



Zebra Class Newsletter

August 2017

Dear Parents,

My name is Tr. Alex and I will be teaching Zebra class. I am from the United States and have been teaching in Taiwan for many years. I have worked with and taught many different levels and age groups. I especially enjoy teaching younger children. I look forward to getting to know every child in Zebra class. Of course as we are a new class and it is everyone's first time coming to school the first few weeks or even month everyone will be getting used to coming to school and being away from their parents. This will be scary for them at first and as a teacher or parent this will also require a lot of patience., But with a little time I'm sure they will get settled in and be comfortable with going to school and will have gotten to know the teachers better.

During this first semester (especially this first month) I want to take things slow and get to know each student better. For class I will be using different games and fun methods to let everyone know that school can be a fun place to learn and make new friends. In this first month I will also set some simple rules and teach everyone some basic manners such as saying "please" and "thank you". I feel this is important to do at the start so everyone can get into a good habit of being nice to each other and learn to follow simple rules. Of course at first we will only start out with some simple classroom rules such as "ask the teacher if you need to go to the bathroom or need help with anything". As they grow older and learn more I will slowly add on other little rules.

For class this month we will be starting out with the basics, such as learning their ABCs and we will also learn a few simple songs and fun activities. We also have a short conversation class where at first I will teach them simple phrases and slowly from there we will start taking about different subjects and other things. I hope everyone has fun and enjoys their time here. If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to communicate with Teacher Mina or I. We are very happy and will do our best to meet everyone's needs and concerns.

Reading

We will be starting out with very simple books this semester. Every book focuses on different things such as phonics, using the story to teach you something, sight words etc. At first everything will be new to them, so I will use a lot of actions and hand motions to explain the story and new words. For some books where we learn different verbs and actions, I like to have everyone stand up and do the actions along with reading the book. This really helps them remember the word with the action and whenever they do that action when we're not reading the book they will think of the word. This is also a great way for them to not just be sitting for the whole class as at this age it's easy for them to get restless and want to stand up. At the end of

the week on Friday I often like to play a review game as a nice way to finish that week's book and as a little review.

August

Week 1- School

Week 2 – Lunch

Week 3 – We Like To Play

Week 4 –Kittens

Week 5 – I Can See

Core Material/Phonics

For the first month of core material we will not have any books. After the first month we will start on our Wonders books. For the first month we will be focusing on learning the letters A-Z. Each week we will add on more letters and play games to help everyone recognise the different letters. I'll let them try tracing the letters, however at first this will be a little hard and their letter may not be perfect. In our wonders book we have a phonics section, however we also have another book that focuses on phonics. This month we will start by leaning a few consonant sounds such as "m" and "f". Phonics are very important as learning phonics will make reading and writing a lot easier if they are familiar with the different letters and the sounds they make. So having a good foundation in phonics is very important.

August

Week 1- Letter recognition: A- Z

Week 2 – Letter recognition: A- Z

Week 3 – Letter recognition: A- Z

Week 4 – Letter recognition: A- Z

Week 5 – Start Smart

Maths

In math class we use MPM math. Every grade we will get a new set of book that teaches various different skills from simple math to other skills such as sorting objects into sets. We also get to have a MPM box which has different objects to go along with our books and what we are learning. This first month we will start with learning about colors, how to draw vertical and horizontal lines, and the numbers 1, 2, and 3. I will be using flash cards and some simple games to help everyone become familiar with and recognise the different colors and their names.

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Week 1- A1 P 1-5

Week 2 – A1: P 6-10

Week 3 – A1: P11-14

Week 4 –A1: P15-18

Week 5 – A2: P 1- 5

Physical Education

For PE class this week we will start out with some simple games and activities. We will have PE class on the playground unless it's raining or everyone feels it's too hot. In that case we will move our PE class into the waiting room. We will have our PE class with one or two other classes together. Sometimes the teachers will choose to do activities together with other classes, and sometimes each class will do their own separate thing. Sometimes we will play games or have races, and others we will do group activities.

