



Hippo Class Newsletter

August 2021

Dear parents,

I'm delighted to welcome you back into our classroom; It's been a while, but we pulled through. We are still readjusting to the learning environment; going over rules and procedures, which has improved over time. There are a lot of new skills to be learned this month, which is why it's crucial that we work together as a class to kickstart a great school year. I'm also looking forward to meeting you all at the Parents and Teachers Conference, hope to see you all there.

Keep reading to find out what we have in store to learn this month.

Thank you,

Teacher Alan.

Reading

In our class, we put a lot of emphasis on our reading skills. We believe it's an important skill to develop early in order to develop other fundamental skills. This month we are starting our reading with "My Mom." This book is simple and relatable, which is great for our class to get started and be interested in reading. At this young age, the more interested kids get into the book, the more likely it is for them to improve while they enjoy it.

Week 1: "What Lila Loves" and "My Mom"

Week 2: "Time for Bed"

Week 3: "Joshua James Loves Trucks"

Week 4: "Flying Butter"

Week 5: "Snow Joe"

Core Material

In this part of the class, we start with a topic, which we expand with new vocabulary and knowledge that kids enjoy. We start by finding out what they already know about the topic, followed by learning new vocabulary, and concludes with a reading activity that does a great job at teaching kids more about the topic. The topic we are learning about is called "Getting to Know Us" This unit talks about ourselves, like what we do at places like school.

Week 1: Unit 1 Week 1: Workshop

Week 2: Unit 1 Week 1: Anthology

Week 3: Unit 1 Week 2: Workshop

Week 4: Unit 1 Week 2: Anthology

Week 5: Unit 1 Week 1&2: Review

Math

I'm encouraged to teach math with our material, MPM books and boxes. These are great tools for kids to explore math as an interactive subject. We are introducing shapes and colors to aid kids to relate to and understand how shapes work and look. We are starting with square, circle, and heart; This will transition into counting.

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Week 2: Teacher's Guide pgs. 3-4, A Trip of Discovery (review), workbook C1 pgs. 6-10

Week 3: Teacher's Guide pgs. 5-6, A Trip of Discovery pgs. 3-4, workbook C1 pgs. 11-14

Week 4: Teacher's Guide pgs. 7-8, A Trip of Discovery pgs. (review), workbook C1 pgs. 15-19

Week 5: Teacher's Guide pgs. 9-10, A Trip of Discovery pgs.5-6, workbook pgs. C2 1-5

Grammar

Our grammar section of the class is crucial to build proper sentences and vocabulary from an early stage. It, not only, teaches them to think and speak in a correct manner; but it also covers writing properly and with proper rules. This month, we are learning about capitalization at the beginning of a sentence, punctuation, and noun quantifiers (a/an+s/es).

Week 1: pages 6-7

Week 2: pages 8-9

Week 3: pages 10-11

Week 4: pages 12-13

Week 5: pages 14-15

Conversation

In the conversation part of the class, we encourage kids to express themselves with the help of some basic sentences that are taught to the class. We mix this part of the class

with either a drawing we do in class or a topic related to the reading part of the week. Conversations are a great way to help our kids speak more fluently while building their confidence. For this month of August, we will talk about our family and what they do and look like. Later on, we will cover topics, like, school activities, home activities, and outdoor activities.

Week 1: My Family, "Mom and I _____". "My dad has _____."

Week 2: School, "At school, we _____."

Week 3: Home, "In my home, there is/are _____."

Week 4: Outdoor places, "I like to go to _____ to _____."

Week 5: Review.

Phonics

We are currently working on writing and pronouncing letters. This month we will focus on writing neatly and working on our hand-eye coordination. Hand-eye coordination is an underestimated aspect of a child's growth and development, and it is something that will show results down the road. During this month, we are specifically focusing on the letters: f, m, s, t, h, b, l, d, c, n, g, and w. We will cover and review an average of three sounds and letters a week.

Week 1: pg7-10

Week 2: pg 11-14

Week 3: pg 15-18

Week 4: pg 19-22

Week 5: pg 23-26

Handwriting

Our handwriting part of the class is quite new to kids, but we are working on the repetition aspect of it to improve it. We will be tracing the alphabet, both upper and lower case, in order to build muscle memory when writing these letters. This month we are not quite focusing on the letters themselves, but rather the hand movement needed to write these letters. For example, for the letter 'f', we are working on the line going straight down, the horizontal line and the curved line at the top.

Week 1: tracing over page 6

Week 2: connecting lines page 7-8

Week 3: letter 'Ff'

Week 4: letter 'li'

Week 5: review

Physical Education

Physical education provides kids with the opportunity to discharge their excess energy, improve motor skills and build social skills. Kids enjoy this time as it clears the mind

from the classroom activities we do the rest of the day, as well as allowing them to focus better on other activities we do in the classroom later on. This month, we are doing outdoor play due to the restrictions in place, but we will try to resume our old routine as soon as time allows.

