



## Unicorn Class Newsletter August/September 2023

Hello Parents!

Welcome back to a new school year. The children are growing up and we're starting their last year of kindergarten! We're really picking up the pace and expecting a bit more of them this year, but I expect them all to improve and meet the challenges ahead of them this year, and beyond!

### Reading

We'll have a new book each week through August and September, with no review scheduled until October. The reading books aren't too much more difficult than we had last semester, but we will also have some supplemental reading comprehension worksheets to do as well.

Week	August	September
1	Farm Animals	Tiger is a Scaredy Cat
2	City Farm and Sea	Two Crazy Pigs
3	A Pig, A Fox, and a Box	Snowball Soup
4	A Pig, A Fox, and Stinky Socks	Just a Special Day
5	Whose Feet	

### Phonics

We're only scheduled for 3 pages of phonics each week. We're starting with a review of consonants sounds before going back to long vowel sounds. I think phonics is a subject our class does pretty well so we might be able to get a little ahead of schedule and make time for extra practice. We have some supplemental phonics and spelling worksheets ready already.

Our phonics schedule is as follows:

Week	August	September
1	Pg 7, 8, 9	Pg 27, 28, 29
2	Pg 10, 12, 17	Pg 32, 33, 35
3	Pg 18, 19, 20	Pg 36, 39, 40
4	Pg 21, 22, 23	Pg, 45, 46, 47
5	Pg 24, 25, 26	

### Grammar (Grammar Space Book 1 + Workbook)

Grammar is a subject in which we are picking up our pace with a total of 6 pages of grammar to do each week. We're starting with some parts of speech and plural and uncountable nouns. We'll also work on the "be" verb as well as using "there are" and "there

is". They shouldn't be completely unfamiliar with these concepts from our conversation practice, but specific grammar rules might be new to them.

<b>Week</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>
1	Pg 6-9 + workbook pg 3-4	Pg 26-29 + workbook pg 13-14
2	Pg 10-13 + workbook pg 5-6	Pg 30-33 + workbook pg 15-16
3	Pg 14-17 + workbook pg 7-8	Pg 34-37 + workbook pg 17-18
4	Pg 18-21 + workbook pg 9-10	Pg 38-41 + workbook pg 19-20
5	Pg 22-25 + workbook pg 11-12	

### **Writing (Write Now!)**

We have a new writing textbook which is quite different than we had last year. We're scheduled to do 2 pages of this book per week, but it can be a little harder than the writing we've done before and also includes a lot of grammar. This book will be a little hard for them at first as they will have to start writing much smaller, but as long as they follow along and pay attention I think they'll get the hang of it soon!

<b>Week</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>
1	Pg 6-7	Pg 16-17
2	Pg 8-9	Pg 18-19
3	Pg 10-11	Pg 20-21
4	Pg 12-13	Pg 22-23
5	Pg 14 -15	

### **MPM Math**

MPM will continue at the same pace as last semester. We started with a pretty easy review of numbers and counting and other skills they will need throughout the year. We'll see more sequence and pattern matching activities and next month we're going to do more work with the coordinate grid that gave some of our students some trouble last semester.

<b>Week</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>
1	E1 pg 1-4	E2 pf 3-6
2	E1 pg 5-8	E2 pg 7-10
3	E1 pg 9-12	E2 pg 11-14
4	E1 pg 13-16	E2 pg 15 -18
5	E1 pg 17-8, E2 pg 1-2	

### **Core Materials (Wonders Workshop + Anthology)**

We're picking up the pace just a little in our Wonder's books as we'll only be spending two weeks per section per book. I think this pace will be better for our students as they were a little bored by the end of a 4 week stretch per book unit last semester. The big idea for all of unit 2 is "Community" and what it means to be in a community.

<b>Week</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>
1	Unit 2 -1 Workshop	Unit 2 -2 Workshop
2	Unit 2 -1 Workshop	Unit 2 -2 Anthology
3	Unit 2 -1 Anthology	Unit 2 -2 Anthology
4	Unit 2 -1 Anthology	Unit 2-3 Workshop
5	Unit 2 -2 Workshop	

### **Conclusion**

The step up in book work is going to keep us on a pretty tight schedule for a while but it should be manageable as long as the students keep progressing as they have since I arrived in December. I'll be expecting a little more of them in terms of writing, attentiveness and following directions, and as they're getting older I hope you're expecting a bit more from them at home as well. We have a smart group of students, and I'm looking forward to a good year together.

