



Zebra Class Newsletter

August 2019

Dear parents,

This is the first month of our new school year. Though we didn't have to change classrooms this year, we will have a new curriculum, books, and schedule. This will be Zebra's last school year at Marshal and most likely the busiest. A lot of our books are more advanced, and will require a lot of focus and attention from the students. As we continue through this year, we will have a lot of work to do. The behaviour and the student's cooperation as well as ability to listen and follow instructions will be crucial to their learning. Helping to teach and remind the students at home to have good behaviour, a positive learning attitude, pay attention, and following instructions will be very important in this school year.

This year, as some of our students are preparing to take the entrance exam to get into a private bilingual school, we will have some simple homework from our school. If you are planning on sending your child to take an entrance exam or send them to an English or bilingual school, please let Teacher Min and I know at our next parent's teacher meeting. That way I can give some tips and suggestions to help you prepare them for their exam, and if there are areas that they need to improve in or you can help them at home I will keep in touch and communicate with you.

Though this school year is going to be a lot more difficult than the past two years, I still want the students to have fun and enjoy class. I will still be incorporating games, and fun activities into our studies. I look forward to spending another year with Zebra class.

Song and Dance

We are starting out this semester by learning the very popular song 'The Ants go Marching' as long as a few others. The students love this song and always have fun when I play it in class. The students also have fun asking me to play popular songs that they have heard before at home, or on the radio and dancing and singing along.

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Week 1- I Have a Car

Week 2 – I Have a Car

Week 3 – The Ants Go Marching

Week 4 – The Ants Go Marching

Week 5 - YMCA

Reading

Schools often upgrade and change out different books throughout the years as new publishers make new books. I especially enjoy teacher the books from our book boxes that we have now as there is quite a variety of books. Some of the books are very educational and informative, while others are cute, fun stories that are simply enjoyable to read, but most importantly of all I feel the books suit the children's level very well.

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Week 1- Addition Annie

Week 2 – Addition Annie

Week 3 – A Circle in the Sky

Week 4 – Katie Did it

Week 5 – Feeding the Gulls

Core Material/Phonics

We are going to be starting the next book of the Sadlier Phonics series. At the start of the book we will be doing a basic review of the consonants and vowel sounds. Then, we will be moving onto syllables, consonant digraphs, and silent letters. For this first month we will be doing a short review of the short vowels that focuses on the students listening and ability to write short vowel words on their own.

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Maths

This semester we will be reviewing and learning a variety of new math concepts such as properties, shapes, coordinates, measurements, addition, subtraction, and many more. I have noticed though the students are familiar with and can write most of the number correctly there are still a few numbers that are a little harder such as 5, and 4 that they can't quite write properly. I will also be taking a little time to review how to write all the numbers.

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Week 1- Reciting Numbers

Week 2 – Counting exercises

Week 3 – Writing practise

Week 4 – More than/less than

Week 5 - More than/less than

Grammar/writing

For grammar we will be using the Jump 2 book and in writing we will have a new book called Write now. The Jump 2 book has the same lesson pattern as Jump 1 and the students should have no problem keeping up in class as they are already used to this book. The Write Now book is quite

advanced and different than our last few grammar and writing books, so we will be going slow and only doing a few pages a week. It will require a lot of concentration and focus during class time so will also be focusing on the student's behaviour a lot this semester.

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Week 2 – P8-9 Possessive Adjectives

Week 3 – P10-11 Nouns, verbs and adjectives

Week 4 – P12-13 The Alphabet

Week 5 – P14-15 The Alphabet

Physical Education

PE class is a nice break from all the bookwork in class and I think it is a very important class as it is necessary for the students to have a break and stretch their legs between classes. I will be coming up with some new games in K5 and as the student's muscles are growing stronger, we will be able to do more activities that otherwise used to be too hard for them.

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親愛的家長：

這是新學年度的第一個月，雖然今年我們沒有換教室，但我們仍有新的課程、書本和時間表，這將會是斑馬班在瑪歇爾的最後一年，而且會是很充實忙碌的一年。很多書的程度更難了，而且需要孩子更多的專注力，孩子的行為和他們的合作以及聆聽和遵從指示將會對他們的學習有很大的幫助。在這個學年，很重要是爸爸媽媽要在家幫忙教導和提醒孩子有好的行為、積極的學習態度、專心和遵從指示。

今年，有部分孩子準備著私立小學的入學考，我們將會有一些回家作業，如果你有計畫讓孩子就讀私立小學，請讓 Min 和我知道，在親師會的時候，我可以給予一些建議來幫助你們準備孩子的入學考試，另外，若孩子有需要加強的部分，或是你可以自行協助孩子，都可以和我保持聯繫和溝通。

雖然今年會比過去兩年更困難，我仍然希望孩子可以盡情享受，我將會融入一些遊戲、有趣的活動讓孩子參與，我期待在斑馬班未來的這一年。

音樂律動

我們會藉由非常有名的歌曲 'The Ants go Marching' 開始這個學期，孩子們很喜歡這首歌而且總是在唱這首歌時充滿歡樂，孩子也總是要求我播放他們在家聽過的流行歌曲，或是透過廣播聽過的音樂。

八月

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閱讀

學校每年都會更換不同的書籍，我特別喜歡透過閱讀盒子的書籍來教導，因為有很多不一樣的書，有些很有教育性，有些則是很可愛、有趣，可以很簡單的閱讀，但最重要的是我覺得這些書籍非常適合孩子的程度。

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主題課程/ 拼音

我們將會開始 Sadlier Phonics 系列書籍，在開始這本書之前我們會先複習子音和母音，然後，我們將會開始音節、複合子音和不發音字母，這個月我們會先小小的複習孩子的短音聽力和自己寫出短音的能力。

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數學

這學期我們將會學不同的數學概念像是形狀、座標、測量、加法、減法...等等的，我有注意到孩子們越來越熟悉而且可以將大部分的數字寫的標準，但仍有數字像 5 和 4 無法寫得很正確，我也會利用時間複習如何正確寫所有的數字。

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文法 / 寫作練習

Jump 2 book 是我們的文法書，而我們有一本新的寫作書名叫 Write now，Jump 2 book 有和 Jump 1 一樣的單元模式，而且孩子對這本書不會有任何問題因為他們曾經使用過。Write Now 跟過去我們曾有的文法和寫作書相比是比較難的，所以我們將會慢慢地進行，一個禮拜只會進行幾頁，這必須要孩子們非常的專注在課堂上。

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體能課

體能課對於課堂上的書本作業之餘是非常好的休息時間，而且我覺得這對孩子們來說是非常重要跟需要的，因為孩子在上課之外需要伸展活動自己的身體，在 K5 我將會想一些新的遊戲來增強孩子的肌肉，我們將有能力可以做更多更困難的活動。

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