

Dolphin Class Newsletter December 2024

Hello Parents,

This will be quite a busy month; the class will be preparing for the Christmas show and after that we will begin practising for the reading contest. The kids will each read by themselves on stage. The class do a good job with learning the stories and enjoy reading so I think they will do a good job with this. In terms of their regular classes I feel that the class are making good progress, especially with phonics.

Reading Wonders (Core Material)

For Reading Wonders' class, we are reading one chapter a week and each chapter contains a single sentence pattern for the kids to learn. This month's chapters focus on short a words like tap, pat, cap. I don't expect the kids to be able to read these words but we will do a little bit of practice on sounding out words so the kids can get an idea of how letters connect together. The other stories use different combinations of the high frequency words – I can see, we can see, we like to see... The class have done a good job of learning these words and can read parts of the sentences independently.

December

- Week 1: Shapes all around us
- Week 2: World of bugs
- Week 3: Rules to go by
- Week 4: Prepare for reading contest
- Week 5: Prepare for reading contest

Conversation/Grammar (Grammar Space)

The conversation class actually uses a grammar book with a limited amount of vocabulary words for the kids to learn, so I will probably add my own topics or vocabulary to these units so the kids can learn some extra words and cover important things like colors.

December will start with classroom commands like stand up and sit down. I imagine the class will do a good job with this since they hear it everyday and already know it. In the second half of the month we will move on to singular and plural nouns. We have covered this a little bit and I always try to emphasis a/an and plural S during speaking class but it's a good thing for the class to review as it takes a long time to stick.

December

- Week 1: Unit 12 – Classroom Commands
- Week 2: Unit 13 – May I?
- Week 3: Unit 14 – Singular nouns
- Week 4: Unit 15 - Plural Nouns
- Week 5: Prepare for reading contest

Phonics

For Phonics, the class will be practising matching the sounds of different letters to pictures that start with those sounds. This lesson is also an opportunity for the class to learn new

vocabulary from the pictures. The class are doing a good job on phonics with many students being able to figure out the starting sounds of words quite well. For this semester the kids are writing with crayons so their work is quite messy but it is improving. They will also be practicing tracing and writing different letters. We will start with crayons because they are easier to use and when the class have learned to hold them correctly, we can move on to using pencils. It will take a while before the class are able to write neatly. Generally, children who like to draw and color improve much more quickly - it's a good way to strengthen children's hands without giving them complicated or boring work.

December

Week 1: The Letter D
Week 2: The Letter N
Week 3: The Letter G
Week 4: The Letter W
Week 5: Review pages

Fine Motor Skills

This class uses two worksheets which let the students practice holding crayons and pencils and drawing the outlines of numbers and letters. They are also a nice way to reinforce vocabulary for colors and shapes and develop number and letter recognition. For this class we are doing some letter and shape tracing exercises but I am also having them do some number tracing and counting exercises as well.

Story Books

Since this is the first semester the class will be reading very simple books with only a limited number of words and lots of repetition of sentence patterns. I hope parents can encourage their children to look at the English books at home. The more they see English words, the easier it will be to recognize and read words. The students will not learn to read this semester, they will really only be able to memorise the sentences and learn to associate them with the pictures. This is fine, the reading class is still very valuable in terms of expanding vocabulary and developing pronunciation. They will learn to recognise a lot of items like dogs, cats, apples, and practice saying complete sentences in English. The class have been doing a good job with reading class, most students can recognise the high frequency words like can, go, to, like, etc they have been learning and this allows them to read at least some sentences by themselves.

December

Week 1: Big Bear, Small Bear
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Math

In the first month of MPM we will be practicing shapes and colors and drawing lines and shapes. As well as completing the exercises in the book, this is a good opportunity to give the students lots of chances to repeat the names of the colors and shapes and try to identify them from memory. This semester's Big Book is called Show and Tell. As well as being a math book it also provides some opportunities for free talk and learning about new things, shopping and everyday items, in this case. This month we are finishing book 4 and then moving onto book 5. Book 4 is properties, which is matching or sorting items by color or shape. Book 5 will introduce paths, which ask the kids to figure out which route the MPM animals need to take to reach their friends. Both chapters also include some counting exercises.

December

Week 1: Properties – matching shapes and colors
Week 2: Counting + Big book
Week 3: Paths
Week 4: Counting
Week 5: Review

Thematic Activity

Thematic classes are arts and crafts lessons. They might be coloring or making things with clay. For the K3 classes the thematics will be kept quite simple and are another opportunity for the kids to improve their hand to eye coordination. December's theme will be...

Physical Education

We currently have PE on Tuesday afternoons. At the moment we are just doing simple activities like foot or car races because the kids can understand the idea easily. Next semester we can try relay races where the kids pass batons to each other and race in teams.

Song and Dance

The school day starts with song and dance. The children get the chance to move around and have some fun before we start our first class. I also like to have them practice between classes or at the end of the day sometimes so that the students have the opportunity to move around and have some fun rather than sit for extended periods of time.

December

Week 1: Rain, Rain Go Away

Week 2: This is the way

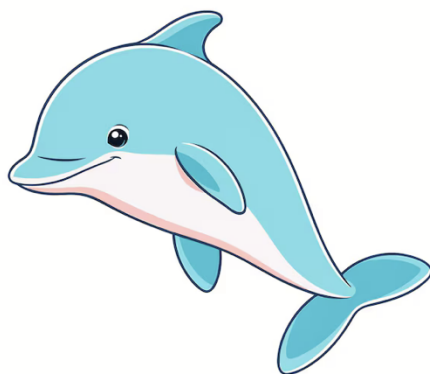
Week 3: This is the way

Week 4: Listen and Move

Week 5: Listen and Move

See you next time!

