



Penguin Class Newsletter May 2025

Hello Parents,

This is the newsletter for May. Not much is different from how the semester proceeds from that of the previous. We will continue to work on more technical skills within the English language. For, instance, we will continue to practice c.v.c reading and incorporate sight words this is the foundation of reading and comprehension. We will continue to prepare for the next drama play which will be pirate themed. Exciting times <3 -Tr. John

Reading Wonders (Core Material)

Reading Wonders' classes focus on reading comprehension. Because these books are not level appropriate for the K3 classes, they will serve as story books, circling sightwords and and drawing pictures based on the story contained within.

Week 1-2: Prepare for drama play

Week 3: on the move

Week 4: My U.S.A

Conversation

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 . As you can see the next two months will cover a lot of basic grammar.

This semester the book deals with a lot more adjectives

Week 1-2: Prepare for drama play

Week 3: unit 23 review

Week 4: Prepare for reading contest

Phonics

The new phonics book is basically the same as the previous semester, it concentrates on the basics of phonics – starting sounds of words. We'll start to look at the medial vowels and hone in on reading C.V.C

Week 1-2: Prepare for Drama play

Week 3: Letter recognition of "o"

Week 4: review short vowel "o"

Fine Motor Skills

In fine motor skills we have moved on from holding crayons on colouring and we are working the dexterity to use scissors and glue sticks. We do this with a variety of activities and worksheets.

Story Books

Since this is the first year 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 recognise 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, etc...

Week 1-2: prepare for drama play

Week 3: at the beach

Week 4: Muddy, mud, bud

Math

This semester, the developmental areas in the MPM program is about spatial description & separation, set theory and properties like shapes and colours.

Week 1-3: B3: p. 9-18/ B4: p1-2

Week 4: B4: p. 3-6

Physical Education

We currently have PE on Tuesday afternoons. At the moment we are just doing simple activities like foot or tricycle races because the kids can understand the idea easily. This 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.

Week 1-2: Prepare for drama play

Week 3 -4: Little light of mine

It's an absolute pleasure to help your kids develop skills in English.

John



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親愛的家長您好：

這是五月份的班級月刊。本學期與上一學期相比，進度大致相同。我們將持續加強孩子們在英文方面的基礎技巧，例如持續練習 CVC（三個音節的子音-母音-子音）單字的閱讀，並加入視讀字（sight words），這是閱讀與理解能力建立的重要基礎。我們也會繼續準備下一場戲劇表演，這次的主題是「海盜」，令人非常期待！

<3 -Tr. John

Reading Wonders (Core Material)

Reading Wonders 課程專注於閱讀理解。由於這套書籍的難度對 K3 學生來說較高，我們將它當作故事書使用，學生會圈選視讀字，並根據故事內容畫圖。

Week 1-2: Prepare for drama play

Week 3: on the move

Week 4: My U.S.A

Conversation

這門課雖名為「會話課」，實際上是使用一本文法書進行教學，書中詞彙量較少，因此我會額外補充主題與詞彙內容，幫助孩子們理解。接下來的兩個月會涵蓋許多基礎文法內容，這學期教材也加入了更多形容詞的使用。

Week 1-2: Prepare for drama play

Week 3: unit 23 review

Week 4: Prepare for reading contest

Phonics

這學期使用的新自然發音教材與上學期相同，內容著重於單字的起始音。我們也會開始學習中間母音音節，並加強 CVC 單字的閱讀技巧。

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Fine Motor Skills

在精細動作課中，我們已經從簡單的握蠟筆與塗色活動，進展到使用剪刀與膠水棒的靈活操作。我們透過各式活動與練習紙來提升孩子們的手部靈巧度。

Story Books

這是第一學年，因此學生閱讀的書籍非常簡單，字數有限，且句型反覆出現。我希望家長能鼓勵孩子在家翻閱英文書籍，讓他們多接觸英文單字，提升識字能力。雖然孩子們這學期還無法真正「閱讀」，但能透過記憶句子並與圖片做連結。這是很正常的過程，閱讀課依然對詞彙擴展與發音練習非常有幫助。孩子們會學會認識許多物品，如狗、貓、蘋果等等。

Week 1-2: prepare for drama play

Week 3: at the beach

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Math

這學期 MPM 教材的重點為空間描述與分類、集合概念以及形狀與顏色等屬性認識。

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Physical Educatio

目前我們每週二下午上體育課。這學期的活動以簡單的比賽遊戲為主，例如用腳推或三輪車比賽，讓孩子們容易理解遊戲規則。之後我們會嘗試接力賽，孩子們會分隊傳棒接力。

Song and Dance

每天的課程開始前，我們會進行唱歌與跳舞時間，讓孩子們活動筋骨，享受樂趣。我也會在課堂間或放學前再安排練習時間，幫助孩子們活動一下身體，不必長時間久坐。

Week 1-2: Prepare for drama play

Week 3 -4: Little light of mine

很開心能夠幫助各位的孩子們學習英文。

John