



Unicorn Class Newsletter January 2018

I'm glad everyone enjoyed our Christmas festivities and are looking forward to the new year! We will be having our reading competition this month. I would like to remind the parents as this is K4, we cannot assign the books to kids anymore and we will just be drawing the books from a bag for the kids to read. I have picked 8 books from our book list this semester.

I hope everyone is really excited for the reading competition this semester and that everyone in unicorn class does well. All the kids in our class have become a lot more comfortable and proficient with their reading.

Song and dance

We will still be listening to the same song from the end of the first semester for the first 2 weeks of January "Friends". The last 3 weeks we will be listening to a classroom favorite "The yellow submarine" by the Beatles.

Week 1: Friends

Week 2: Friends

Week 3: The yellow submarine

Week 4: The yellow submarine

Week 5: The yellow submarine

Core Materials

The first week of January we will have a review week, where I will be going back over our material from earlier in the semester. We'll read our old stories and reinforce some of the lessons from mid october all the way to december. The 3 weeks after we will be reading about Flip the dinosaur and talking about pet's and what they need.

Week 1: Review.

Week 2: Flip the dinosaur short story.

Week 3: Pet's and what they need.

Week 4: Pet's and what they need.

Spelling and Phonics class

In our phonics class for the month of January we will be practicing the short u sound and the short e sound and how it blends with other consonants.

In spelling class we will be continuing our unit on transportation. We will be talking about trains and cars and trucks. The difference between this, that, these and those.

Reading

The books I have picked for the reading competition are as follows: My Costume, The Dog Show, Shadows, Here comes the parade, Please Sit Still, So Many Houses, Is it a baby animal, Is Anybody Home?.

The first week of January we have a review week, so I was hoping the kids could bring these books back to school. The second week of January we will be reading a book called "I Can Do It All". The third week will be practice for the reading competition and the fourth week we will be reading a story called "Inu Duck's Toy". The last week of January will be catch up and review.

Week 1: Review

Week 2: I Can Do It All

Week 3: Reading Contest preparation

Week 4: Inu Duck's Toy

Week 5: Catch up & Review

Math

The first 3 weeks of January we will be finishing our fifth math book in the C series. We'll be talking about counting different colored objects, and where things are (top, middle, bottom, left, center, right, and corners). The final 2 weeks of January I will be helping kids finish any work they have in all of their classes.

Week 1: Counting objects of different shapes and colors

Week 2: Learning about how to talk about objects in certain positions.

Week 3: Learning about where objects are, top bottom middle

Week 4: Catch up and review

Week 5: Catch up and review

Thematic Studies

The thematic for next month will be winter. We will have some exciting winter activities for the kids to enjoy.

Physical Education

The kids are having a lot of fun in P.E. class. We always start off with a fun run around the playground before our game/activity

Week 1: Duck duck goose

Week 2: Frisbee soccer

Week 3: Relay race

Week 4: dodgeball

Outdoor Play

All the kids are having lots of fun playing outside in our supervised playground with monkey and lion class.

I would like to take this opportunity as it's a new year to say that it's important to start off on the right foot. If your son or daughter seems angry or upset at home, it's okay to sit them down and ask what is wrong.

It's good for them to learn Chinese, English and math, but the most important thing they need to learn at this point in life is that it is important to have friends and talk about how they feel with them. Most of the conflict at school is made better not with anger, but with kind words and understanding. The best friends are the parents at home.

