

Hippo Class Newsletter

June 2023

Dear parents,

We are entering the second to last month of the semester and we have lots to be excited for; we are going to start focusing on our graduation, its speech, and we are about to start learning material that is a bit more challenging than usual. We will be focusing on improving classroom etiquette as it is important for kids to know what is acceptable to do in a classroom and school moving forward. This month, we will be reading long and complex books, learning new grammar points we've never seen before, and we'll need everyone to be focused and ready to learn.

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. In June we will be reading four exciting books with new vocabulary and will challenge kids to improve their reading skills.

Week 1: The Pizza We Made

Week 2: The Garden That We Grew

Week 3: Busy Bugs - A book about Patterns

Week 4: Ham-Ham-Hamsters

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 of teaching kids more about the topic. During the month of June we are going to start a new Unit called 'Now and Then.' It talks about the past and present, and how things have changed. This has been a foreign concept to most kids, but they'll have fun thinking about how things have changed and how they will continue to do so.

Week 1: Unit 3 Week 4 Anthology

Week 2: Unit 3 Week 4 Anthology

Week 3: Review

Week 4: Unit 3 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. During the month of June we will be completing the F4 books and starting the F5 ones. These books still deal with addition and subtraction with added critical thinking skills.

Week 1: Teacher's Guide pgs. 31-32, A Trip of Discovery pgs. 13-16, workbook F4 pgs. 13-18

Week 2: Teacher's Guide pgs. 35-36, A Trip of Discovery pgs. 13-16, workbook F5 pgs. 1-6

Week 3: review

Week 4: Teacher's Guide pgs. 37-38, A Trip of Discovery pgs. 13-16, workbook F4 pgs. 7-12

Grammar

Our grammar section of the class is crucial to building 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 correctly and with proper rules. During June, we will be learning new grammar points such as past questions, and the future with will.

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

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

Week 3: Review.

Week 4: Pages 74-77 + WB pages 37-38.

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 month, we will have a bit of a review of the latest things we've learned as well as learning inflection on endings as well as in syllables to help kids pronounce words even better than they already do.

Week 1: pg. 186-188

Week 2: pg. 189-191

Week 3: pg. Review

Week 4: pg. 192-193, 195

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. In May, we will continue to make progress on our writing and we will also be working on our drama play. Each unit in this book gets increasingly more challenging but we are making progress. During the month of June we will start a new unit that will have us write about a day at school.

Week 1: 78-79

Week 2: 80-81

Week 3: Review

Week 4: 82-83

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 and allows them to focus better on other activities we do in the classroom later on. We will do our best to stay cool and safe during the hot months of June without giving up on our much needed outdoor time and exercise.

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. In June we will be learning and making crafts related to zoo animals.

Song and Dance

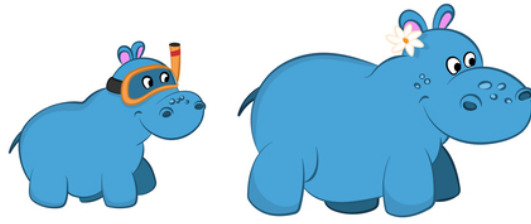
Singing and dancing are great ways to settle down in the morning with a cheerful activity; not only that, but it also serves as a fantastic way to develop other skills. These other skills include memory, pronunciation, and many more. In June we will be learning "What a Wonderful World," "A Whole New World," and a song we will perform on our graduation.

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.

June is a month that will bring new challenges and we will do our best to continue improving some aspects of our behavior. We will start getting ready for our last month of the semester. We are happy to be part of this process and will continue to work hard to finish a great semester. As always, teacher Kay and teacher Alan are more than happy to answer any questions you might have and look forward to keeping you updated through our communication book.

I hope you found this newsletter informative,
Teacher Alan.



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親愛的家長們

我們進入學期倒數第二個月，有很多令人興奮的事情即將發生；我們即將開始著重於畢業典禮的籌畫以及活動當天的演講，同時我們也將開始學習比平常更具挑戰性的教材。我們將專注於改善課堂禮儀，因為對於孩子們來說，知道在課堂和學校中該做什麼是很重要的。這個月，我們將閱讀長而複雜的書籍，學習以前從未見過的新語法，我們需要每個人都專注並準備好學習。

以下是六月的課程學習規劃~~~

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。

在六月份，我們將閱讀四本令人興奮的書籍，其中包含新詞彙，並且將挑戰孩子們，提高閱讀能力。

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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。

在六月份，我們將開始一個「現在與過去」的新單元。它講述了過去和現在的情況，以及事物如何發生變化。對大多數孩子來說，這是一個陌生的概念，但他們將樂在其中思考事物如何改變，以及它們將如何繼續變化。

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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，在六月份，我們將完成F4練習本的數學進度，並開始使用F5。內容仍然有加法和減法，同時加入了批判性思維技巧。

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Week 2: A Trip of Discovery pgs. 13-16, workbook F5 pgs. 1-6

Week 3: review

Week 4: A Trip of Discovery pgs. 13-16, workbook F4 pgs. 7-12

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。

在六月份，我們將學習新的文法知識，例如過去的問題句和使用「將會」的未來時態。

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發音課程

本月，我們將專注於整潔地書寫並提高手眼協調能力。手眼協調是孩子成長和發展中被低估的一個方面，而這將在以後顯現出成果。這個月，我們將對我們最近所學的內容進行一些複習，同時學習詞尾和音節的變調，以幫助孩子更好地發音單詞。

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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。

隨著孩子們進入K5，他們一直在學習新的技能，在這個科目中，我們一直在撰寫自己的故事，表達自己的想法，同時進行主題，並一起寫作。

在六月份，我們將開始一個新的單元，我們將寫一篇關於在學校度過的一天的作文。

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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。在炎熱的六月份，我們將盡力保持涼爽和安全，同時不放棄我們的戶外時間和運動。

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！在六月份，我們將學習並製作與動物園動物相關的作品。

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。在六月份，我們將學習《What a Wonderful World》、《A Whole New World》，以及我們畢業典禮上要表演的一首歌曲。

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。

六月將帶來新的挑戰，我們將盡力繼續改進一些行為問題。我們將開始為學期的最後一個月做準備。我們很高興能參與這個過程，並將繼續努力完成一個出色的學期。像往常一樣，**Kay**老師和**Alan**老師非常樂意回答您可能有的任何問題，並期待通過我們的連絡簿與您保持聯繫。

感謝您，耐心的閱讀

Teacher Alan