



Unicorn Class Newsletter April 2023

Hello Parents!

I hope everyone is doing well as we head into April. This month should give us a little break from a very busy start of the semester before we start to get ready for some events coming up later in the semester. We get to start April with a nice long weekend leading into a 2-day review week and an Easter Activity. We also have a field trip to look forward to later in the month! Other than that we'll be staying on, or just ahead, of schedule so we won't have to play catch-up later in the semester.

Reading

We'll have three reading books this month, as the first week is only 2 days we'll use that week for review. We'll keep working on sounding out new words and breaking bigger words into syllable parts.

Week	
1	Review
2	What Can Insects Do?
3	Wind
4	Who Needs Water?

Phonics

In phonics this month we'll be focusing on the long "i" sound. We'll learn about 3 different ways we make the long "i" sound; i_e, igh, and ie. We'll also start working on the long o sound.

Our schedule for phonics is as follows:

Week	
1	Review
2	Pg. 176 – 179
3	Pg. 181 – 186*
4	Pg. 187 – 192*

* 4 or 5 of these pages will be done each week, some pages are excluded from the curriculum

Grammar (Grammar Space Book 1 + Workbook)

We'll continue at the same pace in our grammar book. We do 2 textbook pages plus one workbook page per week. This month we will continue to work with the verb like in the simple present tense. We'll review 'like' vs 'likes' and ask questions about what people like.

Week	
1	Review
2	Pg. 64 – 65 and Workbook pg. 32
3	Pg. 66 – 67 and Workbook pg. 33
4	Pg. 68 – 69 and Workbook pg. 34

Writing

We'll continue to do one unit per week in our writing book. Each 4 page unit has 1 simple illustrated story on the first 2 pages and then 2 pages with questions, answered in complete sentences, to check comprehension. We usually have time for an extra writing worksheet or other writing practice during Friday's writing lesson.

Week	
1	Review
2	Pg. 33 – 36
3	Pg. 37 – 40
4	Pg. 41 – 44

MPM Math

In MPM we'll continue to do about 4 pages per week. We also have a lesson from their sticker activity book about once a month. Lately we have been working on pattern matching and even and odd numbers.

If the week's work is already done I've been using a leftover MPM class to work on numbers, and counting, and using play money to reinforce the counting system. So far I've only used 1's, 10's, 100's and 1000's but they're getting pretty good at it so I might introduce the 5's and 50's soon!

Week	
1	Review
2	D3: Pg. 1 – 4
3	D3: Pg. 5 – 8
4	Starting Preparation for Drama Play

Core Materials (Wonders Workshop + Anthology)

We've had lots of time for review in our Wonder's books and the children should know these stories really well! We've been discussing main ideas and details for each story and taking turns reading.

Week	
1	Review
2	Unit 1-4 Anthology: Let's Be Friends
3	Unit 1-4 Anthology: Let's Be Friends
4	Starting Preparation for Drama Play

Conclusion

April should be an easy month and will give us a chance to get a little ahead before some activities taking place in May and June. I hope everyone enjoys the 5-day weekend for Children's Day and Tomb Sweeping Day!

Thanks!
~Tr. Aaron



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哈囉!家長們大家好!

我希望我們進入四月時每個人都過得很好。這個月應該是為我們在這學期即將到來的一些忙碌活動之前做準備得到一點休息。我們從 4 月開始，度過了一週愉快的長假，然後是為期 2 天的複習週和復活節活動。我們還有一個戶外教學，期待在本月下旬！我們可以準時或超越一點進度，這樣我們就不必在本學期末忙於趕進度了！。

閱讀

這個月我們將閱讀三本書，因為第一週只有 2 天，我們將用那一週進行複習。我們將繼續新字彙的發音練習並拆解更長的字彙音節部分。

週次	四月
1	複習
2	What Can Insects Do?
3	Wind
4	Who Needs Water?

自然發音

本月的自然發音課，我們將專注在長音“i”。我們將學習 3 種不同長音“i”的字母組合：i_e, igh, 和 ie。接下來我們將開始長音 O 的學習。我們的自然發音課表進度如下：

週次	四月
1	複習
2	Pg. 176 – 179
3	Pg. 181 – 186*
4	Pg. 187 – 192*

* 每週將完成這些頁數的 4 ~ 5 頁，有些頁數是從課程中排除的。

文法 (教科書 + 練習本)

我們將持續以同樣的步調進行文法的學習。我們每週上 2 頁教科書內容加上一頁習作本。這個月我們將繼續使用動詞 like 在簡單的現在時時式。我們將複習“like’和‘likes’，並用問有關於人們喜歡什麼的問題。

週次	四月
1	複習
2	第 64 – 65 頁+練習本第 32 頁
3	第 66 – 67 頁+練習本第 33 頁
4	第 68 – 69 頁+練習本第 34 頁

寫作課(書寫練習)

我們將持續每週完成一個書寫練習本的單元。每個 4 頁單元的前 2 頁有 1 個簡單的插圖故事，然後 2 頁的問題，用完整的句子回答，來測理解程度。通常在週五的寫作課，我們都有時間可進行額外的書寫練習或其他寫作練習。

週次	四月
1	第 1 – 4 頁
2	第 33 – 36 頁
3	第 37 – 40 頁
4	第 41 – 44 頁

MPM 數學

MPM 數學方面，我們將繼續每週約 4 頁的進度。我們大約每月會有一次活動課程從他們的貼紙書中進行。最近我們學了類型比對及偶數和奇數。

如果一週的工作已經完成，我一直在使用剩餘的 MPM 課程來教數字和計數，並使用遊戲錢幣來加強計數系統，到目前為止，我只使用了 1、10、100 和 1000，但他們已經很能上手了，故我可能會很快介紹 5 和 50 的錢幣的！

週次	四月
1	複習
2	D3: 第 1 – 4 頁
3	D3: 第 5 – 8 頁
4	開始話劇表演準備

核心教材（工作本+選集）

我們用了很多時間複習 Wonder 的書籍，孩子們應該非常了解這些故事了！我們也一直在討論每個故事的主旨和細節，並輪流朗讀。

週次	四月
1	複習
2	單元 1 -4 選集：Let's Be Friends
3	單元 1 -4 選集：Let's Be Friends
4	開始話劇表演準備

結論

四月會是個比較輕鬆的月份，正好給我們一個有機會在五月份的連續活動之前超越進度的時間。希望大家都能夠享受五天的兒童節與清明節的愉快假期。

Tr. Aaron