Teacher Mat



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很開心大家都喜歡我們的聖誕節和期待著新的一年的到來，這個月我們將舉行閱讀比賽活動，在這裡要提醒家長們，孩子們已是中班了，我們將不再指定孩子們要閱讀的書本，而是從這學期的閱讀書中挑選八本，在比賽當天直接再從這八本書中抽一本讓孩子閱讀。

我希望每個人都興奮期待著這學期閱讀比賽的到來，相信班上的孩子們也能做到，所有的孩子也將變得更加自在和精通他們的閱讀。

以下為一月的課程進度：

歌謠律動方面

我們將持續聆聽相同的曲子，在這期末的第一週和第二週，在第三週我們會學習到班上，孩子們很喜歡的“黃色潛水艇”一曲，出自披頭四。以下為每週的歌曲進度，在教唱的過程中我們會加上一些動作，讓孩子們覺得更有趣，也請家長們多重覆播放歌謠讓孩子們聆聽！

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Week 2: Friends

Week 3: The yellow submarine

Week 4: The yellow submarine

Week 5: The yellow submarine

主教材方面

一月的第一週我們將安排複習週，複習這學期早些時候的課程內容。我們將閱讀之前的故事，並加強 10 月中到 12 月的課程內容，再進行第二週討論 Flip 這隻恐龍的小故事，第三週後談論寵物和他們需要什麼。

Week 1: Review.

Week 2: Flip the dinosaur short story.

Week 3: Pet's and what they need.

Week 4: Pet's and what they need.

拼字和發音方面

在一月我們的拼音課中，我們將練習短 u 音和短 e 音，以及它如何與其他輔音混合。在拼寫課上，我們將繼續我們的運輸單位。我們將談論火車、小汽車和卡車。另外也試著了解 these 這些和 those 那些的區別和用法。

閱讀方面

我挑選了以下的八本書，做為這次閱讀比賽的用書: My Costume, The Dog Show, Shadows, Here comes the parade, Please Sit Still, So Many Houses, Is it a baby animal, Is Anybody Home?.

在第一週我們安排了複習，因此請大家帶回以上所指定的用書，第二週我們將閱讀 “I can Do It All” 第三週我們將練習閱讀比賽的用書。第四週的閱讀書為 “Inu Duck's Toy” 最後一週為複習週

Week 1: Review

Week 2: I Can Do It All

Week 3: Reading Contest preparation

Week 4: Inu Duck's Toy

Week 5: Catch up & Review

體能課方面

孩子們對於體能課一直都相當感興趣，我們仍維持在進行所有活動或遊戲前，先暖身並跑操場。

Week 1: duck duck goose 鴨鴨鵝

Week 2: Frisbee soccer 飛盤足球

Week 3: relay race 接力賽

Week 4: dodgeball 躲避球

主題活動方面

每個月都會指定一位外國老師計畫安排一個主題活動。主題形式不限，這個月的主題將與冬天有關，將可以學習到相關的活動。我相信孩子們都會喜歡。

數學方面

這個月的前 3 周，我們將在 C 系列中完成我們的第五本練習本。我們將討論如何計算不同顏色的物件，以及事物的位置 (上面、中間、底部、左側、中心、右側和角落)。1 月的最後 2 周，我將協助孩子們完成他們所有班級的工作。

Week 1: 數不同顏色和形狀的物品

Week 2: 說出物品的位置

Week 3: 物品的上，下，中間的位置

Week 4: Catch up and review

Week 5: Catch up and review

戶外活動方面

我們每天都有戶外活動時間，將會和獅子班、猴子班一起進行，除了可以讓孩子們盡情的奔跑外，還可以認識不同班級的朋友喔！孩子們在戶外玩得很開心，而且他們總是很留意班上的孩子們是否有任何麻煩或受傷，這是我樂見的。

我想借此機會，在新的一年的，也是一個重要的開始和大家分享。如果你的孩子在情緒上的起伏很大，看起來很生氣或心煩，坐下來和他聊聊問問他，發生什麼事，並針對事情做討論，什麼是對、什麼是錯就可以了。

對他們來說，學習中文、英語和數學是有好處的，但在生活的這一點上，他們需要學習的最重要的事情是，有朋友，談論他們對他們的感覺是很重要的。在學校裡，大多數的衝突不是因為憤怒而變得更好，而是用友善的語言和理解。最好的朋友是家裡的父母。

新年快樂

Teacher Matt