

Whale Class Newsletter May 2022

Hello Parents,

This month we are doing the school play. As you can see most weeks this month are dedicated to play rehearsal, however the schedule may change due to the pandemic. Possibly the play will be postponed or recorded instead of in front of parents. Otherwise things will go on as normal unless we have to switch to online teaching.

Core Material

This week we are moving onto book 8 of Reading Wonders. This book focuses on vehicles, travelling and space. The phonics letters are j, q, y, z. The key vocabulary is here, me, this, and what. The final chapter of the book contains a review of the high-frequency words learned so far. The class has done a great job of memorising these words so far and can read them individually as well as when they see them in sentences. We also spend a lot of time sounding out short words that appear in a lot of stories like big, pet, red, bed, and the class has also become very good at this..

These are the most useful books for helping to kids learn to read, so try to practice them with their child if you have some time.

Week 1: On the Move

Week 2: My USA

Week 3: Look to the Sky

Week 4: Review

Conversation/Grammar (Up Away Book)

The book covers fairly simple concepts and introduces some vocabulary such as animals and vehicles. For conversation class I use this book mostly for vocabulary and also to introduce other sentence patterns like "I want a..." and "I like...". As well as practicing with the book, I like to use flashcards so the class can play some games while learning. There are also lots of other opportunities for conversation practice such as when the kids want more food. This month we are using the time for play rehearsal, except for the final week when we will look at more adjectives – tall, short, etc

Week 1: Prepare for school play

Week 2: Prepare for school play

Week 3: Prepare for school play

Week 4: Unit 27 - adjectives

Phonics

This month starts with a review of the previous month's phonics and then moves onto 3 new letters. The exercises are the same, letter tracing and writing and matching sounds to words. The class are steadily improving in this area but we will continue to practice the alphabet everyday.

Kindergarten age children struggle to understand these concepts and also find it hard to hold a pencil for a long period of time. For the first semester its best to think of phonics as helping them remember the letters and also introducing new vocabulary. In February we will mainly review what we have learned so far and there will be some writing practice. The class are making excellent progress with phonics and they generally find starting sounds quite easy.

Week 1: ending sounds (the letter p) + q starting sounds

Week 2: Prepare for school play

Week 3: Prepare for school play

Week 4: q starting sounds + v starting sounds

Fine Motor Skills

The class have 2 colouring books which are “letters and numbers” and “shapes and colours”. These books allow the class to practice drawing lines and colouring. I have noticed that children who like to draw find handwriting much easier so try to encourage them to draw and color.

There is not a set schedule for these books. This semester we will focus on the “shapes and colours”. Book so the class can practice the names of shapes and also on tracing shapes.

Story Books

There are only 2 books this month due to rehearsal times for the reading contest. If you have time, try to read with them as it will encourage them to read by themselves. In class I focus on pronunciation of the sentences and also on some key words that they can learn to recognise like “can” and “go”. I also try to have the kids touch each words as we read so that can learn to recognize some of the words.

We also do some simple Q&A with the stories, the class are quite enthusiastic about trying to answer questions and they are have lots to say about the stories. This semesters books are a bit more complicated, but still quite similar to last semester. There is a wider variety of vocabulary and the sentence patterns are more varied, so it can be harder for the kids to remember all of the sentences.

Week 1: A Box Can Be Many Things

Week 2: Prepare for school play

Week 3: Prepare for school play

Week 4: Germs

Math

We start a new set of MPM books this semester. In February we will look at shapes and colors, practice counting up to 8 and also do some writing practice. MPM writing practice doesn't use letters, the kids just practice tracing curved lines and simple shapes.

In March we will do more matching and counting exercises and then look at inside/outside and above/below. For this topic there is a lot of time for speaking practice to help reinforce the words and sentence patterns. (The ball is inside the box, the car is outside the box..) As well as completing the exercises in the book we also do work on the white board, particularly with counting and recognizing numbers.

Week 1: Prepare for school play

Week 2: Prepare for school play

Week 3: Prepare for school play

Week 4: Functions – matching objects to their colors/shapes

Physical Education

We currently have PE on Thursday afternoons. At the moment we are just doing simple activities like foot or tricycle races because the kids can understand the idea easily. This semester we can try relay races where the kids pass batons to each other and race in teams.

Week 1: Car race

Week 2: Foot race

Week 3: Car race

Week 4: Obstacle Course

Song and Dance

The school day starts with song and dance. The children get the chance to move around and have some fun before we start our first class. I also like to have them practice between classes or at the end of the day sometimes so that the students have the opportunity to move around and have some fun rather than sit for extended periods of time.

Week 1: Prepare for school play

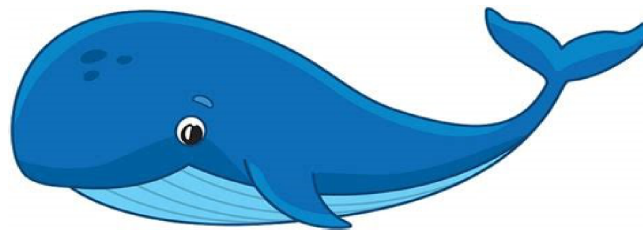
Week 2: Prepare for school play

Week 3: Prepare for school play

Week 4: London Bridge

See you next time!

