



Zebra Class Newsletter

February 2018

Dear parents,

This month we will be starting our new semester. During our first semester, we covered a lot of the basics in conversation, phonics, and math. In phonics, last semester, we finished all the consonants as well as most of the consonant work in our phonics books. We also worked on letter recognition and everyone is now able to recognise most of the letters in the alphabet. Last semester we also covered most of their simple conversation skills from asking permission to do things around the classroom, to basic communication skills with their classmates. After the first few months of our first semester I encouraged everyone in zebra class to use the sentences they learned in class more around the classroom, when talking to me, and playing with their classmates.

This semester we will be continuing with most of our books such as our phonics book, core material and reading book series. For math, we will be getting new set of books that continues from where the last semester left off. Our math books will be from the same company and goes along with the MPM box we have now, but will be a new set of five books.

In phonics, this semester I will be doing periodic reviews of the consonants to make sure everyone has a strong foundation in their basic phonics and so they don't forget any of the material we've already learned. We will also be starting on our vowels, both long and short. So far, we haven't started sounding out words with phonic, and we will be starting that this semester as we learn the short vowels.

In core material and conversation, we will be going more in depth with adjectives, verbs, and simple grammar patterns. I try to use what we've learned in class as often as I can when talking to the students during play time or outside of class.

This month we will be having our one week winter break during Chinese New Year, I want to wish everyone a happy new year and hope you have a wonderful time with your family during this holiday.

Reading

For reading class this semester we will be continuing with the same series from our first semester. The books in our upcoming semester, of course, are slightly longer and has more sentence patterns. Our books for this month have a few cute stories about bugs, learning lessons, and some other fun stories for everyone.

The book 'Beautiful Bugs' has a lot of adjective and also teaches the names of some bugs on the side, while the book 'I Do Not Want To' at first seems like an odd book, but at the end teaches an important life lesson about doing things that are good for you even if it's not what you like.

Zebra class is always excited to see what our new book for the week will be and loves reading along and on their own. On Monday they always want to know what our new books is, and on Friday they are excited to take it home and show it to their parents.

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Week 1- Beautiful Bugs

Week 2 – Beautiful bugs

Week 3 –I do not want to

Week 4 –Bubble trouble

Week 5 – Bubble trouble

Core Material/Phonics

In core material as well as phonics we will be continuing on with our last semester's series. In each book of core material we have two to three new sight words that I teach by using flash cards, as well as new stories. This month our core material talks a lot about plants, gardens, and farms. As everyone's conversation skills improve, I will also start to have conversations discussing the stories we learn in core material and how some of the stories apply to us.

For phonics this semester we will be going back through the consonant section in our phonics book and finishing some of the practices that were too advanced for everyone in our first semester, as well as starting on short vowels. This month we will be starting with short vowel 'a' and learning different 'a' words. I will also start using phonics to start sounding out simple words.

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Week 1- Unit 5 – How does your garden grow?

Week 2 -Unit 5 – Phonics: Hh

Week 3 –Unit 5 – Hop Can Hop!

Week 4 –Unit 5 - Trees

Week 5 –Unit 6 – The Four Seasons

Maths

Though we will be using the same MPM box this semester as we did last semester, we will be getting a new set of books. In our first semester, we learned the numbers 1-5 and this semester we will continue on and be learning 6-10. In our previous semester I started teaching everyone some basic counting skills, however we did not focus on that as it was not in our book. This semester in our MPM books we will be learning more about counting, shapes, and colors.

This month we will be starting out by learning basic shapes, colors, and line tracing. It is important to have lots of motor skill practices such as tracing throughout K3 as it is important for children to work on their hand muscles. I would also highly suggest them doing activities that will help strengthen their hand muscles such as playing with play dough, legos, and working on holding their pencils. With practice and with time you will start to see a noticeable improvement in their tracing, coloring, and simple everyday tasks.