Thematic Activity

Each month a different foreign teacher is assigned to plan and arrange activities of a chosen theme. This can be different things, from small art projects, short field trips near the school, or a demonstration in the classroom! Due to the pandemic, we have been working online and have just now resumed normal classes. Due to this situation, we will use this time to review or catch up on different courses for this month. We will resume thematic activities next month.

Song and Dance

Singing and dancing are great ways to settle down in the morning with a cheerful activity; not only that, but it also serves as a fantastic way to develop other skills. These other skills include memory, pronunciation, and many more. During the month of August, we will be learning to sing and dance to two songs: "Say Hello" and "Down by the River."

Library/Storybook

A few times a week, the students choose a book from a selection hand-picked by me. These books are read in a relaxed and stress-free environment where we all enjoy listening to the teacher or others read out loud to others, this method encourages students to be more curious about these books and to develop a passion for reading.

I hope you have enjoyed reading this newsletter, and feel encouraged by this month's plans. I am, also, looking forward to meeting all of you at the Teacher Parent Conference.

I appreciate you taking your time to read this,
Teacher Alan.



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I'm excited for the start of our second month of our K4 year. We will work on creating a routine to improve our efficiency and conduct in the class. There are a lot of new skills to be learned this month, and we feel confident that our goals will be achieved. I'm also looking forward to seeing the development and growth of each one of the kids as everyone has something to improve, as well as great potential to continue to grow. Keep reading to find out what we have in store to learn this month.

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Week 3: (review)

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does a great job at teaching kids more about the topic. This month we will return to our previous book, which we were unable to finish last school year. In the first unit, we will cover the topic of "helping others," which we are delighted to recognize our students are passionate about. Was for the second unit, unit 10, we will discover what and how we care about different things.

Week 1: Unit 9 Helping Out

Week 2: Unit 9 Helping Out (continued)

Week 3: Unit 10 We Care

Week 4: Unit 10 We Care (continued)

Math

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Week 3: review and catch up

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I hope you found this newsletter informative,
Teacher Alan.



Hippo Class Newsletter

八月 2021

親愛的家長們

很高興我們終於從線上的課程，回到實體的教學，孩子們和我都相當的開心和興奮，又能回到學校的團體生活，但我們仍需要花一點點時間調整學習環境、規則和作息，相信隨著時間的累積會慢慢適應。這個月有很多新技能需學習，這也是為什麼我們齊聚在一起的原因，而這些技能也將奠定未來的學習基礎。另外學校在八月規劃的第一個活動，將是家長座談會，期待著能與您們見面！

以下是八月的課程學習規劃~~~

閱讀課程

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Week 4: "Flying Butter"

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主教材課程

此課程進行的方式，將是從討論一個主題開始著手，我們用孩子們喜歡的新詞彙和知識來擴展主題。從和孩子們的對話和討論中，了解孩子們的認知發展，並建構新的概念和學習新的詞彙，最後在統整活動一起閱讀故事，本月的主題 "認識我們" 這個單元談論我們自己，從在學校這個地方所做的事情開始出發。

Week 1: Unit 1 Week 1: Workshop

Week 2: Unit 1 Week 1: Anthology

Week 3: Unit 1 Week 2: Workshop

Week 4: Unit 1 Week 2: Anthology

Week 5: Unit 1 Week 1&2: Review

MPM 課程

在數學方面，不論在MPM的練習本或教具盒，這些都是孩子們探索數學作為互動主題的絕佳工具。我們目前進行形狀和顏色的學習，例如：我們從方形、圓型和心型開始並延伸到計數的學習。

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Week 2: Teacher's Guide pgs. 3-4, A Trip of Discovery (review), workbook C1 pgs. 6-10

Week 3: Teacher's Guide pgs. 5-6, A Trip of Discovery pgs. 3-4, workbook C1 pgs. 11-14

Week 4: Teacher's Guide pgs. 7-8, A Trip of Discovery pgs. (review), workbook C1 pgs. 15-19

Week 5: Teacher's Guide pgs. 9-10, A Trip of Discovery pgs.5-6, workbook pgs. C2 1-5

Grammar 課程

在文法課程方面，對於從早期階段構建正確的句子和詞彙至關重要。它不僅教會孩子以正確的方式思考和說話，更能正確寫作

本月，我們將學習在句子的開始第一個字母要大寫、標點符號和名詞的單複數 (a/an+s/es)。

Week 1: pages 6-7

Week 2: pages 8-9

Week 3: pages 10-11

Week 4: pages 12-13

Week 5: pages 14-15

會話課程

在課堂對話部分，我們引導孩子們利用一些基本句子表達自己。我們將這部分課程與課堂上的繪圖或與本周閱讀部分相關的主題混合在一起。會話是可以讓孩子更流利地說話，同時建立自信的好方法。在八月的這個月，我們將談論我們的家庭，以及他們做什麼和長什麼樣。之後，我們將涵蓋主題，如學校活動、家庭活動和戶外活動。

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Week 2: School, "At school, we _____."

