



## **K5 Koala Class August & September Newsletter**

Welcome to the Koala Class monthly newsletter for August and September. Koala Class have now started their finally year of kindergarten. It is amazing to see their progress since they started in K3.

This year they students will build on what they have learnt so far. The K5 curriculum is more challenging for the students as we prepare for the end of school tests and elementary school entrance examinations.

Here is closer look at what Koala Class will be learning in the months of August and September.

### **Reading**

The class reads 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.

#### **August**

Week 1 - A Pig, A Fox, and Stinky Socks

Week 2 - A Pig, A Fox, and A Box

Week 3 - Hiccups for Elephant

Week 4 - Two Crazy Pigs

Week 5 - Snowball Soup

#### **September**

Week 1 - Just a Little Love

Week 2 - Just a Special Day

Week 3 - Just a Teacher's Pet

Week 4 - Me Too!

### **Core Material**

#### **August**

Weeks 1-3 - Unit 2 Week 2 Workshop - Cubs in a Hut

Weeks 4 & 5 - Unit 2 Week 2 Anthology - The Pigs, the Wolf, and the Mud

#### **September**

Week 1 - Unit 2 Week 2 Anthology - The Pigs, the Wolf, and the Mud

Week 2 - Review

Weeks 4 & 5 - Unit 2 Week 3 Workshop - The Best Spot

### **Phonics**

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

August

Week 1 - Initial, Final, Median Consonants

Week 2 - Reviewing consonants /Short Vowel a, i

Week 3 - Short Vowel a, i, o

Week 4 - Short Vowel o, u, e

Week 5 - Short Vowel o, u, e / Short Vowel Review

September

Week 1 - High Frequency Words

Week 2 - Short Vowel Review

Week 3 - Long Vowel a, ai, ay, a\_e

Week 4 - Long Vowel i\_e, ie, igh

### **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.

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**Week 1** - Number counting exercises 1 - 20. Missing number finding exercises. Basic function corresponding exercises. Shape and colour matching. Number writing exercises. Circle drawing exercises.

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**Week 3** - Complex ployline drawing exercise. Intention drawing exercises (Ghost Leg game). Number and shape matching. Inequalities comparing exercises. Teaching aids assemble and shape matching synthesising exercises. Number writing exercises.

**Week 4** - Benchmark comparing exercises. Functional corresponding exercises. Number writing exercises. Inequalities comparing exercises. Teaching aids assemble synthesising exercises and counting exercises.

**Week 5** - Ordinal number corresponding exercises. Colour matching and number writing exercises. Ordinal number sorting exercises: Simple Coordinate. Coordinately arrangement. Shape and colour matching and number writing exercises.

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**Week 2** - Two digit counting exercises. Group counting exercises. Combination and separation of numbers. Number writing exercises. Spatial concept: Symmetry. Teaching aids assemble exercises. Shape and colour matching.

**Week 3** - Spatial concept: Lattice. Complex poly line drawing exercises. Spatial concept: Plane relative position. Function corresponding exercises. Straight-line drawing exercises.

**Week 4** - Combination of numbers. Function corresponding exercises. Shape and colour matching. Number writing exercises. Counting exercises. Inequalities comparing exercises.

### **Conversation / Grammar**

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.

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Week 1 - Countable and non countable nouns.

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Week 4 - The Verb Be: Questions

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September

Week 1 - Review and catchup

Week 2 - Fill in the blank sentences using is/isn't, are/aren't

Week 3 - Present Simple and plural nouns +s,+es, +ies

Week 4 - Present Simple: Have/Go/Do

### **Writing - Write Now!**

The writing book has many fill in the blank exercises for the students to complete. It also provides them with the opportunity to practicing writing unique activities such as writing a personal profile and describing their families.

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### **Song and Dance**

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

August

Weeks 1 & 2 - I Have A Car

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### **Thematic Activities**

Thematic studies are a series of lessons that focus on a specific topic, for example countries, festivals, and special events. Thematic studies are once per week and last for one month on the same subject.

### **Library**

Once a week the class will visit the library to read English reading books. This 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 August and 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.

Teacher Rich



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歡迎來到 8 月、9 月給家長的一封信。

無尾熊班已經開始他們在幼兒園的最後一年，很驚訝看到他們 K3 以來的進步。今年，他們將在迄今為止所學的基礎上再接再厲，K5 的課程對孩子更有挑戰性，因為我們要為期末考試與小學入學考試做準備。一起更詳細看看無尾熊班 8 月、9 月會學習什麼吧。

### **Reading**

我們每天閱讀小書數次，在閱讀時間，我會嚴格請每位孩子都坐好，用手指著單字跟著一起唸出來。通常孩子們會對故事及單字有不懂的地方，我會鼓勵他們提出問題，並且確認他們是否理解。一起閱讀後，會請孩子個別朗讀給全班同學聽，在必要時能確認並糾正發音，有時在戶外遊戲時間，我會幫需要加強的孩子，額外練習閱讀及其需要加強的地方。

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## MPM Math (Multiple Practice Module)

MPM 數學對孩子來說相當有趣，用有趣的方式教孩子們數學的基本知識，MPM 寶盒有許多教具，可以幫助他們學習。

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## **Conversation / Grammar**

這是孩子練習口語能力的機會，教會孩子用完整的句子來提問和回答問題，展現他們的口語能力。

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## **Writing - Write Now!**

寫字本有許多填空題讓孩子完成，還為他們提供了練習寫作獨特活動的機會，例如撰寫個人資料與描述他們的家庭。

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我們早上有唱歌、跳舞的活動，建立班級的情感並增強自信心。

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## **Thematic Activities**

是一系列專注於特定主題的課程，例如國家、節慶和特別事件。每週進行一次，針對同一主題持續一個月。

## **Library**

全班每週一次到圖書館閱讀英文書籍，這是孩子最喜歡的課程，因為他們喜歡聽老師說好聽的故事。

全班坐下來聽老師講故事，並且欣賞故事中的圖畫。

他們也可以每週借閱書籍回家，自己閱讀或跟爸爸媽媽一起閱讀。

以上是無尾熊班 8 月、9 月給家長的一封信。

和往常一樣，如果您有任何意見、疑問，或者想與我聊聊天，可以在每週帶回的英文聯絡本留下訊息。

期待很快再見到你們。

Teacher Rich