

Hippo Class Newsletter November 2022

Dear parents,

We are starting a fun and exciting month we all marked down on our calendars; having just had an exciting halloween party and a marvelous field trip to the zoo, we have so much to look forward to this month as well. This month we will start learning about the American Thanksgiving holiday, we will also conclude our preparation for the drama play which will be held in the middle of the month and we are all excited to showcase our fantastic act. We will continue to learn and develop, but our main focus will be the drama play. We look forward to a lively month full of activities and expectations.

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. Despite a few changes in the line up, as we might have mentioned before; The projected list of books might be different but it's supposed to follow with more exciting books for kids to learn. Also, we will be using some of this time to practice for drama as we are fast approaching the date.

Week 1: Drama Practice

Week 2: Drama Practice

Week 3: Drama Practice

Week 4: "I Just Forgot"

Week 5: "What a Bad Dream"

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 conclude with a reading activity that does a great job at teaching kids more about the topic. This month we will plunge into a new topic that will definitely spark some interest as it relates to something they all like doing, but relating to the outside world. The name of the section is 'Make It Better: How do people help out in a community?' We will be reading a story related to the topic, while also teaching and expanding on phonics sounds kids will get to use a lot to perfect.

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Week 2: Unit 2 Week 3 Anthology

Week 3: Unit 2 Week 4 Workshop

Week 4: Unit 2 Week 4 Workshop

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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. This month, we will start focusing on addition and measurements, as well as expanding on coordinates on grids. We have done much of this before and it's building up to more challenging exercises to help develop the kids' thinking skills.

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Week 4: Teacher's Guide pgs. 25-28, A Trip of Discovery pgs. 7-8, workbook E4 pgs. 1-6

Week 5: Teacher's Guide pgs. 29-30, A Trip of Discovery pgs. 7-8, workbook E4 pgs. 7-12

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. For the month of November, we will be learning the proper use of adjectives in a sentence to express ourselves in a more developed way, and we will also be learning prepositions of time, which are not easy, but we will definitely conquer. Week 1: Catchup & Review

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Week 4: Pages 58-61 +WB pages 29-30

Week 5: Pages 62-65 + WB pages 31-32

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. This following month we will be reviewing high frequency words, and long vowel sounds; later on we will be learning hard and soft 'c' and 'g' sounds.

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Week 2: Drama Practice

Week 3: Catchup & Review

Week 4: pg. 72, 77, 78

Week 5: pg. 79-81

Writing

As we've moved on to K5, kids have been working on learning new skills, and in this subject, we've been working on writing stories of our own, things we express our own ideas while staying on topic and writing as a class together. This month We'll be writing about what people, us and others, like . So we will focus on ability and comparisons between different people. The nice thing about this book is that it allows our imaginations to fly and lets us have fun while writing.

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Week 4: pgs. 34-35

Week 5: pgs. 36-37

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 will continue to develop our motor and social skills through different activities.

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. This month we will be learning about Halloween through nice activities where we make nice things with our own hands to learn about this fun subject.

Song and Dance

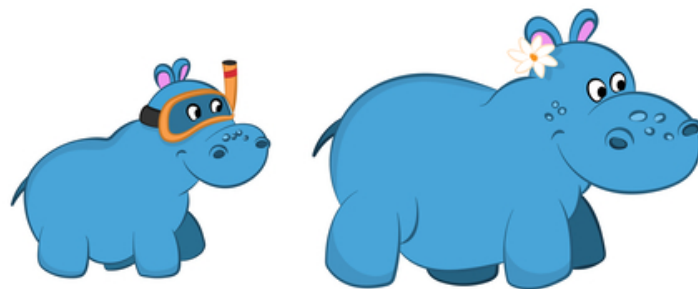
Singing and dancing are great ways to settle down in the morning with a cheerful activity; not only that, but it also serves as a fantastic way to develop other skills. These other skills include memory, pronunciation, and many more. During the month of November we will be learning more new songs as well as rehearsing songs for the drama play. The new songs include 'Riding On a Train', and 'Must be Santa'.