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Week 1- B2: P1-5

Week 2 B2: P1-5

Week 3 –B2: P6-10

Week 4 –B2: P11-14

Week 5 –B2: P15-18

Physical Education

The students all had a lot of fun last month with our Hula Hoop games and ball games. I think they've learned a lot and are really benefiting from having regular exercise and play time with their friends. During Physical Education class, they will often have the chance to team up and play together with their friends. This bonding is very important and I'm glad we can all have such positive experiences with our class. Next month we will be introducing some slightly more complicated games like follow the leader and ball toss. It will be very good for them to practice catching and throwing the ball to one another, as well as rolling and kicking it. As always, I will supervise them closely to make sure everything is safe and that everyone is having lots of fun.

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Week 1- Tricycle Rae

Week 2 - Obstacle Course

Week 3 – Running Race

Week 4 – Hop, Hop, Hop

Song and Dance

This semester for song and dance we will continue with some children's classic songs. Occasionally we will learn a few songs outside of our regular schedule when we have special events. I often like to pick some action songs that also help in learning everyday English as many of the students in zebra class can pick up and learn from songs fast. Everyone loves when we have action songs as it is fun way to start out our day. This month we will be learning the song 'I'm a Little Teapot' which I'm sure some of you may already know or have heard of this song before.

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Week 1- I'm a little teapot

Week 2 - I'm a little teapot

Week 3- I'm a little teapot

Week 4 –I'm a little teapot

Week 5 –The ants go marching

Conversation

In our previous semester we learned some basic sentence and grammar patterns such as 'he is' , 'she is' , 'I am' , 'a' , 'an' , plural and singular nouns. Besides the contents of our book I also teach them a lot of other everyday conversation such as the weather, days of the week, and I also try to talk to everyone during play time.

This next semester we will going more in depth with simple grammar, adjectives, etc. I will be encouraging everyone to have 'talk time', which is where I let everyone take turns and tell me something about their week, new toys, family, of anything they want to share in class. This a good opportunity for them to use the material we've learned in class and try to make their own sentences.

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Week 1- Unit 18 Numbers 1-10

Week 2 -Unit 18 How many

Week 3 –Unit 19 What's your phone number

Week 4 –Unit 19 What's your phone number

Week 5 –Unit 20 This is/ That is



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親愛的家長：

本月我們將開始我們的新學期。在我們的第一學期，我們學習了很多對話，自然發音和數學的基礎。在上個學期的自然發音課中，我們完成了所有的子音以及我們的發音書中大部分的子音練習。我們也練習了如何識別字母，現在每個人都能夠識別字母表中的大部分字母。上個學期，我們也學到了大多數簡單的談話技巧，從請求許可在課堂上做事情，到與同學交流的基本技巧。在我們第一個學期的頭幾個月後，我鼓勵斑馬班的每個人在班上和我說話或和同學玩耍時使用更多他們在課堂上學到的句子。

本學期我們將繼續我們的大部分書籍，如我們的自然發音書，核心教材和閱讀書系列。對於數學，我們將獲得新的一套書，從上個學期結束的地方繼續。我們的數學書籍將來自同一家公司，並與我們現在的 MPM 一起，但它將會是一套新的五本書。

在自然發音課方面，本學期我會定期對子音進行複習，以確保每個人在基礎發音方面都有堅實的基礎，所以他們不會忘記我們已經學到的任何東西。我們也將開始我們的長母音及短母音。到目前為止，我們還沒有開始用發音來唸出單字，而我們將在這個學期開始學習短母音。

在核心材料和對話中，我們將更深入地用形容詞，動詞和簡單的文法。我嘗試在課堂上或在課堂之外與學生交談時，盡可能經常使用到我們在課堂上學到的東西。

本月我們將在農曆新年期間有一星期的寒假，祝大家新年快樂，並希望在這個假期裡與家人度過美好的時光。

閱讀課

本學期的閱讀課，我們將繼續第一學期的同一系列。在我們即將到來的新的一學期，當然，書籍是稍長一些，有更多的句子模式。我們這個月的書有幾個關於蟲蟲的可愛故事，為大家學習一些有趣的故事。

