



Unicorn Newsletter February and March 2022

Dear parents,

Welcome back. After a well deserved few days off its time to come back and continue our journey in English. I'm thrilled with how well the class performed with the reading competition. Everyone did very well. We have quite a bit to cover in the next two months. We'll be doing a dental and eye check up in February. And in March we have both the Parent Teacher Interviews as well as Sports Day! So much to do! It will be an exciting and fun time for the children and a small break from the performances we've been doing so regularly. By now the class is only speaking in English, which while sometimes difficult for the students is really important. We want the children to be surrounded in English while they are in school as this helps them to think in English. Within the curriculum we will continue to build on the basics we learned in the first semester and really work towards the children reading and speaking comfortably and with confidence.

Reading

Over the next two months we will really be encouraging the class to begin to speak and ask questions in full sentences. Reading class this semester will really focus on more complete sentences as well as new vocabulary. I know Unicorn class can read most of the books we have been learning but the goal is for them to be able to begin to read without any assistance. I believe this is a goal that is achievable this semester with some effort on our parts. This is an aspect of teaching at this level that I really enjoy so much! As a teacher you can really see the students progress each month and its such a wonderful warm feeling to know what we're teaching here is so effective.

- Feb 7: Beautiful Bugs
- Feb 14: I Do Not Want To
- Feb 21: Lara Ladybug
- March 1: Bubble Trouble
- March 7: Bears, Bears, Everywhere
- March 14: I Like Shoes
- March 21: Work and Play
- March 28: I Am the Artist

Phonics class:

We are making good progress in our phonics class. We are continuing with the Sadlier Phonics book which is a great colourful book with an easy layout for the Class. We do a lot of games and word drills in class to help reinforce the phonic sounds of each letter as well as help us remember all of the new vocabulary we learn each week.

- Feb 7: P91 (High Frequency words)

- Feb 14: P92,93
- Feb 21: P94,97,98 (l,d,c,n,g,w)
- March 1: P104,105 (Pp)
- March 7: P106, 107 (Rr)
- March 14: P108,109 (Rr)
- March 21: P110,111 (Rr)
- March 28: P112,113 (Kk)

Conversation class:

We will be continuing this next year to use the Oxford Up and Away Book 1. It is a great foundation that really helps introduce new ideas and sentence patterns into our daily work. It uses a lot of the types of dialogue that you might use in everyday life such as, "Who are you?" as well as the ability to speak about oneself. We also use flash cards and conversational roleplay to help students be more confident speaking.

- Feb 7: Unit 18
- Feb 14: Unit 19
- Feb 21: Unit 20
- March 1: Unit 21
- March 7: Review
- March 14: Unit 22
- March 21: Unit 23
- March 28: Unit 24

Core material:

In this class we introduce the McGraw Hill reading system which Marshall uses all the way through the elementary classes here at the school. It is the same series of books that I taught with as a primary school teacher in Canada and I think they are a wonderful series of books filled with stories, phonics, and even science. They are a wonderful well-rounded approach to learning and I am pleased to be working with them again.

- Feb 7: Unit 5
- Feb 14: Unit 5
- Feb 21: Unit 5
- March 1: Unit 5
- March 7: Unit 6
- March 14: Unit 6
- March 21: Unit 6
- March 28: Unit 6

MPM (Math) class:

The children really get a great deal of entertainment from our classes in MPM as well learning the basics of mathematical concepts that they will be able to use in more advanced ways later. They really have a unique and interesting way of delivering common mathematical concepts to the children often by using animals, colours and objects that children associate with fun and games! This month we will focus on...

- Feb 7: B1:P01-05
- Feb 14: B1:06-10
- Feb 21: B1:11-14
- March 1: B1:15-18
- March 7: B2:01-05
- March 14: B2:06-10
- March 21: B2:11-14
- March 28: B2:P15-18

Gross/Fine Motor Skills:

In class we are still using clay and sand to help strengthen hand muscles as well as using an alphabet and shape book with a number of puzzles and other games inside to help the students continue to improve their abilities with both hands and fingers. We'll also spend more time practicing with scissors.

- Feb 7: L
- Feb 14: M
- Feb 21: N
- March 1: O
- March 7: P
- March 14: Q
- March 21: review
- March 28: R

Songs and movement:

Unicorn class really enjoys our morning starts of songs and new dances. Quite a few of the students really enjoy singing and dancing and it really starts everyone off in a good mood.

