



Zebra Class Newsletter December 2018

Dear parents,

Last month was a little more tiring as we spend a lot of time rehearsing for our drama play. Everyone worked very hard and put in a lot of effort in practising for our play. Of course, we also got to have a lot of fun and learned two new dances and the students were especially excited to get to be on stage in their costumes. This semester's drama play consisted mostly of individual lines which meant each student had to work hard to memorise their own lines without the help of their classmates.

The first thing we did in preparing was of course, helping everyone memorise their lines and learn the songs for our play. It took a while for everyone to remember their own lines as well as when to say them. Then, we started rehearsing and learning the dance to our drama play songs. Everyone's favourite part, of course, was getting to practise on the stage in the waiting room and wearing their costumes. Seeing how excited everyone was to wear their costumes really make all the hard work worth it. Though it was a lot of work and a bit tiring, in the end our play came together nicely and everyone really enjoyed being on stage.

This month we are getting back into our regular schedule. I am starting by doing some review and then starting from where we left off before our drama play. Everyone has made so much progress so far this semester and have come a long way from where we first started. In class, we have been focusing a lot on writing and phonics. It's amazing to see how much everyone's writing has improved. All the practise and hard work has defiantly paid off and I hope everyone continues to improve day by day.

This month we also have another very special program that I'm sure everyone has been looking forward to all year! Christmas! All the students have been practising with Tr. Momo and Tr. Suen to prepare both a music and a dance show for our Christmas program. I'm sure everyone has also been looking forward to getting a gift and seeing Santa!

Song and Dance

Last month we learned the song 'Try Everything' by Shakira from the cartoon zootopia. When the students heard it they were more than excited and sang it on repeat even when we weren't practising for our play. Everyone had a lot of fun dancing to that song and I was so happy they liked it.

This month we will be learning the classic song 'We've Got the Whole World in Our hands'. It is a very meaningful song about how we need to take care of the earth. It is very popular and a wonderful choice for our curriculum.

Week 1-We've Got the Whole World in Our Hands

Week 2 – We've Got the Whole World in Our Hands

Week 3 – We've Got the Whole World in Our Hands

Week 4 – Friends

Reading

Last month we read a cute book about different houses which was an interesting book about different kinds of house around the world. Everyone got to talk about their home and where they live. They were very excited to describe their rooms, toys, etc with everyone. The books for this semester are very well chosen and suitable for the student's level. Many of the books teach about topics that can be applied to everyday life and are very educational. I personally enjoy getting to have conversations and discussions about the books with the student.

This month we have some interesting books prepared for the class with a variety of topics. I have started to have the students practise pointing to the words in the sentences as we read the books. This is very helpful in learning sight words. They will slowly be able to recognise words that are very common and we see often in our stories. Pointing to the words will also be helpful in helping the students follow along and pay attention to each individual word as we read them.

Week 1-Shadows

Week 2 – Hot! Hot! Hot!

Week 3 – Is Anybody Home

Week 4 – Please Sit Still

Core Material/Phonics

The student's phonics skills have improved so much, especially as we go back and review the short vowels that we have previously learned. They are able to read short vowel words without my help and are getting faster at sounding out words with phonics. Long vowels are more challenging and it will take some more practise for the students to be able to remember to look at the words and see if it's a long or short vowel. I have prepared a few different games and activities to help make the class more interesting for the students. We will be doing a lot of review and repetition as we go through each long vowel.

In core material we are continuing through our wonders book. Last month we read a cute story about a squirrel and his home as well as another story about homes in the city and country. A lot of people in Taiwan live in cities so it was interesting talking about the country and also how other countries are different from Taiwan. This month's topic will be able pets!

Week 1-Unit 1 Week 3 Workshop Our Pets

Week 2 – Unit 1 Week 3 Workshop Our Pets

Week 3 – Unit 1 Week 3 Workshop Phonics: L-Blends

Week 4 – Unit 1 Week 3 Anthology What Pets Need

Maths

In math we have started learning about spatial description. We have started learning inside, outside, left, right, first, second, etc. This is a harder concept for the students to understand. They are quite familiar with inside and outside as we constantly use these in our class, when packing their bags, putting things away, and many other times. However, left and right is more complicated for them as there is no set 'left or right' and it depends on the individual person's view. We did a fun activity where I gave everyone two different colored stickers to put on their left and right hands. Then, we did some different activities to help them better understand the concept of left and right. This month we will be continuing with learning about spatial descriptions well as starting to learn about paths.

