



## K3 Panda Class September 2017 Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the Panda class monthly newsletter for September.

Before we take a look at what's to come in September, let's look at what happened in August. August was a busy month for Panda class and for all of the new K3 baby classes. Many of the kids have found it tough settling in to their new school. This is completely normal and to be expected. Gradually they will love school and they won't miss mom and dad so much.

In September we will continue to build on the basic foundations laid down in the first few weeks. Panda class will continue with a structured routine so that they can get used to school life more easily and learn what to expect and what is expected of them.

Teaching English isn't just about learning another language, it's also about learning all of the rules that keep everyone safe and happy. It's also about teaching them about the world and different subjects such as math, art, music, nature, science, and how to be a good person.

In September Panda class will read many fun and interesting stories that will teach them lots of new vocabulary. The class will start to learn how to hold a crayon and eventually a pencil. They will learn many things such as animals, shapes, colors, directions, numbers, letters, and much, much more.

So let's take a look at what's to come in September...

### Reading

We read the reading books several times every day. I am very strict when it comes to reading time. Everyone sits down 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 - We Are Painting

Week 2 - Big and Small

Week 3 - I Like Shapes

Week 4 - What Am I?

## Core Material

Weeks 1 - 3 - Smart Start - Letter recognition A - Z e.g. Things that begin with A.

Week 4 - Unit 1 - Simple sentences that use 'the' e.g. 'I can see the map.'

## 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 - A2 P6-10 - Recognizing different objects and practicing drawing circles. Practicing recognizing numbers 1 and 2.

Week 2 - A2 P11-14 - Reciting number 1-3 and counting objects. Also practicing to draw straight lines and shapes correspondence.

Week 3 - A2 P15-18 - Pairing up shadows and animals. Pairing up inlays and animals. Practice drawing circles and straight lines. Colors and shapes correspondence.

Week 4 - A3 P1-5 - Common properties of set members e.g. recognizing that all the objects in the circle are blue. Shapes and colors correspondence. Practice drawing straight lines.

## 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 - P31-32 - Recognizing and practice writing objects that begin with the letter 's'.

Week 2 - P33, 35 - Recognizing and practice writing objects that begin with the letter 'f', 'm', and 's'.

Week 3 - P36, 38, 39 - Recognizing objects that end with 'm'. Practice writing upper and lowercase 't'.

Week 4 - P40, 41, 42 - Recognizing and practice writing objects that begin with the letters 't' and 'h'.

## 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.

Week 1 - Unit 3 P 7-8 - Sentences that use 'It is ...' e.g. 'It is a book', 'It is a pencil'.

Week 2 - Unit 4 P9-11 - Sentences that use 'Is it...?' e.g. 'Is it a pencil?', 'It is a ball'.

Week 3 - Unit 5 P12-13 - Asking questions using 'What is it?'.

Week 4 - Unit 6 P14-16 - Sentences that use 'He is...', 'She is...'.

## 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.

Week 1 – 'Teddy Bear, Where is Thumb Kin'

Weeks 2 and 3 - 'Color Songs'

Week 4 - 'Color Songs'

## 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 – Panda Mask

Week 2 - Fish

Week 3 – Lucky Charm

Week 4 – Moon Festival

## Library

Once a week the class will visit the library to read a storybook. This is 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.

That concludes the Panda class monthly newsletter for September. As you can see, we have lots of fun and interesting things for the students to learn.

As always, please feel free to leave me any of your comments or concerns in the weekly English communication books.

I look forward to chatting with again you soon.

Teacher Rich.



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### 九月給家長的信

各位親愛的家長歡迎您來了解 Panda Class 九月的家長信。

首先讓我們來看看在八月我們做了甚麼事，八月對於四個新班來說是非常忙碌的一個月，大部分的孩子都還在適應班級，而這對於孩子們和老師來說是很正常也可以預期的到的，孩子們會漸漸適應並且喜愛來上學的。

在九月的課程我們還是會幫孩子建立上課的基本秩序，班上孩子會慢慢建立起常規，當他們適應後，他們就可以更容易吸收課程上所教導的內容了。

學習英文並不只是學習另外一種語言，另外也是希望孩子們可以習得常規和可以快樂學習，另外也教導孩子數學、美術、音樂、自然、科學以及如何成長為一個很棒的人。

在九月我們會閱讀許多有趣的故事，也會教導他們許多單字，我也會教導孩子如何握蠟筆，孩子們也會學習顏色、動物、方向、數字、字母等等新的內容。

#### 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，並且確保他們可以了解。

大家一起唸完後，我會要求孩子個別唸給我聽，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，幫助他們多加複習。

第一週：We Are Painting -

第二週：Big and Small -

第三週：I Like Shapes -

第四週：What Am I? -

#### Core Material

第一~三週：Smart Start – 認識字母 A - Z e.g. ◦ A 開頭的東西。

第四週：單元一：使用“the”的句子-I can see the map.

#### 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：A2 P6-10-練習畫圓，以及認識不同的物品，認識數字 1、2

第二週：A2 P11-14 –認識數字 1~3，數數，練習畫線和形狀

第三週：A2 P15-18 –配對遊戲，鑲嵌遊戲，練習畫圓和線，將形狀塗顏色

第四週：A3 P1-5 –分類：例如將都是藍色的物品分成一類，或是同形狀的分成一類，練習畫直線。

#### 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：P31-32 –認識並且練習寫出 S 開頭的物品

第二週：P33, 35 - 認識並且練習寫出 S、f、m 開頭的物品

第三週：P36, 38, 39 --認識並且練習寫出 m 開頭的物品，練習書寫 T、t

第四週：P40, 41, 42 - 認識並且練習寫出 t、h 開頭的物品

#### 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。

第一週：單元 3 P 7-8- 'It is ...' 句子練習；'It is a book', 'It is a pencil'.

第二週：單元 4 P9-11 '-Is it...?' 句子練習；'. 'Is it a pencil?', 'It is a ball'.

第三週：單元 5 P12-13 - 'What is it?'. 問句練習

#### 第四週：單元 6 P14-16 - 'He is...', 'She is...'. 句子練習

##### 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

第一週：'Teddy Bear, Where is Thumb Kin

第二週：'Color Songs'

第三週：'Color Songs'

第四週：'Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed'

##### 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：Panda Mask

第二週：Fish

第三週：Lucky Charm

第四週：Moon Festival

##### 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....。

以上即是我們的九月課程內容，正如您所閱讀的我們將會有許多有趣和豐富的課程可以學習。

另外也請您若是有任何問題皆不要客氣的在連絡本上向我提出來，我期待下次和您的聯繫。

Teacher Rich.