

# Dolphin Class Newsletter December 2018

#### Dear parents,

These few last months, have been great for the kids. They're really expanded their vocabulary a lot. And have even started to be able to identify some words by the letters. They've really improved very quickly, and I'm so impressed and proud of the progress that they've made in such a short amount of time.

Although last month was a lot of Drama Play Practice, we would still go over a lot of subjects. We still pushed with Phonics, and did some easy practice with math, and reading as well.

This month we're jumping back into a regular schedule, and we'll continue right where we left off with all of our subjects. We're going to be starting a new math book, and really try to get through as much of the phonics as possible. I also really want to work with them on their motor skills, and get them tracing and writing as best as possible. I hope to see them grow and improve even more this month.

Best wishes, Teacher Sandra

## Reading

Reading is going very well for everyone. Even though last month we focused a lot on the drama performance. I would still try to practice some simple reading with them every day. I would also frequently read them stories that they love to hear again and again. They are really starting to be able to recognize words that they hear and see a lot. They are getting much more comfortable with small and simple words. And I'm very proud of how quickly they are grasping some simple concepts.

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Core Material

This class we've been staying on track with as best as possible. Along with our Core Material classes we've been practice our spelling and reading. We're learning a lot of vocabulary and practicing a lot of our transition words, so that the kids can better form proper sentences. They're learning a lot about some small and common words, and seem to be enjoying expanding their vocabulary a lot.

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## Math

We are using the MPM books during class. The books and boxes for the MPM class are going very well for the students. During November we didn't use much of the MPM materials. But everyday I would still practice the numbers with them, and we would play little games to help practice. The kids are all getting quite familiar with the number of 1 through 10.

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### Phonics

We've really dived into the phonics book last month, and we'll try to get more into it this month too. I'm still not doing the phonics book in order. Because I want to get them all used to holding a pencil properly, and writing letters out. Once we've gone through the alphabet, I'm going to try and take a break from the phonics book and get them to practice the letters more. I really want their basics and foundation to be strong, before we start more confusing and difficult things.

But I'm going to really push them through the phonics book so we can catch up and be up to speed with the book. Once we get through the basics of the letters, I'll start going through the book in chronological order.

## Physical Education (P.E.)

PE is a really good way to get the kids moving, and to use up a lot of that pent up energy they have. They always love going outside for PE. Right now we're just getting used to it, but we're doing some simple fun activities. We don't have anything scheduled specifically for PE since they are still quite young and simple games work best for them. They all love running around. I like to plan little obstacle courses for them to improve their co-ordination, and they really seem to love doing fun activities and running around with me.

## Conversation

We're going to dive back into the Conversation book, and try and get them to start practicing sentences and really understand the meaning behind a lot of the sentences. But they are slowly understanding and catching on quickly.

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#### Song and Dance

This is a great opportunity for myself and the students to bond and enjoy some songs together. The kids love learning the dances and dancing and singing along to all the songs. When they start to get familiar with a song, they really enjoy it and get excited to do it. They love to move around in the morning, and with each song they get more excited and really love learning the words and singing along.

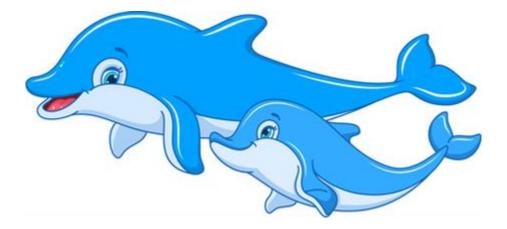
During November we were practicing the drama songs a lot, and now they're very excited to learning something new and different. But they're always excited when we have a fun up beat dance and song in the morning.

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親愛的爸爸媽媽:

過去這幾個月孩子表現得很好,他們的單字量增進了許多,也開始藉由字母去認出單字,大家進步得很快,在這麼短的時間孩子們的學習能前進這麼多,我非常的印象深刻並感到驕傲。 雖然上個月有很多戲劇的練習,我們依舊完成許多進度,例如發音,以及簡單的數學還有閱讀。這個月 我們會回到課程,並從上回結束的部分做銜接,我們會開始新的數學課本並且盡可能學習更多的發音, 我也想練習大家的運動技能,讓大家的描繪及書寫能表現更好,希望能看到大家更多的進步和成長。

Best wishes, Teacher Sandra

#### 閱讀

閱讀課的狀況很好,上個月我們主要在練習戲劇表演,我會每天和大家做簡單的閱讀練習,我也會念大 家喜愛的故事讓大家多聽,孩子們開始能認知更多他們聽到或看到的單字,我感到非常驕傲他們能這麼 快就理解基礎的概念。

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#### 核心技巧

這門課程我們會盡量依據進度表去做練習,核心技巧課程中我們也練習了拼字和閱讀,大家學到了許多 單字並練習轉折語氣,讓孩子們可以組合出更好的句子,他們學到許多常用字,並且很開心能增加他們 的字彙量。

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#### 數學

課堂上我們使用 MPM 寶盒,學生上課的狀況很好,11 月我們較少使用 MPM 教材,但每天我都會和大家練習數字,並玩小遊戲幫助大家數字練習,孩子們都很熟悉數字 1-10。

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#### 發音

上個月我們做了許多練習,這個月也會繼續更多的發音練習,我沒有照著課本所排的順序,因為我希望 他們能自己更正確的握筆並做書寫,當我們完成所有的字母的進度,我會稍微暫停課本的部分,讓大家 做更多字母的練習,在開始學習更多負責並容易混淆的觀念之前,我希望孩子先穩固基礎的部分。 但我不會讓孩子趕進度完成課本内容,當我們學習完字母的基礎之後,我才會開始書本的進度。

體能

體能課是一個很好的機會能讓孩子活動身體並消耗他們未釋放的能量,他們總是很喜歡到戶外上體能 課,目前我們慢慢的習慣體能課程,也會做簡單有趣的活動,體能課程沒有特別的進度,因為孩子們的 年齡還太小,他們都喜歡跑來跑去玩樂,我喜歡設計一些障礙賽課程幫助他們的協調性,孩子們很喜歡 活動並和我一起奔跑。

會話

我們會再次開始會話課的進度並讓大家開始練習句子且了解句型背後的意思,大家漸漸進步中並能掌握 重點。

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#### 歌曲與舞蹈

這對我來說是一個很好的機會和孩子連結再一起並享受歌曲,孩子們喜歡學習舞步並跟著音樂一起唱跳,當他們越來越 熟悉歌曲,他們很享受並很興奮能唱唱跳跳,早上他們喜歡隨著音樂搖擺,他們越來 越喜歡每首歌並且學習其中的字,也會跟著一起唱歌。

十一月時我們練習很多戲劇的歌曲,他們現在很興奮能學新的歌曲,我們可以在早上很愉快的唱歌跳 舞,孩子們總是非常開心。

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