

Dolphin Class Newsletter August 2017

Hello Parents,

It's the beginning of a new semester and as you will see below there are some changes to the classes. The students will spend less time on core materials and use a wider range of books. I think this will be a good thing as it should give us a wider range of topics to discuss.

I look forward to seeing you at parents evening.

Core Material

This month we are looking at Unit 2 of the textbook. From now on there will be less of a focus on the core materials books and the students will have a wider range of books to look at over the month. I think this will be a good thing as it will give us a wider range of topics to discuss. The core material books will now be used mainly for conversation and to add some vocabulary.

Week 1: Unit 2 Week 4 Workshop: Let's Help

Week 2: Unit 2 Week 4 Workshop: Thump Thump Helps Out

Week 3: Unit 2 Week 4 Workshop: Phonics – th, sh, -ng

Week 4: Unit 2 Week 4 Workshop: Comprehension Skill

Week 5: Unit 2 Week 4 Anthology: Nell's Book

Writing workbook

We will have a new writing book this semester and it will focus on spelling and sentence writing, the class are good writers for their age and enjoy writing, the book has pictures and different kinds of exercises so I hope they will enjoy it.

Week 1: Unit 1: My Family and Friends

Week 2: Unit 1: father, mother, sister, brother, grandpa

Week 3: Unit 1: Personal Information

Week 4: Unit 1: Friends

Phonics

We will have a new phonics book this semester, which will give the class a bit more structure in terms of what they are learning.

Week 1: Initial Consonants, Medial Consonants, Final Consonants

Week 2: Review Short Vowels

Week 3: Review Short Vowels

Week 4: Review Short Vowels

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 August are as follows:

Week 1: Addition Annie

Week 2: A Circle in the Sky

Week 3: Katie Did It

Week 4: Feeding the Gulls

Week 5: Rude Ralph

Math

MPM will remain the same, we will use the same kind of materials and do the same kind of exercises. The final years MPM has more of a focus on addition and subtraction. This semester's MPM box has a lot of things inside that the kids enjoy playing with and using.

Week 1: Big Book

Week 2: Functions

Week 3: Functions

Week 4: Paths

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: Bridge Building 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. August's thematic lessons will be about aero-science.

Week 1: Solar System Map

Week 2: Model Airplane

Week 3: Model Rocket

Week 4: Earth and Moon

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 have a Car

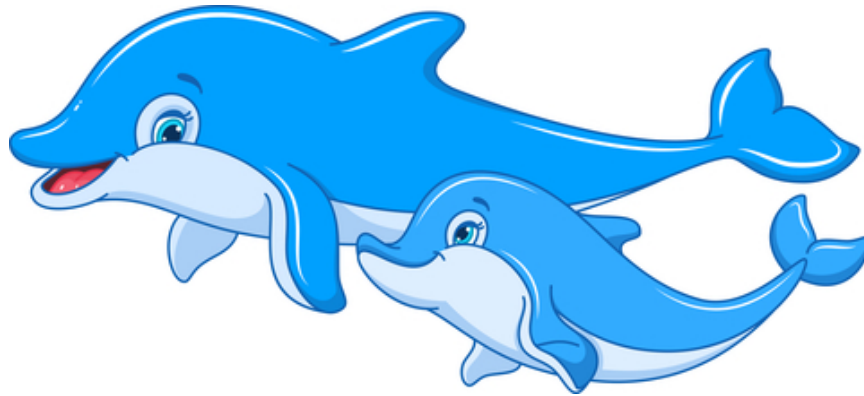
Week 2: I have a Car

Week 3: The Ants Go Marching

Week 4: The Ants Go Marching

Week 5: YMCA

See you next time!
Teacher Kevin



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親愛的家長：

新的學期開始，課程上會有一些變化，學生會花少一點的時間在核心課程上並使用更多不同的書籍，我想這是一件非常好的事情，這會讓我們有更廣的主題去討論，我非常期待和大家在親師座談會見面。

主教材

這個月我們會學習課本的第二章，我們會花少一點時間在主教材課程上，而把重心放在學生能閱讀更多不同主題的書籍，我相信這會讓我們有不同的主題去做討論，核心技巧的書籍主要會用在會話和新單字學習上。

- Week 1: Unit 2 Week 4 Workshop: Let's Help
- Week 2: Unit 2 Week 4 Workshop: Thump Thump Helps Out
- Week 3: Unit 2 Week 4 Workshop: 自然發音 – th, sh, -ng
- Week 4: Unit 2 Week 4 Workshop: 閱讀理解
- Week 5: Unit 2 Week 4 Anthology: Nell's Book

書寫

這學期我們會有一本新的寫作書並把重心放在拼字和句子書寫，大家都有很好的書寫能力並享受練習。書中會有許多圖片和不同種類的練習，我希望大家會很喜歡。

- Week 1: Unit 1: 家人與朋友
- Week 2: Unit 1: father, mother, sister, brother, grandpa
- Week 3: Unit 1: 個人資料
- Week 4: Unit 1: 朋友

自然發音

這學期會有新的發音課本，這會給大家更多概念在他們正在學習的事物上。

- Week 1: Initial Consonants, Medial Consonants, Final Consonants
- Week 2: 複習短母音

Week 3: 複習短母音

Week 4: 複習短母音

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。八月份的故事如下：

Week 1: Addition Annie

Week 2: A Circle in the Sky

Week 3: Katie Did It

Week 4: Feeding the Gulls

Week 5: Rude Ralph

數學

MPM 會持續使用相同的教材及練習，最後一年的 MPM 的重點會放在加法及減法，這學期的 MPM 寶盒裡有許多東西讓孩子能玩得很開心並使用。

Week 1: 大書

Week 2: 功能

Week 3: 功能

Week 4: 路徑

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: 造橋比賽

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，八月的主題為太空。

Week 1: Solar System Map

Week 2: Model Airplane

Week 3: Model Rocket

Week 4: Earth and Moon

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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Week 5: YMCA

See you next time!
Teacher Kevin