Teacher Kevin



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Hello Parents,

這將是一個相當忙碌的月份，班級將為聖誕表演做準備，之後我們會開始練習朗讀比賽。孩子們將輪流在舞台上單獨朗讀。班級在學習故事方面表現得很好，並且很喜歡閱讀，所以我認為他們在這方面會做得很好。至於日常課程，我覺得班級在進步方面表現良好，特別是在自然拼讀上。

Reading Wonders (Core Material)

在 Reading Wonders 的課堂上，我們每週閱讀一個章節，每個章節包含一個單一的句型，供孩子們學習。本月的章節重點是短母音「a」的單詞，例如 tap、pat、cap。我並不期望孩子們能完全讀出這些單詞，但我們會進行一些練習，幫助孩子們理解字母如何組合在一起

發音。其他故事則使用不同組合的高頻單詞，例如 "I can see"、"we can see"、"we like to see" ... 班級在學習這些單詞方面表現得很好，並且能夠獨立閱讀部分句子。

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Conversation/Grammar (Grammar Space)

會話課實際上使用一本語法書，其中的詞彙量有限，供孩子們學習。因此，我可能會在這些單元中加入自己設計的主題或詞彙，讓孩子們學習一些額外的單詞，並覆蓋一些重要的內容，比如顏色。十二月將從課堂指令開始，例如 "stand up" 和 "sit down"。我想班級在這方面應該會表現得不錯，因為他們每天都聽到並已經熟悉這些指令。到了這個月的後半部分，我們將學習單數和複數名詞。我們之前已稍微接觸過這個主題，我在會話課時總是強調 "a/an" 和複數的 "S"，但這是一個需要長時間才能熟練掌握的內容，因此很值得進行複習。

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Phonics

在自然拼讀課上，班級將練習將不同字母的發音與以這些發音開頭的圖片進行匹配。這堂課也是讓孩子們通過圖片學習新詞彙的好機會。班級在自然拼讀方面表現得很好，許多學生已經能夠很好地辨認單詞的開頭音。本學期，孩子們使用蠟筆來寫字，因此作品比較凌亂，但正在逐步改進。

他們還會練習描摹和書寫不同的字母。我們會先從蠟筆開始，因為它們更容易使用，等到孩子們學會正確握筆後，我們將逐步過渡到使用鉛筆。在班級能夠寫得整齊之前，還需要一段時間。一般來說，喜歡畫畫和塗色的孩子進步更快，這是一種增強孩子手部力量的好方法，而且不會讓他們覺得枯燥或困難。

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Fine Motor Skills

這堂課使用了兩份練習紙，讓學生練習握蠟筆和鉛筆，並描繪數字和字母的輪廓。同時，這也是一個很好的方式來加強顏色和形狀的詞彙，並幫助他們認識數字和字母。

在課堂上，我們進行了一些字母和形狀的描摹練習，但我也讓他們練習數字描摹和數數的練習。這些活動不僅有助於提高孩子的手眼協調能力，還能幫助他們熟悉基本的數字和字母概念。

Story Books

由於這是第一學期，班級將閱讀非常簡單的書，內容只有有限的單詞數量，並且句型重複較多。我希望家長能鼓勵孩子在家翻閱英語書籍。孩子們看到英語單詞的次數越多，辨認和閱讀單詞就會變得越容易。本學期，學生不會真正學會閱讀，而是主要通過記住句子並將它們

與圖片聯繫起來。這樣的學習方式是可以接受的，因為閱讀課對於擴展詞彙量和提升發音能力仍然非常有價值。

孩子們將學會辨認許多物品，例如狗、貓、蘋果等，並練習用英語說完整的句子。在閱讀課方面，班級表現得很好，大多數學生能辨認學過的高頻詞，例如 "can"、"go"、"to"、"like" 等，這讓他們能夠獨立閱讀至少部分句子。

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Math

在 MPM 課程的第一個月，我們將練習形狀和顏色，並畫線條和形狀。除了完成書本上的練習外，這也是一個很好的機會，讓學生多次重複顏色和形狀的名稱，並嘗試從記憶中辨認它們。本學期的《Big Book》叫做《Show and Tell》。除了作為一本數學書，它還提供了一些自由對話的機會，幫助學生學習新事物，例如購物和日常用品。

這個月，我們將完成第 4 冊，然後進入第 5 冊。第 4 冊的主題是屬性，主要是通過顏色或形狀來匹配或分類物品。第 5 冊將介紹路徑，要求孩子們找出 MPM 動物需要走哪條路才能找到他們的朋友。這兩個單元都包含一些數數的練習，有助於鞏固孩子們的數學基礎。

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Thematic Activity

主題課是藝術與手工課程，活動可能包括塗色或用黏土製作物品。對於 K3 班級，主題課內容會保持相對簡單，並為孩子們提供另一個機會來提高手眼協調能力。十二月的主題將是聖誕節。

Physical Education

我們目前的體育課安排在星期二下午。現在，我們主要進行一些簡單的活動，例如跑步或玩具車比賽，因為孩子們能很容易理解這些活動的概念。下學期，我們可以嘗試接力賽，讓孩子們互相傳遞接力棒並進行團隊競賽。

Song and Dance

每一天的課程開始時會有歌曲和舞蹈，讓孩子們在第一堂課之前有機會活動並玩得開心。我也喜歡在課程之間或一天結束時讓他們練習，這樣學生就能有機會活動和玩樂，而不是長時間坐著。

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