Teacher Kevin



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親愛的家長您好，

這個月我們開始練習學校戲劇。而本月的大部分時間都會用於排演、練習，但是由於新冠病毒的流行，時間表可能會因此而發生變化。這齣戲可能會被推遲或更改為錄製的方式，而不是在父母大家面前。否則一切都會照常進行及練習，除非我們不得不改用線上教學便須取消。

Core Material 主教材:

本週我們將繼續閱讀《閱讀奇蹟》第 8 冊。這本書的重點是車輛、旅行和空間。拼音字母則是 j、q、y、z。關鍵詞彙有：在這裡，我，這個，什麼。本書的最後一章節包含了關鍵詞彙的回顧。到目前為止，班級在記住這些單詞方面做得很好，可以單獨閱讀它們，也可以在句子中看到它們時馬上閱讀出來。另外，我們也花了很多時間去讀一些故事繪本，其裡面有出現較多三拼音的單字，比如大、寵物、紅色、床，班級的大家也能夠很快地將單字拼音念讀出來喔！

Wonders這系列的教材是幫助孩子們學習閱讀最有用的書籍，所以如果你有時間的話，試著在家陪伴孩子們一起練習，相信會對未來獨自閱讀成效有很大的進展喔！

第 1 週：移動中

第 2 週：我的美國

第 3 週：仰望天空

第 4 週：回顧

Conversation對話/ **Grammar**文法 (Up Away Book)

這本書涵蓋了相當簡單的概念，並介紹了一些詞彙，例如動物和車輛。對於會話課，我主要使用這本書來學習詞彙，並介紹其他句型，如“我想要一個.....”和“我喜歡.....”。除了用書練習外，我還喜歡使用單字卡，這樣班級就可以在學習的同時玩一些遊戲。還有很多其他的對話練習機會，比如孩子們想要更多食物的時候。這個月除了練習戲劇，最後一周，我們也會一起來認識更多的形容詞，如：高、矮...等

第 1 週：戲劇練習

第 2 週：戲劇練習

第 3 週：戲劇練習

第 4 週：第 27 單元 - 形容詞

Phonics發音

這個月我們先回顧一些上個月的拼讀，然後進入 3 個新字母。練習的內容是相同的方式，字母的描寫以及將聲音與單詞配對。班級在這方面進步許多高，我們也將繼續每天練習字母的發音及書寫。

幼兒園年齡的孩子很難理解這些概念，並且很難長時間的握住鉛筆。第一學期最好的的是將字母的發音練習視為幫助他們記住字母的第一步，並更容易藉此引入新詞彙的認識。

對孩子們到目前為止的課程狀態與進步，我感到非常開心，他們在學習字母的起始發音方面做得很好。

第 1 週：結束音（字母 p）+ q 開始音

第 2 週：戲劇練習

第 3 週：戲劇練習

第 4 週：q 開始聲音 + v 開始聲音

Fine Motor Skill精細運動練習

班級共有 2 本填色書，分別是“字母和數字”及“形狀和顏色”。這些書讓班級孩子們能夠練習描畫線和著色。我發現那些喜歡畫畫的孩子對於日後的書寫將會更容易些，所以如果可以的話，請多鼓勵孩子們在家也能夠繪畫和著色，這將會是很好的練習。

這些書籍沒有固定的學習進度，本學期我們將專注於“形狀和顏色”，以便全班能夠練習形狀的名稱以及描畫形狀。

Story Books 故事小書

由於戲劇排練的時間，這個月只有 2 本書。如果你有時間，試著多帶著孩子們一起閱讀，因為這會鼓勵到他們慢慢能夠自己閱讀並喜歡上閱讀。在課堂上，我專注於句子的發音以及他們可以學習識別的一些關鍵詞，例如“can”和“go”。我們還對故事進行了一些簡單的問答，班級非常熱衷於回答問題，他們對故事有很多話要說及想分享的。

這學期的書會較複雜一些，詞彙量更多，句型也更多樣化，所以對孩子們來說，有時候是很難記住所有句子的。

第 1 週：一個盒子可以做很多事情

第 2 週：戲劇練習

第 3 週：戲劇練習

第 4 週：細菌

Math 數學

我們將研究形狀和顏色，練習數到 8 並進行一些寫作練習。MPM 寫作練習不使用字母，孩子們只是練習描繪曲線和簡單的形狀。此外，我們也會做更多的配對和計數練習，然後看看裡面/外面和上面/下面。對於這個主題，有很多時間進行口語練習，以幫助強化孩子們的單詞和句型。（球在盒子裡面，汽車在盒子外面。）除了完成書中的練習，我們還在白板上做練習，尤其是數數和識別數字。

第 1 週：戲劇練習

第 2 週：戲劇練習

第 3 週：戲劇練習

第 4 週：將物件與其顏色/形狀匹配

Physical Education 體能活動

我們目前在星期四下午有體育課。目前我們只是做一些簡單的活動，比如步行或三輪車比賽，因為孩子們可以很容易地理解這個想法。這個學期我們可以嘗試接力賽，孩子們互相傳遞接力棒，並在團隊中比賽。

第 1 週：賽車比賽

第 2 週：跑步比賽

第 3 週：賽車比賽

第 4 週：障礙物賽跑

Song and Dance 唱歌跳舞：

在校園課程活動的每一天，我們都會運用歌曲律動來開始展開。孩子們在進行第一堂課程活動之前能夠有動動身體並享受於歌曲其中的機會，除此之外，在課程的轉銜時間或是每天將結束課程活動之時，我也喜歡讓孩子們能夠有唱歌跳舞的娛樂時間勝過於只是坐著等待課程的轉換。

第一週：戲劇練習

第二週：戲劇練習

第三週：戲劇練習

第四週：London Bridge

我們下次見！

Teacher Kevin