“美麗的蟲子”這本書有很多形容詞，還教一些蟲子的名字，而“我不想”這本書起初似乎是一本很古怪的書，但最後還是教了一個重要的人生道理，即使不是你喜歡的事情，也要做好對你有益的事情。

斑馬班總是很興奮的想看看我們這週的新書是什麼，並喜歡自己閱讀。每到星期一，他們都想知道我們的新書是什麼，而星期五他們也會很高興把它帶回家，並展示給他們的家人。

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核心教材/發音

在核心教材和發音課，我們將繼續我們的上學期的系列。在核心材料的每本書中，我們有兩到三個卡片教授新的視覺單詞，以及新的故事。

這一個月我們的核心材料談論了很多關於植物，花園和農場。隨著每個人的會話程度的提高，我也會開始討論我們在核心教材中學到的故事，並討論一些故事如何適用於我們生活中。

對於這個學期的發音課，我們將從我們的發音書中的子音部分開始，並且完成一些對於大家來說在上學期過難的練習，以及從短母音開始。本月我們將以短母音“a”開始，學習不同的“a”字。我也將開始使用拼音開始發聲簡單的單字。

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數學

雖然本學期我們將使用與上學期相同的 MPM，但我們將獲得一套新的書。在我們的第一學期，我們學到了數字 1-5，這個學期我們將繼續學習 6-10。在我們上一個學期，我開始教會每個人一些基本的計數技巧，但是我們沒有把注意力集中在這個問題上，因為它不在我們的書中。這個學期在我們的 MPM 書中，我們將會了解更多有關計數，形狀和顏色。

本月我們將開始學習基本的形狀，顏色和線條。有很多運動技能練習是很重要的，例如在 K3 中進行追蹤，因為這對孩子手部肌肉的工作很重要。我也強烈建議他們做一些有助於增強手部肌肉的活動，比如玩麵團，玩樂高，練習握著鉛筆。隨著練習和時間的推移，你將開始看到他們的追蹤，著色，和簡單的日常任務有明顯改善。

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體能課

上個月，學生們玩起了呼啦圈和球類遊戲，玩得很開心。我認為他們學到了很多東西，並且經常和朋友一起鍛煉和玩耍，真的受益很多。在體育課上，他們經常會有機會和朋友一起組隊。這種聯繫是非常重要的，我很高興我們都能有這樣正面的經驗。下個月，我們將介紹一些稍微複雜的遊戲，如跟隨領導和拋球。他們練習抓球並互相擲球，踢球也很棒。和往常一樣，我會密切監督，確保一切安全，每個人可以享受很多樂趣。

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Week 1- 三輪車比賽

Week 2 – 障礙賽

Week 3 – 賽跑

Week 4 – Hop, Hop, Hop

唱歌跳舞

這個學期的歌舞我們會繼續帶一些兒歌的經典歌曲。偶爾會有特別活動的時候，我們會定期在課程之外學習幾首歌。我經常喜歡挑選一些動作歌曲，這也有助於學習日常英語，因為許多斑馬班的學生可以快速地從歌曲中學習。當我們有動作歌曲時，每個人都會喜歡，因為這是開始新一天的有趣方式。本月我們將學習歌曲“我是小茶壺”，我相信一些人可能已經知道或聽說過這首歌。

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會話

在我們前一學期，我們學習了一些基本的句子和文法，如“他是”，“她是”，“我是”，“一個”，“一個”，複數和單數名詞。除了本書的內容之外，我還教給他們很多其他的日常對話，比如天氣，星期幾，我也試著和大家聊天。

下個學期我們會用簡單的文法，形容詞等來進一步深入。我會鼓勵大家有“講話時間”，這是我讓大家輪流告訴我一些關於他們的當周的生活，新玩具，家人，及他們想在課堂上分享的任何東西。這對他們來說是一個很好的機會，可以用我們在課堂上學到的教材來創造自己的句子。

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