



## **Deer Class Newsletter February 2018**

Dear Parents,

We have now reached the end of our first semester and I think the students have all made so much progress. We have covered colors, numbers 1-10, the alphabet, basic conversation and much more. I am so proud of how much all of the students have accomplished this past semester and how far they have all come. Apart from advancing a lot in their English and overall academics, they have also become much more independent and confident. I have a lot of faith that the upcoming semester will be even more productive and fun.

This next month we will be focusing a lot on reading and phonics. As the students have mostly gotten down the alphabet, we can start moving on to more complex topics like short vowels and consonant blends. I am very excited to start on this with them, as after they learn it, they'll be able to start reading simple words like 'cat', or 'swim' all on their own. We will also be focusing a lot on their English conversation. We have already begun having English sharing time, where the students can talk about their weekend or their family to the whole class, so long as they speak English. I am very glad to see them starting to use their English to form new and creative sentences. We will continue to do this, as well as introducing new English vocabulary and sentence patterns for them to learn and try to incorporate into their everyday speech.

All and all, I think that the students will all learn so much, and I will do my best to ensure they all have a lot of fun while doing it. Usually we will play a lot of games with or conversation class or incorporate coloring pages into their phonics or reading class. We also have a lot of fun song and dances times throughout the day, and they have time for reading, puzzles and playing toys with their friends. I hope to create an environment where all the students can prosper and grow and I am so grateful for all of your help and involvement in the students learning. I hope we can all have a great new semester together.

### **Reading Class**

This month we have a lot of new reading books for the students on interesting topics. Most of the books are longer and more advanced than the ones we completed last semester, but I have no doubt that they will be able to learn them and have fun in our reading class. As their phonics will be improving as well, I am very hopeful that they will start to be able to sound out some of the simple words on their own. I also think they will learn a lot of useful sentence patterns and vocabulary this month. Listed below is the curriculum schedule for this month of classes.

- Week 1: Beautiful Bugs
- Week 2: Beautiful Bugs
- Week 3: I Do Not Want To

Week 4: Bubble Trouble  
Week 5: Bubble Trouble

#### Phonics Class

Last month we finished up our review on the alphabet and began having the students sound out certain simple words. This semester we will be working on short vowels and blends. This month we will start on the short vowel A. We will start by looking at basic short vowel words like “cat, and hat”. We will play some games where the students can try to differentiate between which words have short a sounds and which ones don’t, as well as games where the students can think of short a words. I think phonics is very important for learning to read so I am glad we can focus on it and help them develop a strong foundation. Listed below is the curriculum schedule for this month of classes.

Week 1: Sadlier, Phonics: Page 91 High-frequency words  
Week 2: Sadlier, Phonics: Page 92-93 High-frequency words  
Week 3: Sadlier, Phonics: Page 94-97 Initial consonants  
Week 4: Sadlier, Phonics: Page 98 Initial consonants  
Week 5: Sadlier, Phonics: Page 104-105 Initial consonants

#### Core Material Class

Last month the students finished Unit 4. They learned so much this past semester, including vocabulary and sentence structures. We’ve also been reviewing sight words with flashcards and the students can already read so many of them. Next semester’s core material books are much longer and more complicated but they also teach a lot useful words. Unit 5 contains a lot of great sentence patterns such as “I can hop, I like this”. But most importantly are the many sight words like “my, with, are” and simple short vowel words that they can practice using their phonics to read. Listed below is the curriculum schedule for this month of classes.

Week 1: Unit 5 How does your garden grow?  
Week 2: Unit 5 Phonics: Hh  
Week 3: Unit 5 Words to Know: my  
Week 4: Unit 5 Fresh from the Farm  
Week 5: Unit 6 The Four Seasons

#### Math Class

Next month in math class we will be going through book B1. The students will start working with the letters 6-8, and even practice tracing and drawing them. They will also practice drawing curved and zigzag lines. This will be very useful help them with their fine motor skills and coordination. I am glad they have the opportunity to practice so much drawing and tracing. Listed below is the curriculum schedule for this month of classes.

