



Monkey Class Newsletter

August/September 2023

Dear Parents,

It's a new semester for the Monkey Class, and welcome to K4! As you can imagine there will be some significant changes this year. Firstly, we will be introducing a grammar class with new textbook. They will also officially begin to learn how to spell and recognize new words every week. We will continue to progress with a new reading book every week, and the core materials text will be increasingly more difficult. MPM will continue our math concepts where we left off in K3. Phonics will still be a key component for them with our Sadlier text. Finally, we will have them work on writing smaller and neater within smaller lines and in full words and sentences.

Song and Dance

Fresh semester, fresh songs! The first two weeks of August we'll work with 'Say Hello', then rounding out the end of the month will be 'Down by the River' and 'Hickory Duck' into September. Then 'Hokey Pokey' and a classic 'Itsy Bitsy Spider' to finish September off!

Aug Week 1: Say Hello

Aug Week 2: Say Hello

Aug Week 3: Down by the River

Aug Week 4: Down by the River

Aug Week 5: Hickory Dickory Duck

Sep Week 1: Hickory Dickory Duck

Sep Week 2: Hokey Pokey

Sep Week 3: Hokey Pokey

Sep Week 4: Itsy Bitsy Spider

Reading

The Monkey class loves their reading, and of course we have a whole new set of books this semester for them to dive in! August and September will be Biscuit's adventures. We'll follow the little puppy around and read about his daily life and interactions. Suffice to say, there's a lot of 'woof woof' in the books!

Aug Week 1: Biscuit's Day at the Farm

Aug Week 2: Too Many Dogs

Aug Week 3: Sleepy Dog, Wake Up!
Aug Week 4: Dragon Egg
Aug Week 5: Biscuit
Sep Week 1: Biscuit and the Baby
Sep Week 2: Biscuit Finds a Friend
Sep Week 3: Biscuit and the Little Pup
Sep Week 4: Biscuit Wants to Play

Core Material

The Wonders series of textbooks will continue to guide us for core material class. We will have two Wonders books, Workshop and Anthology. The Workshop book will be guiding us in August and we will begin with the Anthology books into September.

Aug Week 1: Workshop Unit 1 Week 1
Aug Week 2: Workshop Unit 1 Week 1
Aug Week 3: Workshop Unit 1 Week 1
Aug Week 4: Workshop Unit 1 Week 1
Aug Week 5: Anthology Unit 1 Week 1
Sep Week 1: Anthology Unit 1 Week 1
Sep Week 2: Anthology Unit 1 Week 1
Sep Week 3: Anthology Unit 1 Week 1
Sep Week 4: Workshop Unit 1 Week 2

Phonics

Our phonics in K4 will continue with the Sadlier line of textbooks. In August we will focus on working with letters f,m,s,t, and h sounds. The end of the month will see us learning l,d,k,c, and n sounds. September we'll head over to g,w,n sounds and work on r,k,j, qu, and v to round off the end of the month.

Aug Week 1: initial f, m, s
Aug Week 2: final f, m, s / initial t, h
Aug Week 3: final b, assessment
Aug Week 4: initial l, d
Aug Week 5: initial k, c, n / final l, d
Sep Week 1: initial g, w / final n, g
Sep Week 2: assessment / initial p
Sep Week 3: initial r, k / final p, r, k
Sep Week 4: initial j, qu, v

Grammar

We will be introducing a grammar class in K4 and be using the Grammar Space textbook. This slot will be replacing our conversation class that we did in K3. Many new concepts will be introduced to them in August and September. When to use 'a' and 'an in front of words will be taught, as well as simple sentences they're used in. Simple word and picture recognition will be found in the text, ex: match a picture of a car with the word 'things', and match a picture of a girl with the word 'people'. We will also be learning how to make a

word plural by adding 's' and words that require 'es' to make it plural, as well as if a word needs to be pluralized or not.

Aug Week 1: Text 6-7

Aug Week 2: Text 8-9

Aug Week 3: Text 10-11

Aug Week 4: Text 12-13

Aug Week 5: Text 14-15

Sep Week 1: Text 16-17

Sep Week 2: Text 18-19

Sep Week 3: Text 20-21

Sep Week 4: Text 22-23

MPM Math

The Monkeys will now switch to the blue MPM texts in K4. We will continue along to work on pattern recognition, shape identification, and simple numbers with the books. Slightly more difficult logistical problems will also be introduced. I will also continue to work on simple addition with them, and begin to start not using fingers to add up single digit numbers to build upon the text material.

Aug Week 1: Workbook C1 1-4

Aug Week 2: Workbook C1 5-8

Aug Week 3: Workbook C1 9-12

Aug Week 4: Workbook C1 13-16

Aug Week 5: Workbook C1 17-18, C2 1-2

Sep Week 1: Workbook C2 3-6

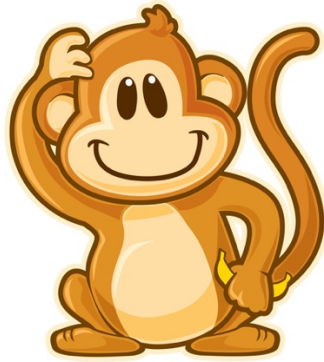
Sep Week 2: Workbook C2 7-10

Sep Week 3: Workbook C2 11-14

Sep Week 4: Workbook C2 15-18

That's what the Monkeys will be working on the first two months of K4. There are definitely some 'jumps' in the work. The first month will be slightly difficult for some of them - especially with the new grammar work, and writing. But I am sure they will all adjust fine by September!

