



ESL Grade 5-6 Bear Class September Newsletter

Welcome to the Bear Class monthly newsletter for September.

My name is Teacher Rich and I am from England. I have been teaching the evening ESL classes at Marshall School for the passed 8 years.

I teach the older students in grades 5 and 6. My teaching style is popular among the students because I prefer a relaxed classroom where the students feel they are welcome to engage in conversation. It also helps that the older classes have fewer students so I can give each student more attention.

As the students get older their English improves and they become less immature. We are able to have more complex conversations. I try to show the students respect and I ask that they do the same for their teachers and for each other.

Let's take a look at what Bear class will be studying in September.

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.

August

Week 5 - Unit 3 Week 3 Delivering Justice.

September

Week 1 - Unit 3 Week 3 Delivering Justice.

Week 2 - Unit 3 Week 3 Delivering Justice.

Week 3 - Review.

Week 4 - Unit 3 Week 4 Abe's Honest Words.

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.

August

Week 5 - Unit 3 Week 3 Main and helping verbs.

September

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

Week 2 - Unit 3 Week 3 Punctuations in contractions.

Week 3 - Review

Week 4 - Unit 3 Week 4 Linking verbs. Tense and agreement of linking verbs.

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.

August

Week 5 - My Family Won a Lottery.

September

Week 1 - My Family Won a Lottery.

Week 2 - My Family Won a Lottery.

Week 3 - Review.

Week 4 - Garbage Bins.

That concludes the Bear Class monthly newsletter for September.

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 again soon.

Thank you,
Teacher Rich



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歡迎閱讀九月份小熊班的月報。

我的名字是 Rich 來自於英國，在瑪歇爾教 ESL 已經有八年的時間。我主要教的是年紀較大的孩子，通常是五六年級的孩子。我的教學方式受到孩子歡迎，上課的氛圍是輕鬆愉快的，孩子們能夠輕易地參與我們的對話。高年級的班級人數較少，因此我能夠給予孩子更多的關注。

孩子們的年紀增加，他們的英文程度也跟著提升、表現的也較穩重些。我和孩子的對話主題也因此更多元些。我很尊重孩子們，也希望藉由這樣的示範孩子們可以從中學習對待老師和身邊的人也能表示尊重。

以下是九月小熊班的學習計畫。

主題閱讀

我們每天都會進行閱讀課。在閱讀課時，我對孩子們的要求是坐姿要端正，在朗讀時要能夠跟著進度。很多時候，孩子們對於文章中的內容或單字會有疑惑，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，而這些單字是摘自於主教材。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，讓孩子們可以更容易地理解字義。

第一週 第三單元第三週 改變世界的一段話

第二週 第三單元第三週 傳播正義

第三週 第三單元第三週 複習週

第四週 第三單元第四週 食物戰爭

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。每一頁文法內容的長度都不一樣，每一次固定完成一頁學習本。一旦完成了既定的練習項目，我們的進度會繼續往前。

第一週 第三單元第三週 助動詞與時態

第二週 第三單元第三週 縮寫的標點符號

第三週 複習週

第四週 第三單元第四週 連綴動詞

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...」。我們將針對題目團討並給予建議。初稿完成後，老師會批改內容，孩子們下一週訂正錯誤後會再謄寫一次。

第一週 我的家人中了大樂透

第二週 我的家人中了大樂透

第三週 複習週

第四週 垃圾桶

以上是九月的學習計畫內容。

若您有任何疑問想與我討論，都歡迎您在聯絡簿上留言。

期待能和您對話！

Teacher Rich