

Dolphin Class Newsletter December 2017

Hello Parents,

I hope you enjoyed the school play. It's almost Christmas, so obviously that will be the theme for this month and we will have the Christmas event at the end of the month, which the kids always enjoy.

Core Material

We are starting the new core material book, which means the class gets something new to discuss. This month's chapter is about a boy's journey to school and the things he sees on the way.

Week 1: Unit 3 Week 1 What Time Is It?

Week 2: Unit 3 Week 1 Nate the Snake Is Late

Week 3: Unit 3 Week 1 Watch It Grow

Week 4: Unit 3 Week 1 Review

Writing workbook

December's chapter of Write Now covers daily routine and time, so it should be a good unit for conversation class as well. The Jump book, which is the other writing book focuses on like and don't like, eat and don't eat, and also introduces some animals and talks about what they eat. Obviously these are fairly simple concepts that the kids have already learned so I will try to introduce some new words for them to use in these sentences. For this reason I also ask the class what they do at the weekends, so they can practice using the past tense.

Phonics

For December, we are moving onto phonics blends, which we spent a long time on last year, but it's good to review. The unit has a nice range of sounds, st, sw, fr, gr, etc. I think this will be useful to give the students some practice with things we haven't done for a while.

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 December are as follows:

Week 1: Who Do I Look Like

Week 2: Sir Mike

Week 3: So Many Me's

Week 4: Too Many Balloons

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 month will start book 4, which covers a range of different subjects including addition and correspondence. We will also do more than/less than, which is good practice for the class.

Week 1: Addition

Week 2: More and Less + Correspondence

Week 3: Correspondence

Week 4: Sticker book

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 Physical Education 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. December's thematic lessons will be about Christmas.

Week 1: Christmas Ornament

Week 2: Christmas Ornament

Week 3: Christmas Ornament

Week 4: New Year

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: Must be Santa

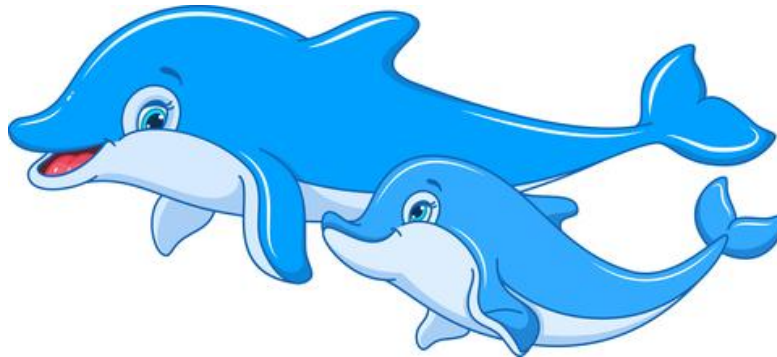
Week 2: Lion sleeps tonight

Week 3: Lion sleeps tonight

Week 4: Lion sleeps tonight

See you next time!

Teacher Kevin



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親愛的家長，

希望你們喜歡學校的戲劇演出，聖誕節快要到了，這個月的主題會與聖誕節相關並有活動，孩子們會很享受這個節日。

主教材

這個月我們開始了新的核心技巧書籍，孩子們有新的主題可以去討論，本次的主題是關於一位小男孩去上學的旅程，還有在一路上他所看到的事物。

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書寫

12月書寫的主題包括日常生活與時間，而這對班上而言會是一個很好的會話主題。另一本寫作的書-The Jump book 主要會著重在 like/don't like, eat/don't eat, 並介紹動物和它們的主食，這對孩子們而言是一個容易討論的主題，因為大家已經有學習過這些字，因此我會介紹新的單字，讓大家可以句子中使用，我會詢問大家周末做了甚麼事情，讓大家練習過去式的使用。

自然發音

十二月份的主題為發音的組合，我們在去年用了很多的時間去練習，大家再一次的複習是很好的練習。這次的章節的範圍為 st, sw, fr, gr...等組合，我想這是很實用的練習，能讓孩子們練習我們很久沒有接觸的事物。

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。十二月份的故事如下。

Week 1: Who Do I Look Like

Week 2: Sir Mike

Week 3: So Many Me's

Week 4: Too Many Balloons

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，這個月的 MPM 數學使用 book4，主題涵蓋加法，對應，我們也會練習 more than/ less than，這對大家是很好的練習。

Week 1: 加法

Week 2: 更多或更少 + 對應

Week 3: 對應

Week 4: 貼紙書

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，十二月的主題為聖誕節。

Week 1: 聖誕裝飾

Week 2: 聖誕裝飾

Week 3: 聖誕裝飾

Week 4: 新年

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