Regards,
Teacher Peter



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親愛的爸爸媽媽您好：

猴子班來到了一個嶄新學期，歡迎正式成為K4的哥哥姐姐！正如你所想像的那樣，今年將會發生一些重大變化。首先，我們將學習新的課程—文法課，他們還將正式開始每週學習如何拼寫和辨別新單詞，我們將繼續每週閱讀一本新的閱讀小書，核心教材課本內容將越來越難，MPM將延續我們在K3中學習到的數學概念，對於我們的自然發音課程來說，自然拼讀法仍然是他們的關鍵組成部分。最後，我們將讓他們能更好的將句子及單字完整的寫在更小間距的線上。

歌曲與舞蹈 Song and Dance

新鮮的學期，新鮮的歌曲！八月的前兩週，我們將唱跳《Say Hello》，然後在月底將唱跳《Down by the River》和《Hickory Dickory Dock》直到九月。接著是《Hokey Pokey》和經典的《Itsy Bitsy Spider》為九月畫上句號！

8月份

第一週：Say Hello

第二週：Say Hello

第三週：Down by the River

第四週：Down by the River

第五週：Hickory Dickory Dock

9月份

第一週：Hickory Dickory Dock

第二週：Hokey Pokey

第三週：Hokey Pokey

第四週：Itsy Bitsy Spider

Reading

猴子班喜歡閱讀，當然這學期我們有一套全新的書籍供他們深入研究！八月和九月將是Biscuit的冒險之旅。我們將跟隨這隻小狗，了解牠的日常生活和互動。可以說，書中有很多“汪汪”的叫聲！

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第三週：Biscuit and the Little Pup

第四週：Biscuit Wants to Play

Core Material—Wonders

Wonders系列教材將繼續成為我們的核心教材課。《Wonders》書籍一共有兩本分別為：Workshop及Anthology。八月先由Workshop書籍主導課程進行，再由Anthology書籍延續進入到九月。

8月份

第一週：Workshop Unit 1 Week 1

第二週：Workshop Unit 1 Week 1

第三週：Workshop Unit 1 Week 1

第四週：Workshop Unit 1 Week 1

第五週：Anthology Unit 1 Week 1

9月份

第一週：Anthology Unit 1 Week 1

第二週：Anthology Unit 1 Week 1

第三週：Anthology Unit 1 Week 1

第四週：Workshop Unit 1 Week 2

Phonics

我們K4的自然拼讀法將繼續使用Sadlier系列教科書。八月，我們將重點關注字母f、m、s、t和h的發音。月底我們將學習l、d、k、c和n的發音。九月，我們將繼續學習g、w、n發音，並學習r、k、j、qu和v，以此做為月底結尾。

8月份

第一週：initial f, m, s

第二週：final f, m, s / initial t, h

第三週：final b, assessment

第四週：initial l, d

第五週：initial k, c, n / final l, d

9月份

第一週：initial g, w / final n, g

第二週：assessment / initial p

第三週：initial r, k / final p, r, k

第四週：initial j, qu, v

Grammar

我們將在K4中導入文法課程並使用Grammar Space教科書，這個課程將取代我們在K3中所做的Conversation課程，許多新概念將在八月和九月向小猴子們教學並說明，將教授何時在單詞前面使用“a”和“an”，以及它們在簡單句子中的使用，將在課本中找到簡單的單詞和圖片辨別，例如：將汽車的圖片與單詞“事物”，並將女孩的照片與單詞“人”互相配對。我們還將學習如何通過添加“s”和需要“es”使其成為複數的單詞來使單詞成為複數，以及單詞是否需要複數。

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第四週：Text 22-23

數學課 MPM—Math

猴子現在將切換到K4中的藍色MPM書本，我們將繼續通過書籍學習數學算式、形狀辨別和簡單數字，稍微困難一點的邏輯問題也會導入教學，我還將繼續與他們一起研究簡單的加法，並開始學習不使用手指來添加個位數數字以建立數學的基礎。

8月份

第一週：Workbook C1 1-4

第二週：Workbook C1 5-8

第三週：Workbook C1 9-12

第四週：Workbook C1 13-16

第五週：Workbook C1 17-18, C2 1-2

9月份

第一週：Workbook C2 3-6

第二週：Workbook C2 7-10

第三週：Workbook C2 11-14

第四週：Workbook C2 15-18

這就是小猴子們在K4的前兩個月所學習到的內容，學習的過程中肯定會有一些“膽顫心驚”，對於他們中的一些人來說，第一個月會有點困難—尤其是新的語法學習和寫作，但我相信到九月份他們都會調適得很好！

致上我最高的問候，

Teacher Peter