

Dolphin Class Newsletter September 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 the final unit of the current book, the topic is maps. This is quite a good unit for beginning conversations and there are lots of different things to teach. I enjoyed teaching this unit to my previous class, I bought in a map of Taipei and asked the class to find parks and hospitals, etc.

Week 1: Workshop: Follow the Map

Week 2: Workshop: Words to know: around, by, many, place, walk

Week 3: Workshop: Which Way on the May?

Week 4: Anthology: Fun with Maps

Writing workbook

The writing books focus on food and simple verbs like *have*, *want* and *like* for September. I will be using this topic for conversation class as I have lots of flashcards with food on them.

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. The phonics book is quite good, although we have taken a bit of step backwards as the class are currently learning short vowel sounds again, so I will be reviewing some of the consonant blends they have already learnt.

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 September are as follows:

Week 1: The Secret Code

Week 2: Generous Me

Week 3: Two Feet Up, Two Feet Down

Week 4: Listen to Me

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. September's thematic lessons will be about Chinese Culture.

Week 1: Panda Mask

Week 2: Fish

Week 3: Lucky Charm

Week 4: Moon Festival

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: YMCA

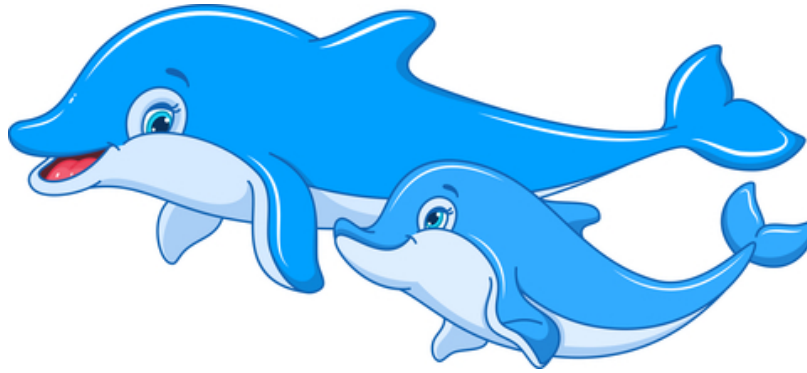
Week 2: YMCA

Week 3: You Are My Sunshine

Week 4: You Are My Sunshine

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。

核心技巧

這個月的進度來到書的最後一個章節，標題為“地圖”，對初級會話的學習來說這是一個很棒的章節，有許多內容可以教給學生，在上個班級中，我很享受教導孩子們這個章節，我帶了台北的地圖並請學生找出公園、醫院等等地標。

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書寫

這學期九月份的寫作書著重在食物及簡單動詞，例如 have, want, and like。我也會在會話課使用這個主題，我準備了許多食物的單字閃卡。

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。這是一本很好的發音課本，而我們現在正重新複習短母音，我也會複習大家有學過的子音混和音。

閱讀書

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。九月份的故事如下：

Week 1: The Secret Code

Week 2: Generous Me

Week 3: Two Feet Up, Two Feet Down

Week 4: Listen to Me

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: Big Book (大書)

Week 2: Functions

Week 3: Functions

Week 4: Paths(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: Bridge Building Race (造橋比賽)

Week 2: 1,2,3 Stop (123 木頭人)

Week 3: Obstacle Course (障礙賽)

Week 4: Grab the Baton (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，九月的主題為中國文化月。

Week 1: Panda Mask

Week 2: Fish

Week 3: Lucky Charm

Week 4: Moon Festival

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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See you next time!

Teacher Kevin