August

Week 1- Action games

Week 2 – Kicking a ball

Week 3 – Car races

Week 4 –Tag

Week 5 – Catch the ball

Song and Dance

Song and dance time is a fun and easy class that we have in the morning to kick start the day. We have different fun songs that everyone can sing along to. A few of our songs are action songs to which everyone can learn and do the actions together. We can still have fun and play games or dance to other songs even though they aren't action songs. Songs are a great way for k3 to learn and remember things that we are learning. As you might have guessed the ABC song or head, shoulders, knees, and toes song are great songs for learning the ABCs and body parts. I will be picking some other songs to use in class even if they aren't a part of our curriculum.

August

Week 1- Walking Walking/ Good Morning

Week 2 – Walking Walking/ Good Morning

Week 3 – Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes/ One, two, buckle my shoe

Week 4 – Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes/ One, two, buckle my shoe

Week 5 – Teddy Bear/ Where is thumb kin

Conversation

For conversation class we will be starting out with the basics such as a, an, it is, what is, etc. I will have a book with different phrases and sentences that I will use for this class. If they pick everything up fast I will also start teaching them other basic phrases and questions. I will let everyone take turns using what phrases, sentences, or questions we learn and ask other students and practise. As this age it's very easy for them to pick up and copy whatever the teacher says. As we are starting out with very basic phrases I'm sure they will pick it up very fast if not before we've even gotten to that part of the book.

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Week 1- "a"

Week 2 – "a"

Week 3 – "an"

Week 4 – "an"

Week 5 - Review



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親愛的父母，

我是 Alex 老師，我將會教 Zebra class。我來自美國，也已在台灣教書多年。我曾經教導過不同年齡層的學生。尤其喜歡教孩子。我期待著去了解 Zebra class 中的每個孩子。當然，因為我們是一個新的班級，這是大家第一次來上學，頭幾個星期甚至幾個月，每個人都會開始慢慢習慣上學，遠離父

母。起初，他們會覺得可怕，作為老師或家長，這也需要很大的耐心。但有一點時間，我們可以確定他們會安頓下來，放心上學，更好地了解老師。

在這個第一學期（特別是第一個月），我會放慢步調，更好地了解每個學生。課堂中我將使用不同的遊戲和一些有趣的方法讓每個人都知道學校可以是一個能有趣的學習和結交新朋友的地方。在第一個月裡，我會制定一些簡單的規則，教大家一些基本的禮貌，比如說「謝謝你」，我認為一開始這麼做很重要，這樣每個人都可以養成對別人友善的好習慣，學習遵循簡單的規則，當然我們只會從一些簡單的課堂規則開始，例如，如果你需要去洗手間或需要幫助，先「問老師」，隨著他們年齡的增長，我會慢慢地添加更多其他的規則。

關於本月的課程，我們將從基礎知識開始，如學習 ABC，我們還將學習一些簡單的歌曲和有趣的活動。我們還有一個簡短的談話課程，一開始，我會教他們簡單的短句，慢慢地開始嘗試不同的主題和其他事情，我希望大家在這裡都能覺得有趣並享受在這裡的時間。如果您有任何問題或要求，請隨時與我或 Mina 教師溝通。我們很高興並會儘全力關心並滿足每個人的需求。

閱讀

我們本學期將會使用非常簡單的書籍。每本書著重於不同的東西，像是發音等等，使用故事教你一些東西，常見字等等。起初，一切對他們來說都是新的，所以我將用很多的動作和手勢來解釋故事和新的單字。對於一些我們學習不同動詞和動作的書，我會讓大家站起來，一起閱讀這本書。這有助於他們記住這個詞與動作，每當他們做這個動作，即便我們不看書，他們也會想到這個詞。這也是一個好方法讓他們不僅僅是一直坐在班上，因為在這個年齡，他們總是精力充沛，想站起來。在一個星期的最後一天也就是禮拜五我常會玩一個複習遊戲來完成這週的書並當作是個小小的複習。

