



Monkey Class Monthly Newsletter August 2020

Dear Parents,

This month marks the beginning of their first semester in K4. I am so proud of them all for getting this far and I am very excited for everything they are going to learn throughout this next year. The students have mastered a lot of very important basic skills when they were in K3, such as reading simple short vowel words, knowing and writing the alphabet, learning valuable conversational English, and so much more. Next year we have a lot to focus on to help them gain all of the skills they will need for one day beginning elementary school. I will also continue to work with them to help improve their behavior and manners so that we can have a positive learning environment and the students can interact well with all their friends and classmates.

Next semester the students will have a lot of great new books that we will be using throughout the year. The Level A Sadlier Phonics book they will be reading is the next one in the series we have been using so far. The students will start to do work pages where they can circle the correct letters to make words and try to spell and write simple words. They will also begin working with long vowel words, which I have briefly introduced in K5. I think this will be crucial for them in learning how to write and read in the future. Their new core material book is also very useful. They will be reading a lot of fun stories and sentences which we will then discuss and answer questions about. This will also help to improve their reading skills greatly.

Another book they will be using is called Jump 1: Grammar and Spelling. They will be doing a lot of activities working with sentences they've already learned such as "Is it a dog? Is it a cat?" Only this time, they will be expected to write and circle correct answers. I think this book will actually also be a lot of fun for them as it contains a lot of fun activity sheets. I can't wait to begin this new curriculum with them and I think all the students will have so much fun improving and growing as a class together. I appreciate all of your participation and support in helping to make Monkey Class such a fun and safe place for learning.

Reading Class

The students have a lot of new books for reading class this year. As there is no CD for K4's reading books, I have went ahead and recorded a copy of each book so that the students can practice at home. Some of the books are much longer and more complex, but this year we will also put a greater emphasis on really reading each word on their own and trying to sound out phonics words they know instead of just copying the teacher. I'm sure the student's will also learn a lot of great new sentences patterns and vocabulary from this book. Listed below is the curriculum schedule for this month of classes.

Week 1: What Lila Loves/My Mom

Week 2: Time for Bed

Week 3: Joshua James Likes Trucks

Week 4: Flying Butter

Week 5: Snow Joe

Phonics Class

The month the students will begin with a basic review of everything they have learned in K3. The first chapter of their new phonics book will be having them go over activities with the alphabet. They will have to listen to words and identify which letter they begin or end with. They will also have the chance to practice some more writing and make some basic words. Last semester I let them all spend some time practicing writing with a pencil to get used to the motions and help prepare. This year I will focus a lot on their hand writing and make sure they write properly and can spell. Listed below is the curriculum schedule for this month of classes.

Week 1: Pages 7-10: Connecting sound to symbol – f, m, s

Week 2: Pages 11-14: Connecting sound to symbol – t, b

Week 3: Pages 15-18: Initial and final consonant – f, m, s, t, h, b

Week 4: Pages 19-22: Connecting sound to symbol – k, c

Week5: Pages 23-26: Connecting sound to symbol – w

Core Material

I believe the Core Material class this year is very important. Not only will it give them a chance to practice their phonics by reading, but also learn new and important vocabulary words and sentence patterns. I will also often allow them to discuss the stories together and ask questions so it gives them a great opportunity to practice their spoken and conversational English. The first story we will be doing has a lot of short vowel words. I hope that the students can read most of this story by themselves, just based on everything we have already learned. Listed below is the curriculum schedule for this month of classes.

Week 1: Workshop: Unit 1, Week 1 At School

Week 2: Workshop: Unit 1, Week 1 Phonics: Short a

Week 3: Workshop: Unit 1, Week 1 Jack can

Week 4: Workshop: Unit 1, Week 1 Something about me

Week5: Workshop: Unit 1, Week 1 Review

Math Class

The students have already learned a lot in math class such as the ability to follow simple instructions and complete complicated tasks and the counting and the numbers 1 through 10. This year the students will be doing much more complicated activities and will have to learn a lot of new problem solving skills. We will also begin working on the higher numbers such as 11-20 and I will start letting the students practice writing the numbers. I am sure they will learn so much and will be able to carry the skills they learn in this class with them in many other aspects of their life. Listed below is the curriculum schedule for this month of classes.

Week 1: C1: Page Show and Tell

Week 2: C1: Page 1-6 Properties (Shapes, colors...)

