



Koala Class Newsletter

January 2021

Welcome to the January newsletter.

December was a busy month. Leading up to the Christmas show Koala class were very busy decorating the classroom, learning Christmas songs, and practicing for the Christmas show.

In January, Koala class will be busy again, this time practicing for the reading contest.

All of the students will practice previous reading books and how to perform on the stage. It will be a bit scary for them because they will be on the stage by themselves. I'm sure some of them will feel nervous, but I will go onto the stage if necessary to help them.

Each student will get one minute to read. Once all of the students have read, the whole class will go on stage and the judges will announce the winners. Certificates will be given out and you will have the opportunity to take photos of the class.

Here is a look at what the class will be studying in January.

Reading

The first few months will be helping the children settle into school. Eventually we will read the reading books several times every day. I am very strict when it comes to reading time. Everyone sits down and we read together following the words with our fingers.

Often the kids 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.

After reading together, individuals are chosen to read to the whole class so their pronunciation can be checked and corrected if necessary. Sometimes during outdoor play I will give extra reading practice and attention to those who need it.

Week 1 - Boots

Weeks 2-3 - Prepare for reading contest

Week 4 - The Haircut

Core Material

The first few weeks will focus on helping the students settle. After, we will read the core material reading books. The core material books have some fun stories that use sentences that contain useful words the kids should know.

Week 1 - Unit 3 - Things that begin with the letters l, n, and c. Also includes some short stories such as Can I Pat It?, Tim Can Tip It, Keep Your Ears Open, Nat and Tip, Tim and Nan, Let's Go!, We Go to See Nan, and Can We Go?

Weeks 2-4 - Unit 4 - Words that begin and end with the letters o and d. Some short stories Tom on Top!, Sid, I Can, You Can!

Phonics

The phonics book has many fun activities for the students. It teaches the kids letter recognition and the different sounds they make.

Week 1 - Words that begin with the letter n.

Week 2 - Words that begin with the letter g.

Weeks 3-4 - Words that begin with the letter w.

MPM Math (Multiple Practice Module)

MPM math is great fun for the new students. It teaches the kids the basics of mathematics in fun and interesting ways. Their new MPM boxes are full of stuff to help them learn.

Week 1 - Non-directional path tracing. Colour matching. Missing number finding exercises. Number counting 1-5. Straight-line drawing exercises.

Week 2 - Missing number finding exercises. Circle and straight-line drawing exercises. Shape matching. Plane concept: Relative position. Circle drawing exercise.

Week 3 - Prepare for reading contest

Week 4 - Spatial concept: Inside and outside. Shape and colour matching. Check mark and straight-line drawing exercises. Spatial concept: Above and below.

Conversation

This is a chance for the students to practice speaking. It teaches them to ask and answer questions using full sentences to show off their speaking abilities.

Week 1 - Unit 16 - It is/They are

Week 2 - Review

Week 3 - Prepare for reading contest

Week 4 - Unit 17 - You are/We are/Are they?

Gross / Fine Motor Skills

These books introduce the students to the alphabet. They contain activities such as colouring and stickers.

Song and Dance

We have song & dance classes in the mornings to create a group bond & promote confidence.

Song & dance is also a great way to wake the kids up in the mornings and get them ready & energised for the days lessons.

Weeks 1-2 - *High Five*

Weeks 3-4 - *Listen and Move*

Courtesy / Healthy Habits / Safety

The students are taught the rules such as washing their hands after going to the bathroom and before eating, no running in school, no fighting, saying please and thank you etc.

It is important to explain from the start the way students are expected to behave and to explain that naughty behaviour will result in restricted playtime or rewards.

This activity is taught in the classroom and as a tour around the school and outdoor play.

Thematic Activities

Thematic studies are a series of lessons that focus on a country or festival.

Thematic studies are once per week and last for one month on the same subject.

Students will learn about other cultures, countries, and events from all over the world.

Library

Once a week the class will visit the library to read English reading books. This is a popular lesson with the kids because they love to listen to the teacher read them a good story.

The class will sit and listen to the teacher and enjoy looking at the pictures in the book as the story is read to them.

They also have the opportunity to borrow a book for the week to take home and read by themselves or with mommy & daddy.

That concludes the Koala Class monthly newsletter for January.

As always, if you have any comments, concerns, or you just want to chat with me, feel free to write me a message in the English weekly communication books.

I look forward to seeing you all at the reading contest. Wish us luck!

Thank you,

Teacher Rich



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歡迎來到 1 月的一封信。

十二月是一個繁忙的月份。參加聖誕節表演之前，無尾熊班非常忙於佈置教室，學習聖誕節歌曲並為聖誕表演做練習。

一月份，無尾熊班將再度忙碌，這次是為閱讀比賽而練習。

所有孩子都將練習以前的閱讀小書以及如何在舞台上表演。對於他們來說，這會有點嚇人，因為他們會自己上台。我確定其中一些孩子會感到緊張，但如有必要，我會上台幫助他們。

每個孩子將有一分鐘的閱讀時間。一旦所有學生都閱讀完畢，整個班級就會上台，評審將宣布獲勝者並頒發證書，您將有機會為全班照相。

以下是一月課程的學習內容。

Reading

前幾個月將幫助孩子們適應學校。然後我們每天都會讀幾次小書。關於閱讀時間，我非常嚴格。每個人都坐好，我們用手指著這些單字跟著念。

通常，孩子們會對故事和他們不懂的單字有疑問。我積極鼓勵他們詢問有關閱讀內容的問題，並確保他們理解。

一起閱讀後，會選一個孩子朗讀給全班同學聽，以便檢查並糾正他們的發音。在戶外遊戲時，我會幫需要加強的孩子額外的閱讀練習和關注。

Week 1 - Boots

Weeks 2-3 - Prepare for reading contest

Week 4 - The Haircut

Core Material

前幾週將專注於幫助孩子穩定下來。之後，我們將閱讀 core material reading books。core material reading books 中有一些有趣的故事，這些故事所使用的句子裡有孩子應該知道的有用單詞。

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Weeks 2-4 - Unit 4 - Words that begin and end with the letters o and d. Some short stories Tom on Top!, Sid, I Can, You Can!

Phonics

Phonics book 為孩子提供了許多有趣的活動。它教孩子們字母識別和他們不同的發音。

Week 1 - Words that begin with the letter n.

Week 2 - Words that begin with the letter g.

Weeks 3-4 - Words that begin with the letter w.

MPM Math (Multiple Practice Module)

MPM 數學對於孩子來說非常有趣。它以好玩和有趣的方式教孩子們數學基礎知識。MPM 寶盒裡有許多教具，可以幫助他們學習。

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Conversation

這是孩子練習對話的機會。教他們用完整的句子來提問和回答問題，以展現他們的口說能力。

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Gross / Fine Motor Skills

這些書向孩子介紹字母。包含著色和貼紙之類的活動。

Song and Dance

我們每天早上有唱歌、跳舞的活動，建立班級的情感並增強自信心。

唱歌、跳舞是一種很好的方式，讓孩子一早提起精神，為早上的課程做好準備、充滿活力。

Weeks 1-2 - High Five

Weeks 3-4 - Listen and Move

Courtesy / Healthy Habits / Safety

教育孩子一些規則，例如：上完廁所要洗手、吃飯前要洗手、不在教室跑步、不打架、說請與謝謝等。

從一開始就跟孩子說我們期望孩子能做好的事情，並且說明頑皮的行為會導致遊戲時間、獎勵被限制，這一點很重要。