See you at the Parent-Teacher conferences!  
Tr. Aaron



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哈囉!家長們大家好!

歡迎回到新學年。孩子們正在成長起來，我們即將開始他們幼兒園的最後的一年！今年真的加快了步伐並期待他們更多，但我希望他們都能進步並迎接今年的挑戰及往後都領先。

### Reading 閱讀

整個八月、九月我們每週都會有一本新書，一直到十月之前沒有安排複習。我們閱讀書本並不比上學期難太多，但我們也會有一些補充閱讀理解的習作單須要做。

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1	Farm Animals	Tiger is a Scaredy Cat
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### Phonics 自然發音

我們每週只安排 3 頁的自然發音課。在回到長母音的發音之前，我們將先複習一下子音的發音。我想我們班對於自然發音學得很好，所以我們的進度有提前一點，可並騰出時間以做些額外的練習。我們已有準備好一些補充發音和拼寫可以練習的學習單。我們的 Phonics 時間表如下：

週數	八月	九月
1	7,8,9 頁	27,28,29 頁
2	10, 12, 17 頁	32, 33, 35 頁
3	18, 19, 20 頁	36, 39, 40 頁
4	21, 22, 23 頁	45, 46, 47 頁

5	24, 25, 26 頁	
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## Grammar 文法

文法是一門我們正在加快步伐的學科，每週總共要做 6 頁文法練習。我們已經開始做了具有某些詞類以及複數和不可數名詞。我們還將研究“be”動詞以及使用“there are”和“there is”。他們應該不會完全陌生這些概念，來自我們的對話實踐，但具體的文法規則對他們來說可能新的。

週數	八月	九月
1	6-9 頁+ workbook 3-4 頁	26-29 頁+ workbook 13-14 頁
2	10-13 頁+ workbook 5-6 頁	30-33 頁+ workbook 15-16 頁
3	14-17 頁+ workbook 7-8 頁	34-37 頁+ workbook 17-18 頁
4	8-21 頁+ workbook 9-10 頁	38-41 頁+ workbook 19-20 頁
5	22-25 頁+ workbook 11-12 頁	

## Writing 寫作

我們進度本書 2 頁一周，但這可能比我們之前寫的要難一點包括很多文法，這本教科書有點難，與我們去年學過的完全不同。首先必須把字寫小一點，而且長度要和裡的線條格是一樣長，我想他們很快就會掌握竅門的！

週數	八月	九月
1	第 6-7 頁	第 16-17 頁
2	第 8-9 頁	第 18-19 頁
3	第 10-11 頁	第 20-21 頁
4	第 12-13 頁	第 22-23 頁
5	第 14 -15 頁	

## MPM 數學

MPM 將以與上學期相同的速度繼續進行。我們開始了非常容易地複習數字和數數等，他們全年都需要學習這的技能。我們會看到更多序列和配對活動，下個月我們將將使用坐標網格做更多的練習，為了一些我們的學生上學期遇到了學習有狀況的學生。

週數	八月	九月
1	E1 1-4 頁	E2 3-6 頁
2	E1 5-8 頁	E2 7-10 頁
3	E1 9-12 頁	E2 11-14 頁
4	E1 13-16 頁	E2 15 -18 頁
5	E1 17-8 頁, E2 1-2 頁	

## Core Material 核心材料

我們在《奇蹟》書中稍微加快了步伐，因為每本書的每個部分我們只花兩週的時間。我認為這個速度對我們的學生來說會更好，因為他們上學期每個書單元為期 4 週的學習結束時感到有點無聊。第 2 單元的核心理念是“社區”學習何謂一個社區。

週數	八月	九月
1	單元 2 -1 Workshop	單元 2 -2Workshop

2	單元 2 -1 Workshop	單元 2 -2 Anthology
3	單元 2 -1 Anthology	單元 2 -2 Anthology
4	單元 2 -1 Anthology	單元 2 -3 Workshop
5	單元 2 -2 Workshop	

### 結論

書裡的練習工作使進度分常緊湊已有一段時間，但這原本就需要一段長時間的練習安排，自從我十二月到達以來，學生們一直在不斷的進步中。在寫作方面我會更加期待他們專注並遵循指示，隨著他們年齡的增長，我希望您在家裡也對他們抱持更多的期望。我們擁有一群聰明的學生，我將展望在一起這一年美好的時光。

家長會見！

Tr. Aaron