



Zebra Class Newsletter

November 2017

Dear parents,

I'm happy to say that I'm back teaching little zebras. I missed everyone a lot when I was away, and am happy to be back. I brought some little snacks from America to everyone to try and they loved it. I was also back in time for our Halloween activity. Everyone seemed to have a good time and we had a lot of fun activities. This was a great opportunity for everyone to everyone to learn about and experience an American holiday. Everyone got to dress up, play a lot of fun games, get candy, and even see their teacher's dressed up.

This month we have another exciting activity, our drama play! We will be spending quite a bit of time preparing for our drama play. We will have to practise a lot and prepare everyone. This is a good experience for everyone to get up on stage in front of quite a few people. As this will be our first drama play ever it will be very simple as to not overwhelm everyone. Understandably as every child is different in Zebra class some of our children are quite outgoing and are not afraid of new things or people, while other are a little more shy and take some time getting used to new situations. Being on stage in front of many people that they don't know might be a little scary for some students and might take some time to get over their stage fright and perform comfortably in front of many people. Luckily we have many other drama plays and activities throughout our time as Marshall Kindergarten and everyone will have many opportunities to get up on stage. I'm sure as time goes by you will see a big improvement with every passing drama play.

To prepare everyone for our play, this month a few of our classes will be changed to drama practise. This has already been planned into our schedule so we won't have to worry about catching up on missed classes. In our drama play we will get to use sentence patterns that we have learned in class and of course everyone will get to dress up in cute costumes. I hope you enjoy their play and that everyone's hard work will show.

Reading

Three weeks out of this month's reading class has been changed to drama practise. I will first start out with helping everyone memorize their lines and doing some simple actions. I will be sending home a copy of our drama play script with everyone so if they want to practise at home they can. We will still have two reading books for the first and last week of this month. One of these two books focuses on teaching the words 'big and little'. There will be many examples of big and little. I will also prepare different big/little objects for class and will ask everyone if the object is big or little to help them practise. The other book is a cute story about a cat called Muffin. It teaches different adjectives such as fast, funny, kind, smart, etc.

Week 1- Big and little
Week 2 –Drama practise
Week 3 –Drama practise
Week 4 –Drama practise
Week 5 – My cat muffin

Core Material/Phonics

This month's topic in core material is 'come and play'. We will be continuing with our sentence pattern 'I can' and will be learning/ adding more nouns and verbs into this sentence pattern. In the first section we will be learning 'I can see', I will use different classroom objects to practise with everyone. We will also be reading a fun story in our core material book about a little guinea pig named Tam. This story uses all the different sentence patterns we've learned and has a lot of cute pictures for everyone to look at. In Phonics we are scheduled to learn the consonants h and b. There are also a few review practises in our book such as circle the correct letter that matches the sound.

Week 1- Unit 2
Week 2 –Unit 2
Week 3 –Unit 2
Week 4 –Unit 2
Week 5 –Unit 3

Maths

This month's math class has been changed to drama practise. During this time I will focus on helping everyone learn our drama play songs. Some of the songs in our drama play are songs that we have learned previously in our song and dance class. However there are also some new songs that we will be learning especially for our play. In addition to learning to sing the songs, we will also be learning some simple actions to go along with our songs. The actions will be simple and associated with the words in the song. Everyone really enjoys songs time so I feel this should be the easy part of our drama play.

Week 1- Drama practise
Week 2 –Drama practise
Week 3 –Drama practise
Week 4 –Drama practise
Week 5 – A4: P1-5

Physical Education

PE class is one of everyone's favourite classes, mainly because we get to go to the playground and everyone thinks of it more as 'playing games' then having a class. PE class is also a good way for everyone to release all their energy that is stored up from sitting down in class time. Everyone really enjoys the opportunity to get out of the classroom and doing something different. Depending on the weather sometimes we are not able to do what I have prepared for PE class. If it's a rainy day or too hot/cold, we might change PE to doing an activity in the waiting room or classroom.

Week 1- Obstacle course
Week 2 –Relay races
Week 3 –Tag
Week 4 –Hula hoop games
Week 5 – balloon games

Song and Dance

This month we will be learning some popular children's songs. Though they don't have as many actions as our previous songs I'm sure everyone will still love song time and enjoy singing along. I will also teach them our drama play songs and practise our actions. The more practise everyone can get, the more familiar and less nervous they will be when it's finally time to preform our play.

Week 1- Bus
Week 2 –Rain, rain go away
Week 3 –Rain, rain go away

Week 4 –This is the way

Week 5 – This is the way

Conversation

This month our conversation class has been changed to drama practise. Drama practise is very important to prepare everyone for our show. If they are familiar with their part, character, lines, songs, and actions the less nervous they will be. As it is their first drama play they will be very nervous so plenty of practise is required.