Week 3: C1: Page 7-12 Writing Practice

Week 4: C1: Page 13-18 Reciting numbers

Week 5: C2: Page 1-6 Set theory

Grammar and Spelling

I think this new class is going to be a lot of fun and that it's very important for the students this year. In this class they will be doing the Jump 1 book, which contains a lot of activities and worksheets for the students where they can practice reading, writing and more. They will use all of the skills they learned during K3's conversation class, such as "Is it a dog? It isn't." Only this time the students will be reading and writing the answers. I think the students will have a lot of fun as there's activities and coloring pages and more. Listed below is the curriculum schedule for this month of classes.

Week 1: Pages 6-7 Animals

Week 2: Pages 8-9 It isn't a ...

Week 3: Pages 10-11 a/an

Week 4: Pages 12-13 Is it an umbrella?

Week5: Pages 14-15 What is it?

Physical Education

This year, as the students have all gotten so much older and more capable, we will be doing some much more advanced Physical Education activities. I will introduce them to some more difficult skills such as kicking the ball through the goal and trying to shoot a ball through a hoop. We will also do some more complex team games like freeze tag and ball toss. I think all of these will be vital in helping

the students enhance their motor skills and improve their teamwork and cooperation with one another. Listed below is the curriculum schedule for this month of classes.

Week 1: Kick Ball

Week 2: Shooting Hoops

Week 3: Hula-hoops

Week 4: Ball Toss and Catch

Week 5: Freeze Tag

Song and Dance

The students learned a lot of really great songs last year. So in addition to the new songs for this semester, we will also periodically review all of the songs they have learned last year. I will also create a playlist of some common children's songs and other educational songs that they can learn. I think the students will all have lot of fun singing and dancing to these new songs. I think for a lot of students this is their favorite class 😊 cause they get to sing and dance their heart's out. Listed below is the curriculum schedule for this month of classes.

Week 1: Say Hello

Week 2: Say Hello

Week 3: Say Hello

Week 4: Down by the River

Week 5: Down by the River



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親愛的家長：

這個月是他們在 K4 的第一個學期的開始。我為他們取得的成績感到驕傲，我也為他們明年將要學到的東西感到非常興奮。學生在 K3 學習期間掌握了許多非常重要的基本技能，如閱讀簡單的短母音單詞、認識和書寫字母表、學習有價值的會話英語等等。明年，我們有很多工作要做，幫助他們掌握開始小學一天所需的所有技能。我也會繼續與他們合作，幫助他們改善行為和舉止，這樣我們才能有一個積極的學習環境，學生們可以與他們所有的朋友和同學們進行良好的互動。

下學期，學生將有很多很棒的新書，我們將全年使用。他們將要閱讀的 Level A Sadlier Phonics 本書是迄今為止我們使用的系列中的下一本書。學生將開始做作業頁面，在其中可以圈出正確的字母來拼寫單詞，並嘗試拼寫簡單的單詞。他們還將使用長元音詞開始工作，我在 K5 中已對此進行了簡要介紹。我認為這對於他們將來學習寫作和閱讀至關重要。他們的新核心材料書也非常有用。他們將閱讀許多有趣的故事和句子，然後我們將討論並回答有關問題。這也將大大提高他們的閱讀能力。

他們將使用的另一本書叫做《Jump 1: Grammar and Spelling》。他們會用他們已經學過的句子做很多活動，比如“這是一隻狗嗎？”“它是一隻貓嗎？”只有這一次，他們才能寫出正確答案並圈出答案。我認為這本書實際上也會給他們帶來很多樂趣，因為它包含了很多有趣的活動錶。我迫不及待地想和他們一起開始新的課程，我想所有的學生都會在一個班裡一起進步和成長。我很感謝你們的參與和支持，讓猴子課成為一個有趣和安全的學習場所。

閱讀

今年學生們有許多新書要上閱讀課。由於 K4 的讀物沒有光碟，所以我把每本書都錄了一份，這樣學生們就可以在家裡練習了。有些書要長得多，也更複雜，但今年我們也會更加強調真正地獨立閱讀每個單詞，並努力說出他們所知道的語音單詞，而不僅僅是抄襲老師。我相信學生們也會從這本書中學到很多新的句型和詞彙。以下是本月課程表。

