

Hippo Class Newsletter December 2022

Dear parents,

A fun and exciting month is ahead of us, we are looking forward to the month of December to finish a great Calendar year. This month we will start learning more about Christmas traditions and songs as we approach this holiday and show which we are all so excited about. We also continue to discover new books through our reading class and library time which kids are increasingly more enthusiastic about.

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 lineup, as we might have mentioned before; This month we have a projected exciting list of books for which kids show great enthusiasm. Furthermore, we will start preparing for the reading contest.

Week 1: Just a Minute

Week 2: Seasons

Week 3: Why Recycle?

Week 4: Prepare for the reading contest

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 continue learning about the topic: How Do People Help in a Community? This month we will begin reading a story in our Anthology book related to this topic. Later on, we will begin the next unit.

Week 1: Unit 2 Week 4 Anthology

Week 2: Unit 2 Week 4 Anthology

Week 3: Unit 2 Week 4 Anthology

Week 4: Unit 2 Week 5 Workshop

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 Focus more on measurements and comparisons between objects and other things. This can prove to be challenging but it will improve out critical thinking skills.

Week 1: Teacher's Guide pgs. 31-32, A Trip of Discovery pgs. 7-8, workbook E4 pgs. 13-18

Week 2: A Trip of Discovery pgs. 9-10, workbook E5 pgs. 1-6
Week 3: A Trip of Discovery pgs. 9-10, workbook E4 pgs. 7-12
Week 4: Prepare for Reading Contest.

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 December, we will begin by reviewing the prepositions of time we concluded the month of November with. We will then start learning about the present continuous.

Week 1: Pages 66-69 + WB pages 33-34

Week 2: Pages 70-73 + WB pages 35-36

Week 3: Pages 74-77 + WB pages 37-38

Week 4: Prepare for Reading Contest.

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 focusing on a more challenging aspect of the English language and its pronunciation: consonant blends.

Week 1: pg. 82-85

Week 2: pg. 86-88

Week 3: pg. 90,91,93

Week 4: pg. 94,97,98

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 our routines and what people do on a daily basis. This is an important topic to cover as kids begin to take on more responsibilities heading to elementary school.

Week 1: pgs.38-39

Week 2: pgs.40-41

Week 3: pgs.42-43

Week 4: pgs.44-45

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 allows 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 Christmas through creative and fun activities we all enjoy.

Song and Dance

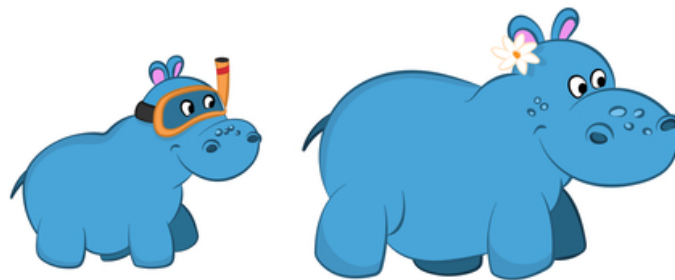
Singing and dancing are great ways to settle down in the morning with a cheerful activity; not only that, but it also serves as a fantastic way to develop other skills. These other skills include memory, pronunciation, and many more. During the month of December, we will be mostly learning songs related to Christmas and using the time to get prepared for the Christmas show. We will also be learning 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight' and 'When We Work Together.'

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 look forward to working together to cheerfully and successfully accomplish all our goals for this month. I hope this newsletter has been entertaining and informative for all of you, and I wish for this to be encouraging to read and for everyone to look forward to this month as much as we all do in Hippo Class.

I hope you found this newsletter informative,
Teacher Alan.



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親愛的家長們

令人又期待又興奮的月份即將到來，我們期待著 12 月的結束將是一個完整的一年結束，本月，隨著我們接近聖誕假期和節目，我們將開始更多地了解耶誕節的傳統和歌曲，我們都對此感到非常興奮。我們還通過閱讀課和故事時間不斷發現孩子們越來越熱衷於新書。

以下是十二月的課程學習規劃～

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，我們有一個令人興奮的書籍清單，孩子們將對它感到極大興趣。此外，我們將開始準備閱讀比賽。

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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。本月，我們將開始閱讀與該主題相關的選集書中的故事。稍後，我們將進入下一個單元。

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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，我們將開始關注物體和其他事物之間的測量和比較。

Week 1: workbook E4 pgs. 13-18

Week 2: workbook E5 pgs. 1-6

Week 3: workbook E4 pgs. 7-12

Week 4: Prepare for Reading Contest.

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。對於12月份，我們將首先回顧一下我們在11月份結束時的時間介詞。然後，我們將開始學習現在進行式。

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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。十二月我們將著重在混合音練習。

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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。本月，我們將寫下我們的日常工作以及人們每天所做的事情。這是一個重要的話題，因為孩子們開始承擔更多的責任進入小學。

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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！本月，我們將利用我們都喜歡的創意和有趣的活動來了解耶誕節。

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12月，我們將主要學習與耶誕節有關的歌曲，並利用時間為耶誕節節目做準備。我們還將學習新歌曲包括：**The Lion Sleeps Tonight and When We Work Together.**

圖書借閱/故事時

每周一次，學生們從我精心挑選的書中，選一本書借閱。這些書讀起來輕鬆 無壓力還可以在故事時間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。

感謝您，耐心的詳閱

Teacher Alan