Week 1-C4: P6-10 Ordinal Numbers

Week 2 – C4: P11-14 Functions

Week 3 – C4: P15-18 Paths

Week 4 – C5: P1-5 Spatial Description

Grammar/writing

Everyone's handwriting has improved a lot as we continue to practice every day in class. Most of the students can write words out nicely on the lines in our book and worksheets. It's still a challenge for them to write out sentences and know how to correctly space out the words from each other. We will start to do more sentence writing practises as this semester goes on and I hope to help everyone be able to write sentences neatly in the line in no time.

This month in Grammar we will be learning a lot about colors and being able to read the words for the different colors. As plural and singular nouns/verbs are very complicated we will be continuing to review and practise these throughout the course of this book. Though grammar is a hard topic our book finds a way to make it more interesting and fun by including little activities in the book to go along with what we are learning.

Week 1-P: 36-37 The balloons are orange.

Week 2 – P: 38-39 Questions with *is* and *are*

Week 3 – P: 40-41 Review

Week 4 – P:42-43 Transportation

Physical Education

Last month we had a few new activities that the student loved very much. We made balls pits, had a ball war, had many different races, and even got to do a balancing beam. The students especially like it when we do activities with the plastic balls an area always looking forward to what we have planned.

This month we will have a lot of extra activities planned out for the students. I'm hope they enjoy the different things we have planned out and enjoy themselves.

Week 1- Hula hoops

Week 2 –Ball games

Week 3 – Class races

Week 4 – Tag



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親愛的爸爸媽媽：

上個月有點忙，因為我們花了很多時間為我們的戲劇演出排練。每個人都非常努力地練習，為我們的比賽付出了很多努力。當然，我們也有很多樂趣學習了兩個新的舞蹈，學生們特別興奮地穿上他們的服裝。這個學期的戲劇主要由個人組成，這意味著每個學生都必須努力，在沒有同學幫助的情況下記住自己的台詞。

我們在準備中做的第一件事當然是幫助每個人記住他們的台詞並為我們的戲劇學習歌曲。每個人都需要一段時間才能記住他們自己的台詞以及何時說出來。我們開始排練並學習我們的戲劇歌曲的舞蹈。當然，每個人最喜歡的部分是在 waiting room 的舞台上練習並穿著他們的服裝。看到每個人穿著他們的服裝是多麼的興奮真的讓所有努力都值得。雖然這是一項很多工作而且有點累人，但最後我們利用遊戲結合在一起，每個人都非常喜歡在舞台上。

本月我們將重新回到正常的時間表。我開始做一些練習，從我們之前的地方開始。到目前為止，每個人都在這個學期有大的進步，並且距離我們剛開始的地方已經走了很長的路。在課堂上，我們一直專注於寫作和發音。看到每個人的寫作有多少改進，真是令人驚訝。所有的練習都得到了肯定的回報，我希望每個人都能不斷提高自己的水平。

這個月我們還有另一個非常特別的計劃，我相信每個人都期待著聖誕節！所有學生都與 Tr. Momo 和 Tr. Suen 一起練習，為我們的聖誕節準備音樂和舞蹈表演。我相信每個人都期待著獲得禮物並看到聖誕老人！

Song and Dance

上個月，我們從卡通 Zootopia 學習了 Shakira 的歌曲“Try Everything”。當學生聽到它時，即使我們不是為了我們的戲劇而練習，他們也會非常興奮並且重複唱歌。每個人都很開心地一起跳舞，我很高興他們喜歡它。

本月我們將學習經典歌曲“we’ve Got the Whole World in Our hands”。這是一首關於我們如何照顧地球的非常有意義的歌曲。它非常受歡迎，是我們課程的絕佳選擇。

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Week 2 –We’ve Got the Whole World in Our Hands