- Feb 7: I'm a Little Teapot
- Feb 14: I'm a Little Teapot
- Feb 21: I'm a Little Teapot
- March 1: The Ants Go Marching
- March 7: The Ants Go Marching
- March 14: Jack and Jill
- March 21: Jack and Jill
- March 28: This little light of mine



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親愛的父母

歡迎回來。剛放完幾天連續假，是時候回來繼續我們的英語之旅了。我很開心孩子們在朗讀比賽的表現如此傑出。每個人都表現非常好。在接下來的兩個月裡，我們有很多內容要講。我們會 2 月份進行牙科和眼科檢查。而在三月，我們既有家長教師座談，也有運動會！需要做的事情還很多！對孩子們來說，這將是一段激動人心、有趣的時光，也是我們經常進行的表演的短暫休息。

到現在為止，全班只講英語，雖然有時對學生來說很難，但這確實很重要。我們希望孩子們壟罩在學校的英語氛圍，因為這有助於他們用英語思考。在課程中，我們將繼續鞏固第一學期所學的基礎知識，真正為孩子閱讀而努力並且讓孩子們說得自然和自在。

閱讀

在接下來的兩個月裡，我們將真正鼓勵全班開始用完整的句子說話和提問。本學期的閱讀課將真正專注於更完整的句子以及新詞彙。我知道獨角獸班已能在無協助的狀況下獨力閱讀，深信這是我們這學期努力的部分，目標是讓他們能夠在沒有任何幫助的情況下開始閱讀。

我相信這學期可以透過我們的努力實現的目標。這是我非常喜歡教這個階段學習的一面！身為一個老師，你真的可以看到學生每個月的進步，知道這是多麼美妙的溫暖的感覺，可以讓我們感受到教學的成效。

- 2月7日：美麗的蟲子
- 2月14日：我不想
- 2月21日：Lara 瓢蟲
- 3月1日：泡沫問題
- 3月7日：熊，熊，無處不在
- 3月14日：我喜歡鞋子
- 3月21日：工作和娛樂
- 3月28日：我是藝術家

自然發音課

我們在自然發音課上進步非常多。我們將繼續使用這本很棒的彩色且容易呈現的 **Sadlier Phonics** 書上課，我們在課堂上用玩了很多的遊戲以及字音的練習來幫助加強孩子們記住每週的新字母的發音。

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會話課

我們將在明年繼續使用 **Oxford Up and Away Book 1**. 這是一個很好的基礎，真的融入我們的日常工作，對於引入新的想法和句型模式很有幫助，它使用了很多您可能會在日常生活中使用類型的對話，例如，“你是誰？”以及讓說話者有能力表達自己。我們還使用閃卡和會話角色扮演，幫助學生更自在地說話。

- 2月7日：第18單元
- 2月14日：第19單元
- 2月21日：第20單元
- 3月1日：第21單元
- 3月7日：複習
- 3月14日：第22單元
- 3月21日：第23單元
- 3月28日：第24單元

核心教材

在這堂課中，我們介紹了 McGraw Hill 閱讀系列，這是 Marshall 一直使用在國小部裡上課的教材系列。這與我在小學時教過的系列書是相同的，加拿大的老師和我覺得他們很棒是很棒的系列書，充滿了故事，拼音，甚至科學。他們是一個美妙的全方位的學習，我很高興再次使用他們上課。

- 2月7日：第5單元
- 2月14日：第5單元
- 2月21日：第5單元
- 3月1日：第5單元
- 3月7日：第6單元
- 3月14日：第6單元
- 3月21日：第6單元
- 3月28日：第6單元

MPM (數學) 課

孩子們真的得到了很多我們在 MPM 課程中的娛樂活動學習，他們所學的數學概念的基礎知識，稍後將能夠學更進階的應用。他們真的有一套獨特有趣的呈現方式透過使用兒童喜歡的動物，顏色和物件的關聯性遊戲去連結給孩子們常見的數學概念，這個月我們將專注於...

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- 3月21日：B2:11-14
- 3月28日：B2:P15-18

粗/精細運動技能

在課堂上，我們仍然使用粘土和沙子來幫助加強手部肌肉以及使用字母表和一些拼圖和其他形狀的書裡面的遊戲，幫助學生不斷提高他們的雙手和手指的能力。我們也會花更多時間練習剪刀。

- 2月7日：L
- 2月14日：M
- 2月21日：N
- 3月1日：O
- 3月7日：P
- 3月14日：Q
- 3月21日：複習
- 3月28日：R

歌曲律動

獨角獸班真的很喜歡我們早上的開始歌曲和新舞蹈。不少學生真的很喜歡唱歌和跳舞，真的啟動了大家的好心情。

- 2月7日：我是一個小茶壺
- 2月14日：我是一個小茶壺
- 2月21日：我是一個小茶壺
- 3月1日：螞蟻進軍

- 3 月 7 日：螞蟻進軍
- 3 月 14 日：傑克和吉爾
- 3 月 21 日：傑克和吉爾
- 3 月 28 日：我的這盞小燈