Week 3: Home, "In my home, there is/are _____."

Week 4: Outdoor places, "I like to go to _____ to _____."

Week 5: Review.

發音課程

我們目前正在練習書寫和發音有關的字母。這個月，我們將專注於正確的把發音相關的第一個字母寫出，我認為這時孩子們的手眼協調能力很重要，成熟的手眼協調能力，它將在未來展示成果。

在這個月，我們針對這些字母：f, m, s, t, h, b, l, d, c, n, g和w。的發音和書寫做練習，平均每週會練習三個字母的自然發音並延伸認識更多字彙。

Week 1: pg7-10

Week 2: pg 11-14

Week 3: pg 15-18

Week 4: pg 19-22

Week 5: pg 23-26

Handwriting 練習本

書寫對於班上大部份的孩子來說還是相當陌生，但我們正在努力協助孩子們做練習。我們將學習描寫字母，或事先寫出字母的某一部份，另一部份在由孩子完成，以便在寫這些字母時建立肌肉記憶。這個月我們的重點不在字母本身，而是寫這些字母所需的基本線條和順序例如，對於字母 "f"，我們會引導孩子直線向下、水平線和頂部彎曲線。

Week 1: tracing over page 6

Week 2: connecting lines page 7-8

Week 3: letter 'Ff'

Week 4: letter 'li'

Week 5: review

體能課程

體能課為孩子們提供了釋放過度能量、提高運動技能和建立社交技能的機會。孩子們喜歡這堂課，它可以消耗我們多餘的熱能並更專注於其他活動。這個月，因應防疫的規定有所限制，希望能夠盡快恢復。

主題活動

每個月，都會指派一位外師來規劃和安排選定主題的活動。這可能會有不同的呈現方式，也許是一個美勞活動，或是到學校附近的戶外教學，或在教室裡展示！由於之前的疫情，我們一直在線上教學，目前已經恢復正常上課。因此我們也會盡快進行規劃活動。

歌曲律動

唱歌跳舞是早晨愉快地安頓下來的好方法：不僅如此，它也是發展其他技能的絕妙方式。這些其他技能包括記憶、發音等等。在八月，我們將學習兩首歌：“Say Hello” and “Down by the River”。

圖書借閱/故事時間

每個星期，孩子們從我精心挑選的書中，挑選一本書借閱。這些書讀起來輕鬆無壓力，故事時間可以沈浸在老師說故事的情境中，這種方法鼓勵孩子們對書本更加好奇，並且培養閱讀的熱情。

希望大家喜歡這個月規劃安排的內容，並感到鼓舞。我期待著在座談會上與大家見面。

感謝您，耐心的詳閱！

Teacher Alan.



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九月 2021

親愛的家長們

來到學期的第二個月，按照慣例我們規劃了第二個月的學習課程內容，以提高在課堂上的效率和行為。這個月有很多新的技能需要學習，我們有信心實現我們的目標。我也期待著看到每個孩子的發展和成長，因為每個人都有一些需要改進的地方，以及繼續成長的巨大潛力。

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(單元九和單元十)，在單元九中，我們將討論"說明他人"的主題，我們很高興地認識到我們的學生對此充滿熱情。第十單元，將探討我們關心的不同事物內容和方式。

Week 1: Unit 9 Helping Out

Week 2: Unit 9 Helping Out (continued)

Week 3: Unit 10 We Care

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體能課為孩子們提供了釋放過度能量、提高運動技能和建立社交技能的機會。孩子們喜歡這堂課，它可以消耗我們多餘的熱能並更專注於其他活動。這個月，因應防疫的規定有所限制，希望能夠盡快恢復。

主題活動

每個月，都會指派一位外師來規劃和安排選定主題的活動。這可能會有不同的呈現方式，也許是一個美勞活動，或是到學校附近的戶外教學，或在教室裡展示！由於之前的疫情，我們一直在線上教學，目前已經恢復正常上課。因此我們也會盡快進行規劃活動。

歌曲律動

唱歌跳舞是早晨愉快地安頓下來的好方法：不僅如此，它也是發展其他技能的絕妙方式。這些其他技能包括記憶、發音等等。在九月，我們將學習兩首歌："Down by the River" 和"Hokey Pokey"。

圖書借閱/故事時間

每個星期，孩子們從我精心挑選的書中，挑選一本書借閱。這些書讀起來輕鬆無壓力，故事時間可以沈浸在老師說故事的情境中，這種方法鼓勵孩子們對書本更加好奇，並且培養閱讀的熱情。

希望大家喜歡這個月規劃安排的內容，並感到鼓舞。感謝您，耐心的詳閱

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