘Where is Thumb Kin?’.

Thematic Activities

這堂課會介紹各國的風俗文化，一整個月我們會有相同的主题，孩子能夠學習到不同的國家文化。

第一週：Solar System Map

第二週：Model Airplane

第三週：Model Rocket

第四週：Earth and Moon

第五週：Space

Library

一週孩子能夠到圖書館借書一次，孩子們會很期待能夠聽老師說故事，可以和孩子們坐下來一起看書裡的圖片以及唸故事書給他們聽，孩子也可以借書回家和爸爸媽媽一起閱讀。

Courtesy, Health Habits and Safety

我們會利用這堂課來介紹孩子們班上的班規和生活常規，生活自理能力的養成，例如：正確的洗手、在教室内不奔跑，將椅子歸位....。

我非常期待能夠和 Panda 班的孩子碰面，我了解孩子剛到新環境一定會緊張、焦慮，甚至是傷心，但請你們不用太擔心，Teacher Jane 是很好的中師也非常有經驗，我們會合作無間的將班級帶領好，也會創造一個舒適的英文環境讓孩子學習。

我已經等不及想和您們碰面了！

Teacher Rich.