

Hippo Class Newsletter July 2023

Dear parents,

We are entering the last month of the semester and as we start looking back at how far we've come we are all proud of the effort and accomplishments we've made. This month, we will be going full throttle in preparation for the Graduation Ceremony; we are working hard to make it perfect and we are preparing early on. We will continue learning as we usually do, as we balance our workload with our playtime, and speech practice. It has been a real pleasure being part of your kids' growth through the years and hope the impact we've made on the kids is a positive one.

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 July, we will be reading books that are familiar to us since we've already read different books from the same series.

Week 1: Pup-Pup-Puppies

Week 2: Good Night, Good Knight

Week 3: Fly Guy Presents: Monster Trucks

Week 4: Prepare for Graduation

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. In the month of July we will be completing this great book with the last Week in this Unit.

Week 1: Unit 3 Week 5 Workbook

Week 2: Unit 3 Week 5 Anthology

Week 3: Prepare for Graduation

Week 4: Review

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. In July we will most likely have had most of this done to give us more time to practice our speeches and songs for graduation.

Week 1: Teacher's Guide pgs. 39-40, workbook F5 pgs. 13-18

Week 2: Prepare for Graduation

Week 3: Prepare for Graduation

Week 4: Prepare for Graduation

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. In the month of July we will complete the units related to the future with 'will', questions, and answers.

Week 1: Pages 78-81 + WB pages 39-40.

Week 2: Pages 82-85 + WB pages 41-42.

Week 3: Prepare for Graduation

Week 4: Prepare for Graduation

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. By the beginning of July, we will have also had finished most of the material in our course guide for the month of July, but in any case, we will use most of this time to review phonics, allow kids to relax so drama preparation doesn't become a burden, and catch up if needed.

Week 1: Catch-up and review.

Week 2: Prepare for Graduation

Week 3: Prepare for Graduation

Week 4: Prepare for Graduation

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 July we will be finishing our unit on routine and things we do throughout a regular day, and we will also begin the unit that talks about likes and dislikes.

Week 1: 84-85

Week 2: 86-87

Week 3: Prepare for Graduation

Week 4: Prepare for Graduation

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 be continue keeping active through these hot summer days; we will try to balance our outdoor time, if it gets too hot we will keep the kids safe by going inside early and trying to either cool down inside, or continue doing some lighter exercise indoors.

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 July we will be learning about ocean animals.

Song and Dance

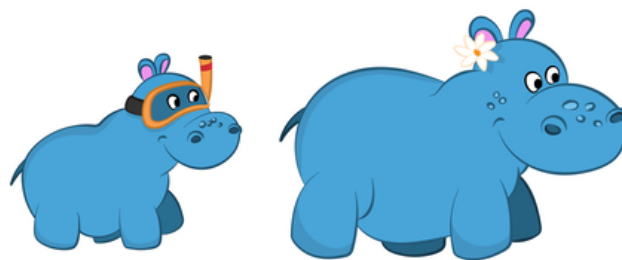
Singing and dancing are great ways to settle down in the morning with a cheerful activity; not only that, but it also serves as a fantastic way to develop other skills. These other skills include memory, pronunciation, and many more. In July we will be mainly focusing on songs we will sing for our graduation ceremony.

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.

The month of July will have lots of nice and heartwarming moments, and some bittersweet goodbyes. We look forward to completing our assigned course on a strong note, preparing for a once-in-a-lifetime event such as the graduation ceremony, and to send off kids into their new chapter in life where they will continue to grow elsewhere. We hope kids made great memories, and continue to grow in a healthy and happy environment.

I hope you found this newsletter informative,
Teacher Alan.



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親愛的家長們

我們即將進入學期的最後一個月，回顧過去的成長和努力，我們以孩子們為榮。

這個月，我們將全力以赴為畢業典禮做準備，我們正在努力讓它完美無缺，並提前進行準備。另外我們將繼續像往常一樣學習，從遊戲中學習，並進行演講練習。

相信大家能夠感受到孩子們這二年的成長，對我們來說相當的榮幸，希望在學校的日子裡，帶給孩子們正面的力量和滿滿的回憶。

以下是七月的課程學習規劃~~~

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。

在七月，我們將閱讀我們已經閱讀過同一系列不同書籍的熟悉書籍。

Week 1: Pup-Pup-Puppies

Week 2: Good Night, Good Knight

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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。

在七月，我們將完成這本精彩的課本的最後一周單元。

Week 1: Unit 3 Week 5 Workbook

Week 2: Unit 3 Week 5 Anthology

Week 3: Prepare For Graduation

Week 4: Review

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**的數學書籍，並開始使用**F5**的數學書籍。這些書籍仍然涉及加法和減法，並加入了批判性思維技巧。在七月份，我們很可能已經完成了大部分的數學內容，這樣我們就有更多時間練習畢業典禮上的演講和歌曲。

Week 1: workbook F5 pgs. 13-18

Week 2: Prepare For Graduation

Week 3: Prepare For Graduation

Week 4: Prepare For Graduation

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。

在七月份，我們將完成與未來式有關的問題和回答相關的單元。

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Week 2: Pages 82-85 + WB pages 41-42.

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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。到七月初，我們也將完成大部分七月份的課程指南中的內容，但無論如何，我們將利用這段時間複習課程內容。

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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。

在七月份，我們將完成有關日常生活和例行事項的單元。

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Week 2: 86-87

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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。在炎熱的七月份，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！在七月份，我們將學習有關海洋動物的知識。

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。在七月份，我們將主要專注於我們將在畢業典禮上演唱的歌曲。

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。

在七月份，我們將迎來許多美好和溫馨的時刻，同時也將有一些辛酸的告別。我們期待以優異的成績完成我們的課程，為畢業典禮這樣一個千載難逢的事件做好準備，並送別孩子們進入他們人生中的新篇章，在那裡他們將繼續成長。我們希望孩子們能創造美好的回憶，並在一個健康、快樂的環境中不斷成長。這將是一個特別的時刻，我們要感謝所有的學生和家長們在過去的時間裡的支持和努力。我們希望這段旅程對孩子們來說充滿了歡樂、成長和難忘的經歷。讓我們一起共同回憶這些美好時光，並祝福孩子們在他們未來的道路上一帆風順。最後，再次感謝大家對我們的課程和活動的支持。我們衷心祝福每一位學生鵬程萬里。謝謝！

感謝您，耐心的閱讀

Teacher Alan