Week 1: What Lila Loves/My Mom

Week 2: Time for Bed

Week 3: Joshua James Likes Trucks

Week 4: Flying Butter

Week 5: Snow Joe

發音課

這個月，學生們將開始對他們在 K3 中學到的一切進行基本的複習。他們新的語音書的第一章將讓他們複習字母表的活動。他們必須聽單詞並識別出它們的開頭或結尾字母。他們也將有機會練習更多的寫作和一些基本單詞。上學期我讓他們花點時間練習用鉛筆寫字，以適應動作並幫助他們做好準備。今年我會把重點放在他們的手寫體上，確保他們能正確書寫和拼寫。以下是本月課程表。

Week 1: P 7-10 將聲音連接到符號-f, m, s

Week 2: P 11-14: 將聲音連接到符號-t, b

Week 3: P 15-18: 聲母 -f, m, s, t, h, b

Week 4: P19-22: 將聲音連接到符號-k, c

Week5: P 23-26: 將聲音連接到符號-w

核心課程

我相信今年的核心材料課非常重要。它不僅使他們有機會通過閱讀來練習自己的語音，而且還學習了新的重要詞彙和句型。我還將經常允許他們一起討論故事並提出問題，從而使他們有很大的機會練習口語和會話英語。我們將要做的第一個故事有很多短元音單詞。我希望學生可以根據我們已經學到的一切，自己閱讀大部分故事。下面列出的是本月課程的課程表。

Week 1: Workshop: 單元一 第一周 在學校

Week 2: Workshop: 單元一 第一周 語音：短音 A

Week 3: Workshop: 單元一 第一周 Jack 可以

Week 4: Workshop: 單元一 第一周 關於我的一些事

Week5: Workshop: 啲元一 第一周 複習

Math Class

學生們在數學課上已經學到了很多東西，如能按照簡單的指令完成複雜的任務，以及數數和 1 到 10。今年，學生們將要做更複雜的活動，並且要學習許多新的解決問題的技能。我們還將開始學習更高的數位，如 11-20，我將開始讓學生練習寫數位。我相信他們會學到很多東西，在生活的其他方面也能把在這門課上學到的技能帶到身邊。以下是本月課程表。

Week 1: C1: Show and Tell

Week 2: C1: P1-6 內容（形狀及顏色）

Week 3: C1: P7-12 寫字練習

Week 4: C1: P 13-18 背誦數位

Week 5: C2: P 1-6 集合論

文法和拼寫

我認為這個新課會很有趣，今年對學生來說非常重要。在這個課程中，他們將做跳 1 書，其中包含大量的活動和工作表的學生，在那裡他們可以練習閱讀，寫作和更多。他們將使用他們在 K3 談話課上學到的所有技能，比如「它是狗嗎?它不是。只有這一次，學生們才能閱讀和書寫答案。我認為學生將有很多的樂趣，因為有活動和著色頁和更多。下面列出了本月課程表。

Week 1: p6-7 動物

Week 2: p8-9 It 頁 isn't a ...

Week 3: p10-11 頁 a/an

Week 4: p12-13 頁 Is it an umbrella?

Week5: P 14-15 What is it?

體能課

今年，隨著學生們年齡的增長和能力，我們將做一些更先進的體育教育活動。我會向他們介紹一些更困難的技巧，如將球踢進球門，並試圖通過球通過箍射門。我們還將做一些更複雜的團隊遊戲，如凍結標籤和球折騰。我認為所有這些對於幫助學生提高他們的運動技能，提高他們的團隊合作和合作至關重要。下面列出了本月課程表。

Week 1: 踢球

Week 2: 投籃

Week 3: 呼拉圈

Week 4: 拋球和接球

Week 5: 凍結標記

唱歌與跳舞

去年學生們學了很多很棒的歌。所以除了這學期的新歌，我們還會定期複習他們去年學過的所有歌曲。我還將創建一些常見的兒童歌曲和其他教育歌曲播放清單，他們可以學習。我想學生們都會有很多的樂趣唱歌和跳舞這些新歌。我認為對很多學生來說這是他們最喜歡的課程，因為他們可以盡情地唱歌跳舞。以下是本月課程表。

Week 1: 說哈囉

Week 2: 說哈囉

Week 3: 說哈囉

Week 4: 沿河而下

Week 5: 沿河而下