Week 1- Drama practise

Week 2 – Drama practise

Week 3 –Drama practise

Week 4 –Drama practise

Week 5 – Unit 10



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親愛的家長：

很高興地，我回來教小斑馬了。在我離開的那段時間，我非常想念大家，很高興我回來了。我從美國帶來了一些小點心給大家品嚐，他們很喜歡。我也在我們的萬聖節活動時回來了。每個人似乎都有個快樂的時光而我們也有很多有趣的活動。這是一個很棒的機會，讓大家都了解 and 體驗到美國的假期。每個人都要打扮，玩很多有趣的遊戲，得到糖果，甚至能看到老師的打扮呢。

這個月我們有另一個令人興奮的活動，就是我們的戲劇表演！我們將花費相當多的時間準備我們的戲劇。大家必須大量的練習及準備。這是一個很好的經驗，每個人都能在很多人面前站在舞台上。這是我們的第一場戲劇，這將會是非常簡單的表演，不會讓大家有壓力。可以理解的是，每一個斑馬班的孩子都有所不同，我們的一些孩子們是相當外向的，不怕新事物或人，而另一些孩子較為害羞，需要一些時間來習慣新的情況。在許多人面前，站上他們不熟悉的舞台，可能對一些學生來說會有點害怕，有時候可能會需要一些時間克服舞台恐懼，使他們能在許多人面前自在的表演。

幸運的是，隨著瑪歇爾幼兒園的發展，我們還有許多其他戲劇和活動，每個人都將有很多機會在舞台上登場。我相信隨著時間的流逝，在每個戲劇表演中，你會看到很大的進步。

為了準備好我們的表演，這個月我們班的幾個課程將改為戲劇練習。這已經計劃在我們的時間表中，所以我們不必擔心趕不上錯過的課程。在我們的戲劇中，我們將會使用我們在上課中學到的句子，當然每個人都可以穿著可愛的服飾，並且每個人的認真努力都會展示出來。希望您會喜歡他們的表演。

閱讀

本月有三週的閱讀課已經改為戲劇練習。我將首先幫助大家記住自己的位置，做一些簡單的練習。我會把所有的劇本的副本給家長，如果他們想要就可以在家裡練習。本月的第一週和最後一週會閱讀兩本書。其中一本著重於教導“大小”的詞彙。會有很多有關大小的例子。我也會預先準備不同大小的物體做為教材，並且會問大家是大或小，以幫助他們練習。另一本書是一本關於一隻名叫鬆餅的貓咪的可愛故事。它教導了不同的形容詞，如快速的，有趣的，善良的，聰明的等等。

Week 1- Big and little

Week 2 – 戲劇表演練習

Week 3 – 戲劇表演練習

Week 4 – 戲劇表演練習

Week 5 – My cat muffin

核心教材/ 自然發音

本月的核心材料主題是“come and play”。我們將繼續以“I can”的句型，繼續學習/ 添加更多的名詞和動詞。在第一部分，我們將學習“I can see”，我將使用不同的教室的物品與大家一起練習。我們還將在我們的核心材料書中閱讀一篇名為 Tam 的小豚鼠的有趣故事。這個故事使用了我們學習的所有不同的句子模式，並有大量可愛的照片供大家看。在自然發音課中，我們計劃學習子音 h 和 b。我們的書中還有一些練習題，例如圈出符合發音的正確字母。

Week 1- Unit 2

Week 2 –Unit 2

Week 3 –Unit 2

Week 4 –Unit 2

Week 5 –Unit 3

數學

本月的數學課已經改為戲劇練習。在此期間，我將專注於幫助每個人學習我們的戲劇歌曲。我們戲劇中的一些歌曲是我們以前在歌舞課上學到的歌曲。不過還有一些新的歌曲，我們將特別為我們的表演學習。除了學習唱歌之外，我們還將學習一些簡單的動作以配合我們的歌曲。這些動作將很簡單，並與歌曲中的歌詞相關聯。每個人都真的喜歡歌曲時間，所以我覺得這應該是我們戲劇表演中較簡單的一部分。

Week 1- 戲劇表演練習

Week 2 – 戲劇表演練習

Week 3 – 戲劇表演練習

Week 4 – 戲劇表演練習

Week 5 – A4: P1-5

體能課

體能課程是每個人最喜歡的課程之一，主要是因為我們會去操場，每個人都認為它更像是玩遊戲而不是上課。PE 課程是釋放坐在教室所累積的精力的一個很好的方法，每個人只要有機會離開教室做一些不同的事情都很樂在其中。根據天氣有時我們不能進行我為體能課程準備的事情。如果是個下雨天或太熱/冷，我們就會改在大教室進行活動。

Week 1- Obstacle course

Week 2 –Relay races

Week 3 –Tag

Week 4 –Hula hoop games

Week 5 – balloon games

歌唱律動

這個月我們會學習一些流行的兒童歌曲。雖然他們沒有像以前的歌曲一樣多的動作，我相信大家仍然會喜歡歌曲的時間，並享受唱歌。我也會教他們我們的戲劇歌曲，練習我們的動作。每個人練習得越多，在台上表演時他們會越熟悉也越不緊張。

Week 1- Bus

Week 2 –Rain, rain go away

Week 3 –Rain, rain go away

Week 4 –This is the way

Week 5 – This is the way

會話

這個月我們的會話課已經變成戲劇練習了。戲劇練習對於準備大家的節目非常重要。如果他們熟悉他們的部分，人物，位置，歌曲和動作，他們就不會那麼的緊張。因為這是他們的第一場表演，他們勢必會很緊張，所以需要大量的練習。

Week 1- 戲劇表演練習

Week 2 – 戲劇表演練習

Week 3 – 戲劇表演練習

Week 4 – 戲劇表演練習

Week 5 – Unit 10