



Tiger Class ESL G5-6 October Newsletter

Welcome to the Tiger class monthly newsletter for October.

Let's take a look at what we will be studying in Tiger Class in October...

Core Material - Reading

We read the reading book everyday. I am very strict when it comes to reading time. Everyone sits down and we read together following the words.

Often the students will have questions about the story and about words they don't understand. I positively encourage questions about the reading material and make sure they understand.

Alongside the reading material, the students have a word list each week. The words from the list are selected from the reading material. When the students are first introduced to the new vocabulary most of them are unsure how to pronounce the words let alone understand their meanings. So as a class we go through the word list and explain what they mean. Sometimes this can be done on the big TV via Google. I have found this to be a fantastic tool to help the students understand more easily.

Week 1 - Unit 3 Week 3 - "Judy's Appalachia" - A story about Judy Bonds who decided to fight back against the coal mining companies that were poisoning her home.

Week 2 - Review

Week 3 - Unit 3 Week 3 - "Judy's Appalachia"

Weeks 4-5 Unit 3 Week 4 - "Words for Change" An article that explains about the life of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and her fight for equal rights for women in the 1800's.

Grammar

The majority of our lesson time is spent reading the Core Material reading book. However, a portion of the lesson will involve completing a grammar exercise using their grammar workbook.

Grammar lessons usually involve a discussion about the task, accompanied by some examples. Students complete the task and help and feedback is given.

The tasks vary in length. Most lessons comprise of the students completing a page in their text books. Once they have completed the task they can move on to the next page.

Week 1 - Unit 3 Week 3 - Main and helping verbs. Helping verbs and tenses.

Week 2 - Review

Week 3 - Unit 3 Week 3 - Punctuation and contractions. Proofreading sentences and correcting errors. Main and helping verbs.

Weeks 4-5 Unit 3 Week 4 - Linking verbs. Tense and agreement of linking verbs. Subject-verb agreement.

Composition

Composition Class is a fantastic opportunity for the students to do some creative writing. It's quite a short class, just once per week but it gives them a chance to think for themselves and write creatively.

A topic is chosen for them such as *'What I Want to Do When I Grow Up'*, after which we have a discussion and suggestions are made as to what they might write. After the initial draft is finished, their compositions are marked and returned ready for the rewrite the following week.

Week 1 - "Garbage Bins" - Continues from previous weeks.

Week 2 - Review

Week 3 - "Garbage Bins" - Final re-write.

Week 4-5 - "Understanding Animals" - The students have to write a story about what it would be like to be able to talk to animals.

Keynote Presentations

All of the students love preparing their keynote presentations. They get the opportunity to research and compose their very own presentation and show the class their hard work.

That concludes the Tiger class monthly newsletter for October.

As always, please feel free to leave me any of your comments or concerns in the weekly communication book.

I look forward to chatting with you again soon.

Teacher Rich.



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歡迎閱讀老虎班十月月報。以下是關於老虎班十月份的學習計畫。

主題閱讀

這是我們每天都會使用到的閱讀教材。在閱讀課時，我對孩子們的要求是坐姿要端正，在朗讀時手指著字唸。很多時候，孩子們對於文章中的內容會有疑惑，我很鼓勵孩子們提出問題，並且確保他們能夠理解。除了主教材外，我們每週都會有單字表，而這些單字是出自於主教材。第一次看到新的字彙，孩子們大部分都不確定發音是否正確，更別提字義了。因此，我們會一起檢視這張單字表並解釋單字的字義。有時，我們也會在電視螢幕透過 Google 來解釋，這是一個非常棒的工具，讓孩子們可以很輕易地理解字義。

第一週 第三單元第三週 茱蒂的阿帕拉契

這是關於茱蒂·龐德的故事。茱蒂挺身而出捍衛家鄉，對抗毒害家鄉的挖礦公司。

第二週 複習週

第三週 第三單元第三週 茱蒂的阿帕拉契

第四~五週 第三單元第四週 改變世界的文字

這是一篇介紹 Elizabeth Cady Stanton 在 1800 年代爭取女性平權的文章。

英文文法

課程大部分的內容是關於閱讀主教材。然而，有一小部分的比重是在完成文法學習本中的練習。一般而言，文法課包含了主要的文法觀念與範例。孩子們在完成練習的過程中，也學會了文法觀念。每一頁文法內容長度都不一樣，每一次固定完成一頁學習本。一旦完成既定的練習項目，我們的進度會繼續往前。

第一週 第三單元第三週 主要動詞和助動詞時態。

第二週 複習週

第三週 第三單元第三週 縮寫時的標點符號。找出句子的錯誤並訂正。

第四~五週 第三單元第四週 連綴動詞。時態與連綴動詞。主詞與動詞的變化需一致。

英文寫作

寫作課對孩子們而言是很好的機會練習創意寫作。這堂課一星期一次，時間較短，但給予孩子們機會去思考並且寫出有創意的文章。寫作的主題包含了「長大以後我想做的事...」。我們將針對題目做討論並給予建議。初稿完成後，老師會批改內容，孩子們下一週訂正錯誤後則是完稿。

第一週 垃圾桶 接續上週主題。

孩子們需要想像世界上的垃圾桶都消失不見了。他們要討論人們這時候會做什麼事。

第二週 複習週

第三週 垃圾桶 完稿

第四週 了解動物 孩子們需要寫一篇故事，如果他們能夠和動物溝通會發生什麼事。

主題簡報

孩子們都非常喜歡製作簡報，這讓他們有機會搜尋資料、組織他們簡報的內容並且在所有同學面前呈現最後的成果。

以上是十月份的學習計畫內容。

若您有任何疑問想與我討論，都歡迎您在聯絡簿上留言。

期待能和爸爸媽媽對話！

Teacher Rich