八月

Week 1-School
Week 2-Lunch
Week 3-We Like To Play
Week 4-Kittens
Week 5-I Can See

核心教材/ 自然發音

關於使用核心教材的第一個月，我們將不會使用任何書籍。第一個月後，我們將從我們的 Wonders books 開始。第一個月，我們將專注於學習字母 A-Z。每週我們將添加更多的單字和玩遊戲，以幫助每個人識別不同的單字。我會讓他們嘗試描寫單字，但是起初這將會有點困難，他們的單字可能不完美。在我們的 wonders books 中，我們有一部分是關於拼音的，但是我們還有另一本專門關注拼音的書。這個月我們首先將聆聽一些輔音，如“m”和“f”。自然發音是非常重要的，如果他們熟悉不同的字母和聲音，那麼朗讀語音會使閱讀和寫作容易得多。所以在拼音上有很好的基礎非常的重要。

八月

Week1- 字母辨識 A-Z
Week2- 字母辨識 A-Z
Week3- 字母辨識 A-Z
Week4- 字母辨識 A-Z
Week5- start smart

數學

在數學課中，我們使用 MPM 數學。每個年級都會得到一套新的教材，教各種不同的技巧，從簡單的數學到其他的技巧，比如將物件分類成套。我們還有一個 MPM 盒子，它具有不同的物件，可以搭配我們的書籍和正在學習的東西。第一個月我們將開始學習顏色，如何繪製垂直和水平線以及數字 1，2 和 3。我將會使用卡片和一些簡單的遊戲來幫助每個人熟悉並識別不同的顏色和名字。

八月

Week 1 - A1 P 1-5

Week 2-A1: P 6-10

Week 3-A1: P11-14

Week 4-A1 P15-18

Week 5-A2: P1.5

體能課

對於本週的體能課，我們將從一些簡單的遊戲和活動開始。我們將在操場上進行，除非下雨或每個人都覺得它太熱了。在這種情況下，我們將把我們的 PE 課程移到 waiting room。我們將把我們的 PE 課程與一個或兩個其他課程結合在一起。有時，老師會選擇與其他課程一起做活動，有時候每個班級都會做自己獨立的事情。有時候我們會玩遊戲或是比賽和小組活動。

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Week 1- Action games

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Week 3-Car races

Week 4-Tag

Week 5-Catch the ball

歌唱律動

唱歌跳舞時間是一個簡單有趣的方式當作一天的開始。我們有不同的有趣的歌曲，每個人都可以唱歌。我們有幾首搭配動作的歌曲，每個人都可以一邊學習一邊活動身體。我們仍然可以很歡樂，設計遊戲或舞蹈到其他歌曲，儘管他們不是有動作的歌曲，歌曲是一個很好的方式使 k3 學習和記住我們正在學習的東西。你可能已經猜到 ABC 歌曲或頭肩膀，膝蓋和腳趾歌曲是學習 ABC 及身體部位的好歌曲，我仍會選擇一些其他的歌曲來使用，即使他們不是我們課程的一部分。

八月

Week 1 - Walking Walking Good Morning

Week 2 - Walking Walking / Good Morning

Week 3 - Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes One, Two, Buckle my shoe Week 4 - Head, Shoulders, My shoe

Week 5 - Teddy Bear! Where is thumb kin

會話

關於會話班，我們將從基礎開始，如 a，an，it is，what is 等等。我有一本關於短語和句子的書，將會用於這個課程。如果他們吸收快速，我還將開始教他們其他基本的短語和問題。我會讓大家輪流使用我們學習的短語、句子或問題和詢問其他學生作為練習。在這個年齡，他們很容易吸收和複製任何老師說的話。我們從非常基本的短語開始，確保他們會吸收的非常快。

八月

Week 1- "a"

Week 2- "a"

Week 3- "an"

Week4- "an"

Week 5- 複習