Week 1: B1: Page 1-5 Shapes and Colors  
Week 2: B1: Page 1-5 Shapes and Colors  
Week 3: B1: Page 6-10 Learning to draw curved lines and zigzag lines  
Week 4: B1: Page 11-14 Recognizing the shapes of 6,7, and 8  
Week 5: B1: Page 15-18 Recognizing the shapes of 6,7, and 8

#### Conversation Class

Last semester the students all learned so much in conversation class. As I mentioned above, we have been allowing them a lot of time to practice making sentences and share in English with the class. I have been doing my best to encourage them to try to make sentences and not be shy. One way I have done this is by offering an English speaking prize (sticker) to the students who speak the most English throughout the day. This month we will be doing “this is and that is” as well as some more basic conversation like “how many are there?”. I’m sure they will learn a lot. Listed below is the curriculum schedule for this month of classes.

Week 1: Unit 18 Numbers 1-10  
Week 2: Unit 18 Numbers 1-10

- Week 3: Unit 19 How old are you
- Week 4: Unit 19 How old are you
- Week 5: Unit 20 This is/ That is

#### 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.

- Week 1: Hula Hoop Tunnel
- Week 2: Freeze Dance
- Week 3: Follow the Leader
- Week 4: Obstacle Courses
- Week 5: Ball Toss

#### Song and Dance

This month we have a whole batch of fun new songs for the students to learn and sing along too. I think they will especially have a lot of fun with "The ants go marching" as the students will get to follow the teacher and march around the classroom. It also teaches some great counting skills. As the student's English has improved so much, we will also do some additional songs that the students really enjoy singing such as "Let it go" and "I can fly". The students really enjoy singing these and I think they will be very happy to have the opportunity to practice it in class. Listed below is the curriculum schedule for this month of classes.

- Week 1: I'm a little teapot
- Week 2: I'm a little teapot
- Week 3: I'm a little teapot
- Week 4: The ants go marching
- Week 5: The ants go marching



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親愛的家長：

第一學期即將結束，在這學期我覺得孩子們獲得許多進步及收穫。我們已經學習了包括顏色、數字 1-10、字母表及基本對話等等。我為所有學生們在這學期間所完成的成就感到自豪。除了在英語和整體學術方面進步之外，他們也變得更加獨立和自信。我很有信心，相信即將到來的學期將會更有效率並充滿樂趣。下個月我們將重點擺在閱讀和自然發音。由於大部分的學生都已經熟悉字母表，我們可以開始導向更複雜的話題，如：短元音和輔音混合。我很高興能夠和他們一起開始學習，他們可以開始閱讀簡單的單詞，如“cat”或“swim”。我們也會把重點放在他們的英語會話上。我們開始有英語交流的時間了，學生們漸漸可以使用英文談論他們的周末或家庭，我很高興看到他們開始用英語對話並說出創造性的句子。我們會持續進行英文對話練習，並引入新的英語詞彙和句型，讓他們學習並嘗試融入他們的日常生活中。總而言之，在這學期我相信學生們依然仍收穫滿滿，學習更多新知，我也會盡我所能讓他們在學習的過程中同時也享受樂趣。通常我們會利用很多遊戲或者談話課，或者將著色頁加入他們的語音和閱讀課，在完成紙本作業之後，能選擇自己喜歡的著色紙著色，課堂轉銜間也加入了很多有趣的歌舞時間，讓孩子們動一動身體，他們也有充分的時間和朋友一起閱讀、拼圖和玩玩具。我希望創造一個讓所有學生都能夠發展潛能的環境，非常感謝你們的協助與參與，我希望我們都能有一個很好的新學期。

### Reading Class

這個月我們有加入許多有趣的新書題材，大部分的閱讀書的內容會比上學期更長、詞句更複雜，但我相信，他們能夠在閱讀課上學習並樂在其中。在上學期他們也會了簡單的自然發音，所以我很希望他們能夠自己說出一些簡單單字。我認為這個月他們會學到很多有用的句型和詞彙，以下是本月課程進度表：

- Week 1: Beautiful Bugs
- Week 2: Beautiful Bugs
- Week 3: I Do Not Want To
- Week 4: Bubble Trouble
- Week 5: Bubble Trouble