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 what this great month of November will bring us.. As always, we will be in touch through our communications book and other means of communication.

I hope you found this newsletter informative,
Teacher Alan.



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親愛的家長們

上個月的活動可說是讓孩子們期待又喜愛，一個是戶外教學另一個是剛結束的萬聖節活動，孩子們是否都收穫滿滿、回憶滿載呢？緊接下來又是忙碌充實的一個月，十一月學

校的重頭戲就是~~戲劇演出，我們將會花時間在練習上，期待孩子們呈現最完美的一面給大家。以下是十一月的課程學習規劃~~~

閱讀課程

在課堂上，我們非常注重閱讀的技巧。我們相信，閱讀是學習的基礎，盡早培養孩子的閱讀習慣，並從閱讀的技能學到更多的知識也是我們的目標。這些故事小書將發展他們的閱讀技能，並幫助他們反思。今年選定的這套書將介紹不同主題、風格和故事類型，這些主題，風格和故事類型將進一步發展他們的閱讀技巧和理解能力。本月，我們將利用前三週進行戲劇表演準備。

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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，最後在統整所有活動，一起閱讀故事。這個月我們將進入一個新話題，相信這個主題會引發一些孩子們的好奇心，主題名稱為~~**Make It Better: How do people help out in a community?**

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MPM 課程

在 MPM 課程方面，不論在練習本或教具盒，這些都是孩子們探索數學作為互動主題的絕佳工具。在上學期孩子們利用這些教具和練習本很順利完成任務，新學期我們準備好迎接新的挑戰，承接之前的學習模式，我們將學習新的概念，例如背誦數字，計算物體和習寫數字... 這些技能將幫助孩子們邏輯思考、序列。

本月，我們將開始關注加法和測量，以及延伸學習座標。我們之前已經做過很多類似的練習，並且正在建立更具挑戰性的項目，以幫助培養孩子的思考能力。

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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、了解規則。十一月份，我們將學習在句子中正確使用形容詞，以更成熟的方式表達自己，我們還將學習時間介詞，這並不容易，但我們一定會克服。

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發音課程

我們目前正在練習運用發音的規則來拼出正確字母。這個月我們將專注於將字母或句子寫得工整、漂亮。手眼協調是孩子成長和發展的一個被低估的方面，它會在未來顯示結果。下個月我們將復習常見字和長母音；稍後我們將學習硬音和軟音“c”和“g”音。

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寫作課程

寫作課程主要是在培養學生寫出我們在書中閱讀和談論的主題的能力。我們從學習關鍵詞開始，集思廣益，思考將所學的詳細寫下。本書有很好的架構，引導詳細的寫作技巧。內容充滿挑戰，但只要有耐心和毅力，不斷累積會有豐碩的成果。這個月，我們將練習寫出有關人、我們和其他人，可以做些什麼。因此，我們將重點放在不同人之間的能力，這本書的好處在於，它讓我們的想像力飛翔，讓我們在寫作時感到開心。

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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。孩子們喜歡這段時間，它可以消耗我們多餘的熱能並更專注於其他活動。我們將繼續探索我們的身體如何移動，並通過有趣的活動建立肌肉記憶。這個月，我們將繼續通過不同的活動來發展我們的運動和社交技能。

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。這可以有不同的呈現方式，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！

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。在十一月份，我們將學習更多新歌，並為戲劇排練歌曲。新歌包括 **Riding on a Train** 和 **Must be Santa**。

圖書借閱/故事時

每周幾次，學生們從我精心挑選的選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，利用這種方法鼓勵學生對圖書更加好奇，並且培養閱讀的熱情。

希望經由我們共同協助與努力，讓孩子們快樂地學習和成長。如同往常可以利用連絡本或通過 **Kay** 老師和我保持聯繫。

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

Teacher Alan