Week 3 – We’ve Got the Whole World in Our Hands

Week 4 – Friends

Reading

上個月我們讀了一本關於不同房屋的可愛書籍，這是一本關於世界各地不同類型房屋的有趣書籍。每個人都談論他們的家和他們住的地方。他們非常高興能與大家描述他們的房間。

本學期的書籍非常好，適合學生的水平。許多書籍說的是可以應用於日常生活並且具有教育意義的主題。我個人喜歡與學生進行有關書籍的對話和討論。

本月我們為本課程準備了一些有趣的書籍，內容涉及各種主題。當我們閱讀書籍時，我已經開始讓學生練習指向句子中的單詞。這對學習視覺詞非常有幫助。他們將慢慢地能夠識別非常常見的單詞，我們經常在故事中看到這些單詞。指出這些單詞也有助於幫助學生跟進並在閱讀時注意每個單詞。

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Week 2 –Hot! Hot! Hot!

Week 3 – Is Anybody Home

Week 4 – Please Sit Still

Core Material/Phonics

學生的發音技能得到了很大的提高，特別是當我們回顧我們之前學到的短元音時。他們能夠在沒有我幫助的情況下閱讀短元音詞，並且通過語音發出更快的語音。長元音更具挑戰性，學生需要更多的練習才能記住查看單詞並查看它是長元音還是短元音。我準備了一些不同的遊戲和激活，以幫助學生更有興趣的課程。當我們經歷每個長元音時，我們將進行大量的複習和重複。

在核心材料中，我們將繼續透過我們的主題書。上個月我們讀了一篇關於松鼠和他家的可愛故事，以及關於這個城市和鄉村家庭的另一個故事。台灣有很多人住在城市，所以談論這個國家以及其他國家與台灣的不同之處很有意思。而這個月的主題將是寵物！

Week 1-Unit 1 Week 3 Workshop Our Pets

Week 2 –Unit 1 Week 3 Workshop Out Pets

Week 3 – Unit 1 Week 3 Workshop Phonics: L-Blends

Week 4 – Unit 1 Week 3 Anthology What Pets Need

Maths

在數學中，我們已經開始學習空間描述。我們已經開始學習裡面，外面，左，右，第一，第二等。這是孩子理解的難題。他們對我們的裡外都非常熟悉，因為我們經常在課堂上使用這些，用袋子放東西，以及許多其他時間。然而，左和右對他們來說更複雜，因為沒有設置‘左或右’並且它取決於個人的視圖。我們做了一個有趣的活動，我給了每個人左手和右手兩個不同顏色的貼紙。然後，我們做了一些不同的活動，以幫助他們更好地理解左右的概念。本月我們將繼續學習空間描述，並開始學習路徑。

Week 1-C4: P6-10

Week 2 –C4: P11-14

Week 3 – C4: P15-18

Week 4 – C5: P1-5

Grammar/writing

隨著我們每天在課堂上繼續練習，每個人的手工都有了很大的改進。大多數學生可以在我們的書和工作表中很好地寫出文字。對於他們來說，寫出句子並知道如何正確地將這些單詞從彼此中分離出來仍然是一個挑戰。這個學期繼續我們將開始做更多的句子寫作練習，我希望能幫助每個人能夠立即在句子中整齊地寫出句子。

本月在 Grammar 中，我們將學習很多顏色，並能夠閱讀不同顏色的單詞。由於複數和單數名詞/動詞非常複雜，我們將在全書的整個過程中繼續審查和實踐這些。雖然語法是一個難題，但我們的書通過在書中包含很少的活動以及我們正在學習的東西，找到了一種更有趣和有趣的方法。

Week 1-P: 36-37

Week 2 –P: 38-39

Week 3 – P: 40-41

Week 4 – P:42-43

Physical Education

上個月，我們展開了一些學生非常喜愛的新活動。我們製造了球坑，進行了一場球戰，有過許多不同的比賽，甚至還做了平衡木。當我們用球做活動時，學生們特別喜歡它，總是期待著我們的計劃。

這個月我們將為學生計劃許多額外的活動。我希望他們喜歡我們的不同的東西並享受自己。

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