### Phonics Class

上個月，我們完成了字母表語與發音的配對，並開始讓學生練習一些簡單的聽力。這個學期，我們將學習短元音混合。本月我們將從短元音 A 開始。我們將從“cat, cap”這些基本的短元音字開始。我們會透過一些遊戲，讓學生可以嘗試區分哪些單詞有短聲和哪些單詞沒有，以及學生可以想到發音的遊戲。我認為自然發音對於學習閱讀非常重要，所以我很高興這學期能進入這項課程，並幫助他們建立一個扎實的基礎，以下為本月課程進度表：

- Week 1: Sadlier, Phonics: Page 91 常見字
- Week 2: Sadlier, Phonics: Page 92-93 常見字
- Week 3: Sadlier, Phonics: Page 94-97 字音
- Week 4: Sadlier, Phonics: Page 98 字音
- Week 5: Sadlier, Phonics: Page 104-105 字音

#### Core Material Class

上個月，學生們完成了 Unit4。孩子們在上學期學到了很多東西，包括詞彙及句子結構。我們也持續使用單字圖片卡幫助孩子複習，學生們已經可以透過圖片說出其中許多單字。下學期的教材將會更長、更複雜，同時也會教導孩子許多有用的單詞。Unit5 涵蓋了很棒的句型，如“I can hop、I like this”。但最重要的是像“my, with, are”等這樣的詞彙，以及可以用他們自然發音法來練習簡單的短元音單詞，以下為本月課程進度表：

- Week 1: Unit 5 How does your garden grow?
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- Week 3: Unit 5 Words to Know: my
- Week 4: Unit 5 Fresh from the Farm
- Week 5: Unit 6 The Four Seasons

#### Math Class

下個月數學課，我們開始 B1 練習本。學生們將開始以 6-8 的數字進行練習，並練習描寫與繪畫。他們也會練習繪製曲線和字形線條。對於他們手部小肌肉及協調性能有很大的幫助。我很高興他們有機會練習這麼多的繪畫和描寫，以下為本月課程進度表：

- Week 1: B1: Page 1-5 形狀顏色
- Week 2: B1: Page 1-5 形狀顏色
- Week 3: B1: Page 6-10 學習描曲線和字形線條
- Week 4: B1: Page 11-14 6-8 的數字辨認練習
- Week 5: B1: Page 15-18 6-8 的數字辨認練習

#### Conversation Class

上學期，學生在會話課中學到了很多對話單字。正如上面所提到的，我們允許他們利用時間練習開口說英文，並利用英文與班級分享事情。我一直在盡我所能，鼓勵他們試圖說句話，而不是害羞。而我鼓勵孩子們開口說英文的發法就是給那些每天講英語最多的學生提供一個英語口語獎（貼紙）。這個月我們會練習“this is/that is”，還有一些更基本的對話，如“how many are there”？我相信他們會學到很多，以下為本月課程進度表：

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Week 3: Unit 19 How old are you  
Week 4: Unit 19 How old are you  
Week 5: Unit 20 This is/ That is

#### Physical Education

上個月，學生們玩了呼啦圈和球類遊戲，玩得很盡興。我認為他們已經學到了很多東西，並且經常和朋友一起鍛煉和玩耍。在體育課上，他們經常和朋友一起組隊。這種聯繫是非常重要的，我很高興孩子們能有這樣的經驗，在下個月，我們將介紹一些稍微複雜的遊戲，如：跟隨指令並拋球、練習抓球並互相擲球，踢球也很好。和以往一樣，我會密切監督，確保一切安全，讓每個人都能享受體能課所帶來的樂趣，以下為本月課程進度表：

Week 1: Hula Hoop Tunnel  
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Week 4: Obstacle Courses  
Week 5: Ball Toss

#### Song and Dance

這個月我們有一整套有趣的新歌讓學生學習和唱歌。我想他們會特別喜歡“The ants go marching ”，因為學生們會跟著老師走進教室。由於學生的英語水平有了很大的提高，我們還會做一些額外的歌曲，讓學生真正喜歡唱歌，如“Let it go”，“I can fly”。學生們非常喜歡唱歌，我覺得他們會很樂意有機會在課堂上練習，以下為本月課程進度表：

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